

Artington Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 21st May 2018 at St Francis' church Littleton.

Councillors present:

Mr R Bennett (Chairman) (*)	Ms J Wisher (*)
Mrs C Taft (*)	Mr S Kitson (a)
Mr A More-Molyneux (*)	Mr P Hutson (*)
	Mrs F Clayton(*)

(*) denotes present, (a) denotes absent with apology.

APC = Artington Parish Council, GBC = Guildford Borough Council, SCC = Surrey County Council.

In attendance: Phil Gorton (parish clerk), Cllr Matt Furniss (SCC and GBC) and eight parish residents.

1. Apologies were received from:

Two parish residents.

2. Chairman's Annual Report with additional comments from Cllr Furniss

The chairman, Cllr Bennett, welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the parish councillors who provided the refreshments.

Pond Farm

The unconsented waste has removed from Pond Farm but there are still many vehicles on the site. *Cllr Furniss explained that GBC are now enforcing clearance of these vehicles after seeking external legal advice.*

New Pond Road railway bridge

The work to replace the bridge is about a third of the way through the projected twelve-week project. The rat-running through Littleton is not as bad as expected but there are concerns that it may continue after the bridge has re-opened now that some drivers have discovered the route. *Cllr Furniss said that the option of closing Littleton Lane during the period of the bridge works was still available should the police and SCC Highways consider that is necessary for safety reasons.*

Guildford Local Plan

The plan is now in the hands of the government inspector. *Cllr Furniss explained that there would be a public enquiry held at GBC offices during the summer when the plan will be tested. If there were to be any further public consultations, they would be arranged by the inspector. The examination should be completed and the plan confirmed in early 2019.*

Pot holes

The roads in the parish are in a better state than last year. Although the lanes had been excluded from the Project Horizon scheme for resurfacing, the potholes along the whole length of the parish lanes have been repaired.

Drainage at The Ridges

Cllr Bennett thanked Cllr Furniss for his work to have the drainage problem at The Ridges repaired.

War memorial

The original plan for a parish war memorial was mooted by Roger Musson when he was a parish councillor. Cllr Bennett thanked the Loseley estate for taking on the project. It will pay for and arrange the installation of the memorial at St Francis' church. *Vicky Good outlined her research into the Artington men who were killed in the two world wars and Cllr More-Molyneux thanked all those who have helped with the project so far.*

Parish events

The carol service, organised by Chloe Dancey, and last year's Big Lunch organised by a committee led by Jacquie Stanford provided residents with regular opportunities to meet. This year's Big Lunch committee is chaired by Cllr Taft and will take place on Sunday 10th June.

Community Speedwatch

Cllr Bennett thanked Cllr Wisher for her work in co-ordinating CSW for the parish and Guy Catchpole for his work in identifying those using the parish lanes as a rat run.

Planning matters

There were two significant applications: Pilgrim Wood Residential Home's plan to extend its building to accommodate the special requirements of dementia care was refused by GBC. Cala Homes' application for permission to develop Treetops Kennels and Loxhill Nursery in Artington for housing was also refused and has gone to appeal.

There are currently three planning enforcement cases in the parish. As well as Pond Farm, GBC enforcement officers are investigating advertising signs erected without permission at Farncombe Youth Football Club in Binscombe and at the Guildway offices site in the Old Portsmouth Road, Artington. The parish council has yet to receive any news of these actions from GBC.

3. Open discussion

There were no matters brought up for open discussion

These minutes remain draft until signed at the APC meeting on Wednesday 16th July 2018.

Artington Parish Council usually meets on the second Monday of alternate months at St Francis church in Littleton, beginning at 7.00pm.