

# Artington Parish Council

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at St Francis Church, Littleton.

## Councillors present:

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

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

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

**In attendance:** Cllr Matt Furniss (GBC & SCC) and Phil Gorton (clerk).

## 1. Election of chairman

Cllr Bennett was elected as chairman for the remainder of the council year.

## 2. Apologies for absence

Cllr Mike Parsons (GBC).

## 3. Co-option of new councillor

Councillors welcomed Mrs Clementina Taft to the parish council.

## 4. Disclosure of interests

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

## 5. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017 were signed as an accurate record.

## 6. Matters arising

- Cllr Wisher reported that there are no Community Speed Watch events planned to take place in the near future.

## 7. Planning matters

### • Pond Farm

Cllr Furniss reported that GBC is still seeking a solution to the unauthorised storage of scrapped vehicles at Pond Farm.

### • Advertising hoarding at Farncombe Youth Football Club ground

The hoarding advertises the new homes being built on the estate in Furze Lane and has been erected without planning permission. Councillors resolved to ask GBC planning enforcement to contact the football club. In addition, they asked the clerk to seek enforcement action on the advertising hoarding at the Ashbourne House in the Old Portsmouth Road that also has no planning permission.

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### • GBC planning enforcement service review workshop

Cllr Hutson is to attend this workshop on behalf of the parish council.

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## 8. Highways and rights of way

### • New Pond Road railway bridge

Cllr Furniss reported that Network Rail has not changed its plans for rebuilding the bridge, despite a new suggestion recently put forward by a retired highways engineer. A public meeting is to be arranged to inform people of the arrangements that are to be made for traffic diversions and other related matters. It is anticipated that the bridge will be closed from April for one month but possibly longer.

- *De-cluttering – a review of road signs in the parish*

Cllr Bennett and the clerk recently inspected the road signs in the parish to see if any could be removed. The list was short and will be circulated amongst councillors for their consideration.

- *Drainage at the Ridges*

Cllr Furniss reported that the drainage problem at The Ridges is to be re-examined that will, hopefully, find a permanent solution to the flooding.

9. **Report from borough councillor**

Cllr Furniss reported that the Guildford Local Plan has now been submitted to the government planning inspectorate.

10. **Loseley matters**

- Cllr More-Molyneux reported there is to be a wedding fair at Loseley on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February.

11. **Financial matters**

- *To set precept for 2018/19*

Councillors resolved to set a precept of £3675, an increase of 5% or £175 on the current precept. A Local Council Tax Support Grant of £175 will supplement this.

- *Annual review of the Governance and Management risk assessment*

The risk assessment was reviewed and approved by the council.

- *Cheques written since the last meeting*

Ash Parish Council for re-filling the salt bins: £27.35

- *VAT refund, 2016-17*

The clerk reported that this refund of £37.15 has not yet been received because HMRC paid the money into the wrong bank account. He is currently in correspondence with them.

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12. **Big Lunch**

The proposed date for the Big Lunch is Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June. Cllr Taft, the new organiser of event, reported that the first planning meeting will be held at Piccard's Farmhouse on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January and anyone who may be interested in helping with the organisation is invited to attend. The council resolved to adopt the organising group as a sub-committee of the parish council.

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13. **Arrangements for the annual parish meeting**

Councillors resolved to hold this year's meeting in St Francis church, Littleton.

14. **Damage to bus shelter at Artington**

Some of the panels in the shelter on the northbound side of the road have been pushed out. Cllr Bennett volunteered to repair the shelter free of charge but reclaiming the cost the materials.

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15. **Proposed war memorial**

Cllr Bennett circulated drawings of a proposed memorial that could be built into the boundary wall outside St Francis church. The quote from Anstey & Stone for making and installing the memorial is £4,265. Councillors resolved that the memorial would not be paid for from council funds but donations and grants would be sought to cover the cost of the project. The clerk is to contact GBC about planning permission for the memorial.

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

**The next meeting will be held in St Francis Church, Littleton, on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018 starting at 7.00pm.**