

# ARTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at St Francis's church, Littleton.

## Councillors present:

Mr R Musson (Chairman) (*)	Mrs J Stanford (*)
Mr G Smith (Vice Chairman) (*)	Mr S Kitson (*)
Mr A More-Molyneux (*)	Mr R Bennett (a)
	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), Sgt Rob Bryant of Surrey Police and Chris Jackson, the Mount Browne estate manager.

## 1. Apologies for absence.

Cllr Richard Bennett, Cllr Michael Illman (GBC), Cllr George Johnson (SCC), Cllr Mike Parsons (GBC) and PC Damon Young.

## 2. Disclosure of interests

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

## 3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2015 were signed as an accurate record.

## 4. Matters arising

- Thanks were expressed to Chloe Dancey for organising the annual carol service.
- Thanks were expressed to Cllr Kitson and his team of helpers for their recent litter-picking work.
- The clerk reported that he had tried contacting the GBC tree officer several times since the last meeting but with no success.

## 5. Report from Police

### • Incidents in Artington

PC Damon Young sent his apologies and reported that there had been no recorded incidents in the parish over the last month.

### • Parking at The Ridges

Chris Jackson reported that visitors to Mount Browne continued to cause parking problems at The Ridges. He suggested that a single yellow line parking restriction would be the most effective way of solving the problem and that Surrey Police would support such a scheme. Councillors resolved that a working group consisting of Cllr Kitson, Cllr Bennett and Mr Jackson should work with local residents to formulate a possible proposal. Mr Jackson was thanked for his continued help and support for the parish.

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### • Policing in Your Neighbourhood

Sgt Bryant explained the new policing structure that is to be adopted by Surrey Police from 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2016, which will disband the existing response teams and create larger neighbourhood policing teams. This will enable officers to deal with incidents from beginning to end, without the need to pass them onto colleagues in different parts of the service, and will help to foster greater community involvement.

## 6. Planning matters

### • Pond Farm

Cllr Musson reported that there has been no further official action since the last meeting. Councillors reported that there appears to have been further caravans placed on the land. The clerk was asked to inform the GBC planning enforcement officer.

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### • Current planning applications.

There were no planning applications to be considered.

## 7. Highways and rights of way

### • Drainage at Artington

Cllr Kitson reported that some of the blocked drains at Artington have been cleared but others have not. RB will be asked to prompt Jason Lewis of SCC Highways to arrange for the work to be done.

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- *New Pond Road railway bridge*

Cllrs Musson and Bennett recently attended a meeting about the replacement of the bridge. Local MPs, Jeremy Hunt and Anne Milton, were present and they informed the meeting that there would be no central government funds available for a wider bridge. The SCC representative also said that there would be no money from the county council. It seems likely, therefore, that the like-for-like bridge proposed by Network Rail is the option that will be built. Some Compton residents consider that this would be the preferable option as they believe that a wider bridge would encourage more traffic to use the B3000.

- *Stakescorner Road posts*

Cllr Musson and Guy Catchpole have marked where the remaining posts are to be placed. Jason Lewis of SCC Highways will be asked to arrange for them to be installed.

- *Access-only and Community Speed Watch surveys*

There have been no surveys undertaken recently.

## 8. **Reports from Borough and County councillors**

No GBC or SCC councillors were present at the meeting and no reports were received.

## 9. **Loseley matters**

Cllr More-Molyneux reported that:

- There is to be a Wedding Fair at Loseley on 7<sup>th</sup> February.
- New tenants will shortly be moving into Piccard's Farm. It is understood that their business will not involve deliveries to and from the premises.
- An electrical pole in one of the fields to the south of Long Meadow has a pronounced lean. It may be within tolerance but Cllr More-Molyneux will ask the electrical supply company to inspect it.

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## 10. **Financial matters**

- *Cheques written since the last meeting*

Clerk's expenses	£107.02
Surrey Hills Society subscription:	£25.00

- *Precept*

Councillors resolved to increase the precept by 5%. The 2016/17 precept will therefore be £3335, which will be supplemented by a Local Council Tax Support Grant of £175.

- *Transparency funding*

The council approved a claim for funding to cover the costs of satisfying the requirements of the Smaller Authorities (Transparency Requirements) Regulations 2015. The clerk will submit the claim within a few days.

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- *Review of member's allowances*

It was resolved that councillors would not be paid an allowance for their parish council work.

- *Clerk's salary*

The councillors thanked the clerk for his work and agreed to give him a pay increment of £100 p.a. from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016.

## 11. **Big Lunch 12 June 2016**

The lunch this year will be a celebration of the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Cllr Stanford has arranged a planning meeting for the event to which all interested people are invited. Councillors resolved to adopt the organising group as a committee of the parish council.

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## 12. **Arrangements for the Annual Assembly and the mayor's visit**

Cllr Musson has asked if Mount Browne would host the Annual Assembly again this year.

The clerk will arrange a date for the mayor's visit to the parish.

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

**The next meeting will be held St Francis Church Littleton  
on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2016 starting at 7.00pm.**