

ARTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting
held on 13th January 2014 at St Francis Church, Littleton.

Councillors present:

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

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

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

In attendance: Phil Gorton (clerk), PC Ryan Stephens and PCSO Linda Cleary.

- 1. Apologies for absence** Action
Received and accepted from Cllr George Johnson (SCC) and Cllr James Palmer (GBC).
- 2. Disclosure of interests**
Cllr More Molyneux declared an interest in items relating to Loseley estate.
- 3. Minutes**
The minutes of the annual parish council meeting held on 11th November 2013 were signed as an accurate record.
- 4. Matters arising**
 - The APC response to the GBC Local Plan consultation is to be put onto the parish website. RB
 - Cllr Bennett is to represent APC at a meeting convened by Normandy Parish Council concerning the Local Plan. RB
- 5. Police reports**
 - PC Stephens gave a report on recent crimes committed in the parish. Victims are to be provided with a report on progress of the investigations.
 - Included amongst the various suspicious events was an incident of illegal “lamping” on the Loseley estate, i.e. shooting animals at night using bright lights. PC Stephens asked for any suspected incidents to be reported urgently. PC Stephens is a designated Rural Community Officer who specialises in wildlife crime.
 - The Old Portsmouth Road was closed recently at St Catherine’s because of an incident at the Bail Hostel.
 - Surrey Police recommend the use of a secure, free website, www.immobilise.com to register their property, which will increase the chances of having it returned in the event of theft.
 - In response to a question from PC Stephens, Cllr Kitson reported that there are currently no significant parking problems at The Ridges.
 - PC Stephens is willing to take part in Community Speed Watch events in the parish.
- 6. Report from borough and county councillors**
No councillors were present but Cllr George Johnson (SCC) had given a short report to the clerk:
 - The injunction lodged at Kingston County Court against Mr Podger and the owners of Pond Farm is progressing through the court system.
 - Cllr Johnson is to pay for a new SCC salt bin in The Ridges from his councillor’s personal allocation.
 - He is continuing to pursue the Highways Department about the urgent need to clear the encroaching soil and undergrowth from the footpath / cycle path between the Ridges and St Catherine’s Hill.

7. Financial Matters

- Cheques written since last meeting:

Cllr George Smith for purchase of GBC Local Plan £19.20

Parish clerk's expenses £86.90

Surrey Hills Society subscription £25.00

- Councillors resolved to raise the precept by 5%. This is an increase of £136 from £2,725 to £2,861 for the year ending 31st March 2015, representing an average increase of marginally over £1 per year for each dwelling. To this will be added the discretionary GBC grant of £175, making a total parish income of £3,036.
- Councillors resolved to increase the clerk's salary by 4% from £2306 to £2400 from 1st May 2014.

8. Planning matters

- Cllr Musson informed the meeting of a Surrey Advertiser report about a proposal to build 70 houses on the land between Birch Road, Farncombe, and Pond Farm. The land is within the Waverley Borough Council area.
- The board of the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty is seeking views from parish councils on its Management Plan Review for the period 2014-2019. Councillors will respond to the online questionnaire on an individual basis.
- There is no news on the planning enforcement case regarding Stephenson Plastics at Piccards Farm.
- Current planning application 14/P/00009 – Racial Radio Base Station, Hogs Back
To remove three antennae and install two 3m dishes. Councillors made no comment.

9. Loseley related matters

- Cllr More Molyneux reported that two of the new cottages at Orange Court Farm were flooded during the recent storms.

10. Highways and rights of way

- There has been no Community Speed Watch or Rat Run event since the last meeting.
- The proposed litter pick on 18th & 19th January has been postponed because of full ditches and waterlogged ground.
- The LORD initiative that was designed to discourage HGVs from using unsuitable roads as short cuts seems to have stalled. Councillors considered that the goods vehicles that use the parish lanes are making deliveries and not using the lanes as a short cut. The clerk is to ask SCC if the lanes have been designated as an HGV-free road.
- Cllr George Johnson is to be contacted about the need to reinstate the kerb stones at the bottom end of The Ridges.

PG

PG

11. Parish facilities

- Councillors discussed ways in which the Great War centenary could be commemorated. The clerk is currently researching the history of the men listed on the parish memorial in St Francis church.
- Councillors thanked Cllr More Molyneux for clearing the branches from the Amenity Area left by contractors who removed some of the fallen willow tree.

PG

12. Annual Assembly

- Cllr Musson is to ask the Guildford University of Law if they would host the Annual Assembly in May. He will also invite the Mayor of Guildford to visit the parish at some time during the next few months.

RM

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

**The next meeting of Artington Parish Council will be held on
Monday 10th March 2014 at St Francis church in Littleton, starting at 7.00pm.**