

ARTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on 14th July 2014 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 (*)

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

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

In attendance: Phil Gorton (clerk), PCSO Gregor Culross, Chris Jackson (Surrey Police) and two members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence

Received and accepted from SCC Cllr George Johnson and GBC Cllr Neil Ward.

2. Disclosure of interests

Cllr More Molyneux declared an interest in item 11 concerning the Loseley estate.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the annual assembly of 7th May 2014 and the annual parish council meeting held on 12th May 2014 were signed as accurate records.

4. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

5. Police matters

- Chris Jackson reported that there is to be an Open Day at Mount Browne on Sunday 21st September to which all residents are invited. He anticipates that there will be no significant parking problems at The Ridges because visitors will be asked to use the Park & Ride car park.
- The future of Mount Browne is still uncertain. Surrey Police are now working more closely with the Sussex force and it is unlikely that the site will meet future needs. Consequently, a move from Mount Browne is likely within 5 to 10 years, after which the site may become available for development.
- Mount Browne staff will commence clearing the vegetation that overhangs the path/cycleway near St Catherine's Hill on 15th July.
- PCSO Culross said that there had been various unrelated crimes reported for Artington parish recently. There has also been a more general spate of shed burglaries and he advised protecting doors and windows with good quality locks, particularly padlock alarms which are very effective. He further advised looking at the crime prevention section of the Surrey Police website: <http://www.surrey.police.uk/keeping-safe>
- A recent change in the law puts more responsibility on dog owners to control their animals.
- Local officer PC Ryan Stephens has been seconded to another department for six months and has been replaced temporarily by PC Karen Page.
- Cllrs Bennett and Kitson expressed their thanks to Chris Jackson for the efforts made by Mount Browne to improve the parking problems at The Ridges. The situation there is now very much better.
- A member of the public referred to an incident of fly-tipping in Stakescorner Road and asked if the parish council would ask GBC to provide CCTV cameras and/or camera warning signs. The clerk will contact the appropriate department.

Clerk

6. Report from GBC Councillor James Palmer

- New Pond Road railway bridge

Network Rail are planning to replace the structure in the autumn but SCC has objected to the plan because the carriageway of the proposed bridge is narrower than the existing one. There will be no provision on the bridge for cyclists or pedestrians and SCC is unable to provide a separate bridge because of the cost. APC resolved to object to the Network Rail proposal.

- Government funding

Cllr Palmer said that £10m will be provided by central government for transport and investment related projects in the borough.

- Local plan

Cllr Palmer reported that the number of houses required to be built within Guildford borough, 13,000 by 2031, may be revised either up or down. The public consultation period for the Local Plan ends on 22nd September and all residents are invited to express their views. There are various explanatory events being held around the borough, as well as the exhibition in Swan Lane, Guildford. More details available from the GBC website:

<http://www.guildford.gov.uk/draftlocalplan>.

Financial Matters

- Adoption of new financial regulations.

The new model financial regulations provided by the Surrey Association of Local Councils will be adapted for APC use and circulated to councillors, with the intention of formally adopting them at the next meeting.

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Clerk

- Cheques written since the last meeting:

<i>SALC subscription</i>	£95.32
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7. Planning matters

Local Plan

An APC response to the Local Plan is being prepared by Cllrs Bennett and Smith. A letter will be delivered to all Artington residents to inform them of APC's actions regarding the local plan and inviting them to contribute to the parish council's response or to make their own submissions to GBC.

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A copy of the draft Guildford Local Plan has been purchased for APC and is currently being circulated amongst the councillors. It was resolved that a working party would meet on Monday 18th August to consider responses to the plan, by which time comments from Artington residents may have been received.

8. Loseley related matters

- Cllr More Molyneux reported that the work to re-roof Loseley House would begin on 29th September and it should be completed during May next year.

- The next event at Loseley will be:

Garden Show Fri 18th July – Sun 20th July.

Further details of events are available on www.loseleypark.co.uk

9. Highways and rights of way

- APC resolved to investigate the possibilities of having a 20mph speed limit for the parish lanes. Clerk

10. Planning matters

- Current planning application: *Piccard's Farm – retrospective change of use.*

Cllr More Molyneux explained the background of the application before leaving the meeting. Following his departure, APC resolved to respond to the application. Cllr Smith was asked to draft a response to the application that reflected residents' concerns, to be circulated to councillors for their comments and agreement.

GS

11. Parish facilities

Community Ideas Database and *Parish Walk* held over until the next meeting.

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

The next meeting of Artington Parish Council will be held on Monday 8th September 2014 at St Francis's church in Littleton, starting at 7.00pm.

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