

ARTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on 12th January 2015 at St Francis's church, Littleton.

Councillors present:

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

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

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

In attendance: Phil Gorton (clerk).

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr James Palmer (GBC) and PC Tom Bagley.

2. **Disclosure of interests**

Cllr More Molyneux declared an interest in matters relating to the Loseley estate.

3. **Minutes**

The minutes parish council meeting held on 30th December 2014 were signed as an accurate record.

4. **Matters arising from the meeting of 10th November**

- It is believed that the funding for the Flood Forum for the parishes of Artington, Compton and Shalford has been approved by GBC.
- The clerk is continuing to research how to apply for a 30mph speed limit along Stakescorner Road.

5. **Police matters**

There was no police representative at the meeting but PC Bagley had written to report that there were no incidents to report for Artington parish. There were, however, still problems with outbuildings being broken into in surrounding areas. He is aware of the problem of cars using the access-only parish lanes as a short cut. Offending drivers are to be sent a police letter.

6. **Reports from borough and county councillors**

There was no GBC or SCC councillor present at the meeting.

7. **Guildford Borough Council – review of decision making process**

GBC is currently reviewing its decision making structure and has invited parish councillors to a meeting to discuss the options.

8. **Loseley matters**

- Cllr More Molyneux reported that work on the roof of Loseley House is continuing with the old slates now removed.
- Ditching work has been taking place in Littleton. Work will be done in the area of Long Meadow and then move on to Stakescorner Road.

9. **Planning matters**
- The planning application for Piccard's Farm has been deferred for a site visit to take place on Thursday 15th January.
 - Further waste and old vehicles have been taken into Pond Farm. It was resolved that APC would contact SCC and GBC about this.
 - Planning application – 20 Littleton Lane, ref: 14/T/00334
Removal of four horse chestnut trees at Home Farm. Councillors had no objection.
 - It was reported that building work is taking place at the University of Law. The clerk is to investigate as he could not recall a planning application being received by APC.
- 8 **Financial Matters**
- Cheques written since the last meeting:

<i>Surrey Hills Society subscription</i>	£25.00
<i>Clerk's expenses</i>	£93.85
<i>Loseley Christian Trust (donation for use of St Francis's church)</i>	£150.00
 - *Parish precept*
Councillors resolved that the parish precept for 2015-16 should be raised by 11% so that APC income should equal its estimated expenditure and to stop the steady decline of the council's reserves. APC reserves have been declining for a number of years, from £4758 in 2007 to £3119 by March 2015. This is because the council has held or reduced the precept during that period. The increase will raise an extra £320, which is the estimated shortfall for 2015-16.
 - The clerk and Cllr Stanford will make arrangements for a bench to be installed along the North Downs Way. JS
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 - Councillors awarded the clerk a 4% rise in salary and expressed their appreciation for his work.
- 9 **Highways and rights of way**
- There continues to be a drainage problem at The Ridges. Although SCC have recently replaced a drain cover, it has been dislodged by water backing up from a blocked drain. This causes water to run down the road, across the Old Portsmouth Road and into Artington Manor Farm. Councillors resolved to write to SCC councillor George Johnson about the matter.
 - Concern was expressed about the removal of the car parking at Mount Browne and that it may lead to a recurrence of the parking problems in The Ridges. Cllr Bennett is to ask the estates manager what the plans are for the area. RB
 - It was resolved that SCC Highways would be contacted about the posts in Stakescorner Road. There are still about eight posts that have been installed and those that were have not been fitted with reflectors, as agreed with the highway authority.
10. **Big Lunch**
The organising group of the Artington Big Lunch was adopted as a sub-committee of the parish council. Cllr Stanford reported on plans for the event which is to take place on Sunday 24th May. JS
11. **Annual Assembly**
Cllr Musson and the clerk are to decide upon a date and place for the Annual Assembly. RM
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These minutes remain draft until signed at the next APC meeting.

**The next meeting of Artington Parish Council will be held on
Monday 14th March 2015 at St Francis's church in Littleton, starting at 7.00pm.**