

ARTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting
held on 8th July 2013 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), Cllr James Palmer (GBC) and Cllr David Hunter (Godalming Town Council).

1. **Apologies for absence** Acti
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Received and accepted from Cllr More Molyneux, Cllr George Johnson (SCC) and Cllr Neil Ward (GBC).
2. **Disclosure of interests**
No interests were declared.
3. **Minutes**
The minutes of the annual parish council meeting held on 13th May 2013 were signed as an accurate record.
4. **Matters arising**
There were no matters arising.
5. **Financial Matters**
 - There were no cheques written since the last meeting.
 - Cllr Stanford is dealing with the installation of the grant-aided benches on the North Downs Way. JS
 - GBC has offered further grant aid for parish councils. Cllr Musson asked if there were any ideas for suitable projects. He suggested that a sign at the Littleton Crossroads would be a worthwhile scheme and it was resolved that he should make application to GBC. RM
6. **Police reports**
 - There was no police representative at the meeting and no report received.
 - Cllr Musson has written to Chris Jackson, estate manager for Surrey Police, to ask if there is any substance to the rumour that they are considering moving the police headquarters from Mount Browne to Woking. Mr Jackson has acknowledged the letter and will reply shortly.
7. **Reports from borough and county councillors**
 - Cllr Palmer reported that the formal consultation period for the GBC Local Plan would begin on 1st September and last for eight weeks. Parish councils are to be sent various documents relating to the plan for their consideration. Amongst other things, these will include the Green Belt Countryside Study that will review the green belt boundaries. Cllr Bennett undertook to review the Guildford Borough Infrastructure Baseline and suggest actions. RB

- Cllr Johnson (SCC) was not present at the meeting but he reported that the county council continues to work towards a court injunction to enable the land at Pond Farm to be cleared of unauthorised waste. He also suggested that parish councillors should look at the authority's Project Horizon (highway resurfacing) and the Surrey Rail Strategy.

8. **Loseley related matters**

Cllr More Molyneux was absent but had indicated that there was nothing of any particular importance to report.

9. **Planning matters**

- There were no current planning applications.
- There was no news of the Orange Court Farm planning appeal.
- Residents continue to express concerns about the inconsiderate driving of delivery vehicles that serve Stephenson Plastics at Piccard's Farm. Before the last parish council meeting, Cllr Musson had written to Cllr More Molyneux, as representative of the owners of the farm, seeking clarification about planning requirements relating to the business. No reply has been received and, consequently, the council resolved to contact the GBC planning enforcement team to find out if planning consent is required to operate a manufacturing business on the premises.

Clerk

10. **Highways and rights of way**

- Cllr Musson reported that the grant has been received for the posts for Stakescorner Road and that arrangements are being made to have them installed.
- Cllrs Bennett and Kitson reported that Mount Browne has issued residents of The Ridges with cones to help keep the entrance their driveways clear of parked cars. This is working in some places but not in others. They consider that the residents do not want any formal parking restrictions or a residents' parking scheme. It has been observed that more visitors to Mount Browne are using the Park & Ride and walking from there.
- Cllr Smith reported that a recent rat-run exercise identified 15 rat-runners within 1½ hours. A community speed watch event is to take place in the near future.
- It was noted that a road-sweeping vehicle had recently been working in Sandy Lane and Littleton Lane. Councillors considered that this was not necessary and a waste of resources. Cllr Palmer will take up the matter with the GBC cleansing department.

RM

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11. **Artington Big Lunch**

Councillors thanked Cllr Stanford for her work in organising the Artington Big Lunch last month. It was a great success. A small surplus of £102 remained after all expenses were paid which was donated to the Aplastic Anaemia Trust.

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

The next meeting of Artington Parish Council will be held on Monday 9th September 2013 at St Francis church in Littleton, starting at 7.00pm.