

ARTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting
held on 14th January 2013 at St Francis Church, Littleton.

Councillors present:

Mr R Musson (Chairman) (*)	Mr S Kitson (*)
Mr G Smith (Vice Chairman) (*)	Mr R Bennett (*)
Mr M More Molyneux (*)	Mrs J Stanford (*)
Mrs K Curl (*)	

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

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

In attendance: Chris Jackson (Mount Brown facilities manager), Simon Gimson (SCC councillor) and James Palmer (GBC councillor) who left the meeting after their respective agenda items. Phil Gorton (clerk). One member of the public was in attendance for a part of the meeting.

1. Apologies

None were received.

2. Disclosure of interest:

None was declared.

3. Minutes:

The minutes of the parish council meeting held on 12th November 2012 were signed as an accurate record.

4. Matters arising

Cllr Stanford was welcomed to her first meeting of the parish council.

5. Report from SCC councillor, Simon Gimson

• Pond Farm, Furze Lane and New Pond Road

SCC wrote to the trustees of the land before Christmas expressing concern that no action had been taken to remove the rubbish dumped on the land. As no response was received by the deadline of 11th January SCC will proceed to the next step towards securing the clearance of the land.

• Old Portsmouth Road footway

Cllr Gimson is to consider if the estimate for the work of clearing the footway between the Ridges and St Catherine's Hill that has been obtained by Cllr Musson could be paid for from his councillor's personal allocation.

• Posts in Stakescorner Road

Cllr Gimson said that he would arrange funding to purchase posts to close some of the passing places that have grown up along the single lane part Stakescorner Road (item 12). Replace missing ones.

Report from GBC councillor, James Palmer

• Rushy Platts Farm

In response to a letter from the owner of Rushy Platts Farm, Cllr Palmer has replied explaining that his interest in the property was related to the internal review of the performance of the planning enforcement officers of GBC. He was not questioning any permissions granted by GBC relating to Rushy Platts. The parish clerk has received a similar letter to which councillors agreed a reply. The clerk will respond shortly.

• Land at Furze Lane and New Pond Road

GBC has written to the occupier of the land informing him that the old cars and portacabins must be removed. Agricultural machinery is permitted to remain, as the land is designated as a farm.

• Littleton polling station

Cllr Palmer has written to the electoral services officer at GBC expressing his concerns about the possible closure of the Littleton polling station.

6. **Approval of Code of Conduct and Standing Orders**
 - The new Code of Conduct was approved.
 - The approval of the Standing Orders was held over until a future meeting.

7. **Police matters**

Chris Jackson, the facilities manager of Mount Browne, explained the new staff parking policy with particular emphasis on the effect it may have on the residents of The Ridges. The policy will be circulated to members of staff this week and will be reviewed six weeks after its introduction.

8. **Financial matters**
 - *Cheques written since last meeting:*
Surrey Hills Society subscription £20
 - *Precept for 2013/14*
It was resolved that the precept should remain unchanged at £2,900.
 - *Grant aid projects*
The clerk is to contact GBC about the current state of APC grant applications.

9. **Planning matters**
 - *Rushy Platts Farm* Covered under item 5.
 - *Pond Farm* Covered under item 5.
 - *Littleton Conservation Area review*
It is understood that the responsible planning officer will resume work on the review shortly.
 - *Brickfields House*
This application was received after the agenda was published. The council has no objection.
 - *Signs at Pew Corner*
The clerk is to write to GBC about a new sign that has been erected near the entrance of Pew Corner.

10. **Parish facilities**

The future of Littleton polling station was discussed under item 5.

11. **Highways and rights of way**
 - Cllr Smith reported that two recent Community Speed Watch events in Littleton identified 22 and 16 motorists who were significantly exceeding the 30mph speed limit.
 - Rather than giving the highway authority a list of required works, it has proved more effective to report individual problems via the SCC website. The clerk will post a link on the parish website.
 - The clerk will continue to pursue GBC about changing the roadside verge cutting regime.
 - Cllr More Molyneux said that Loseley would install the posts along Stakescorner Lane (see item 5).

12. **Loseley related activities**
 - Cllr More Molyneux said that the roadside verge opposite Orange Court Farm would be cleared of rubble before the spring.
 - The councillors thanked Cllr More Molyneux for arranging to have the ditch cleared alongside Stakescorner Road by Claypits Wood. The work was done by Martin Ralph.

13. **Arrangements for Annual Assembly:**
 - Councillors considered the possible arrangements for the 2013 annual assembly. Cllr More Molyneux was thanked for the use of the Tithe Barn over the last few years.

14. **Other business**

Cllr Bennett reported that there is a great deal of litter at the Park & Ride. The clerk will write to GBC asking for it to be removed.

These minutes remain draft until signed at the next APC meeting.

Meetings of Artington Parish Council are held on the second Monday of alternate months at St Francis church in Littleton, starting at 7.00pm.