

# Artington Parish Council

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at St Francis Church, Littleton.

## Councillors present:

Cllr R Bennett

Cllr F Clayton

Cllr P Hutson

Cllr S Kitson - Chairman

Cllr A More-Molyneux

Cllr C Taft

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

**In attendance:** Philip Gorton (clerk), Cllr Chris Blow (GBC) and Cllr Matt Furniss (SCC).

## 1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Ramsey Nagaty (GBC).

## 2. Disclosure of interests

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

## 3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019 were signed as an accurate record.

## 4. Matters arising

Trees on University of Law land.

The clerk has been seeking, but has not yet received, information about specific instances of tree falls before writing to the university. [PG]

## 5. Planning matters

Recent and current planning applications:

*Piccards Wood, Sandy Lane – variation of existing conditions*

19/P/02004

*Brickfields Cottage, Littleton Lane – variation of existing conditions*

19/P/02146

Councillors made no comment about these two applications.

Planning enforcement:

*Pond Farm*

Cllr Hutson has been in communication with GBC planning enforcement. He reported that the enforcement officers, who are still monitoring Pond Farm, have not detected any increase in activity on the site. The officers stopped the sale of Christmas trees that was taking place on the western side of Furze Lane in December.

Parish council speaking at GBC planning meetings

Councillors resolved to support Send Parish Council's recent request to GBC for a pre-allocated slot to be made available at all GBC planning committee meetings for parish councils to speak about an application should they wish to do so. A response would be drafted and circulated to members before being sent. [PG]

## 6. Highways

Drainage at The Ridges and Sandy Lane

Cllr Furniss reported that priority for SCC spending on highway drainage is currently directed at places where floods endanger buildings. Consequently, the work on alleviating the drainage problems at The Ridges is not high on the list. There is, however, £33m of extra funding being made available soon for less urgent improvement schemes and that should allow the work to be done during the drier summer weather.

### Reflector posts at The Ridges

Cllr Furniss reported that SCC highway officers were reluctant to replace the damaged posts and that Surrey Police would like to have all the posts removed because they obstruct their vehicles. Parish councillors consider that the posts do not impede access to and from Mount Browne and that there should be some means of preventing cars from being parked on the verge. Cllr Furniss expressed the view that something more durable than plastic posts should be considered as a replacement.

### Road surface on New Pond Road Railway bridge

In response to questions from the parish council, Cllr Furniss said that the poor road surface on the new bridge and the consequent recurring pot holes have been noted by the county council which will take up the matter with Network Rail and the contractors.

### Increase in highways funding

Cllr Furniss reported that the draft SCC budget would provide an increase in highways capital spending from £20m to £60m for the coming year. There will also be an extra £2m made available for rights of way maintenance.

## 7. **Proposed new bus shelter at Artington**

- Cllr Furniss reported it remains the intention of the county council to supply and maintain a new shelter at Artington.
- It was resolved that the clerk should check whether or not the land is registered in the parish council's name and, if not, to make arrangements for it to be so. [PG]

## 8. **Report from county and borough councillors**

- Cllr Blow had nothing to report that was specific to Artington but, in response to a question, he said that repairs to the Tumbing Bay weir at Millmead have begun.
- Cllr Furniss reported that, in addition to the budget increases outlined above, other aspects of the county council's spending would be increased in 2020-21.

## 9. **Loseley matters**

Cllr More-Molyneux said that there was little to report other than that hedge cutting had started around the estate.

## 10. **Financial matters**

### Precept for 2020-21

The council resolved to increase the current precept (£3,859) by 5% to £4052.

### Payments since last meeting:

None

### Approval of new Financial Regulations

The council approved and adopted the new financial regulations.

### Annual review of the Governance and Management Risk Assessment

The council reviewed and approved the risk assessment.

## 11. **Annual Parish Meeting**

The Annual Parish Meeting is to take place on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2020 and the annual parish council meeting on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020, both at St Francis church, Littleton.

**These minutes remain draft until signed at the next APC meeting that will be held in  
St Francis Church, Littleton, on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020 starting at 7.00pm.**