

ARTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on 13th July 2015 at St Francis's church, Littleton.

Councillors present:

Mr R Musson (Chairman) (*)	Mrs J Stanford (a)
Mr G Smith (Vice Chairman) (*)	Mr S Kitson (*)
Mr M More-Molyneux (*)	Mr R Bennett (*)
	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), Cllr George Johnson (SCC), Cllr Mike Parsons (GBC) and PCSO Gregor Culross.

1. Apologies for absence

Received and accepted from Cllr Stanford and Cllr Michael Illman (GBC) .

2. Disclosure of interests

Cllr More Molyneux declared an interest in the planning application for Piccard's Farm.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th May 2015 were signed as an accurate record.

4. Matters arising

None.

5. Police report

PCSO Culross reported that there had been eleven reported crimes in the Compton, Artington, Peasmarsh and Shalford area since the beginning of June. There has been a drop in the incidence of theft from garden sheds but people should, nonetheless, take precautions such as fitting alarms and sturdy locks to deter burglars. Thieves look for tools such as petrol-driven chainsaws and strimmers. Cllr Musson thanked Mount Browne for supplying the tug-of-war rope for the recent Big Lunch. He also raised the matter of inconsiderate drivers travelling through Littleton on their way to Mount Browne. PCSO Culross said that he would report the problem to the local officer.

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6. Report from Cllr Mike Parsons (GBC)

- North Street development plans have stalled because the development firm, Land Securities, has withdrawn.
- The Guildford Borough infrastructure review has identified 35 traffic hotspots, nine of which are to have traffic-flow improvements made over the next five to ten years.
- A road has been proposed to link Slyfield to Clay Lane, Burpham, which is intended to improve traffic access between the estate and the A3.
- The revised Local Plan should be ready for consultation by June 2016, with adoption in December 2017. It is the intention to use brown field sites for 4000 homes before any other sites are considered for development, not including Wisley Airfield that could potentially provide a further 2100 houses.

7. Planning matters

• Pond Farm

Cllr Musson reported that there are a number of caravans on the property that are being illegally occupied. Cllr Parsons reported that is to be a further High Court hearing on 16th September.

• Wisley Airfield – communication from possible developer.

The clerk and councillors have received a communication from a property development company that is hoping to build houses on the Wisley Airfield. Councillors took no particular view on the development.

8. Highways and rights of way

• New Pond Road railway bridge

Network Rail plans to replace the current bridge with one that would have no provision for pedestrians or cyclists. Cllr Johnson reported that SCC is seeking funding to provide a safer crossing and the following options are being considered:

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| 1. A wider bridge with grass verges | £1.3m cost to SCC |
| 2. A carriageway of 7.3m with cycle and footways each side | £2.7m “ “ |
| 3. A carriageway of 6.2m with verge and separate footway | £1.4m “ “ |
| 4. A foot/cycle bridge separate from the Network Rail construction | £1.2m “ “ |

A meeting to discuss the future of the bridge is to take place on 16th October 2015.

- *Summers Lane / New Pond Road junction*

Cllr Johnson has requested that SCC Highways place a prohibition on turning left from Summers Lane onto New Pond Road.

- *Drainage at The Ridges*

Cllr Johnson reported that funding is available to clear the culverts and that work should commence within the next few weeks.

- *Stakescorner Road posts*

Cllr Musson will continue to seek a meeting with Jason Lewis of SCC Highways to arrange the installation of the remaining posts in Stakescorner Road.

- *Stakescorner Road speed limit.*

Cllr Johnson is continuing to work with the Local Committee for a 30mph speed limit on Stakescorner Road between Littleton and New Pond Road.

- *Access-only and Community Speed Watch surveys*

Further surveys are planned.

- *Parish & Town Ward Programme*

The clerk reported that, as a part of this scheme, GBC is to clear vegetation from the Old Portsmouth Road footway between the railway bridge and the Park & Ride. They will also clear the footpath between Littleton and The Ridges.

Cllr Musson thanked Cllr More-Molyneux for arranging to have the Polsted bridleway cleared.

9. Loseley related matters

- Cllr More-Molyneux apologised for the traffic difficulties on the day of DogFest. The event received 25% more visitors than expected and the car park organisers made errors of judgement.

- Forthcoming events:

Decorative Home and Salvage Show *Fri 18th - Sun 19th July*

Garden Show *Fri 24th - Sun 26th July*

The Richmond Dog Show *Fri 11th - Sun 13th Sept*

- The estate has plans to restore the Nags' Stable at Artington Farm in the near future.

- Cllr More-Molyneux pointed out the Sunday 12th June 2016 will be the Queen's 90th birthday and would be a suitable day for another parish lunch. Councillors agreed that an event should take place.

10. Financial Matters

- *Surrey Association of Local Councils – subscription*

The clerk had made payment of the annual subscription to Surrey Association of Local Councils since the last meeting and the councillors ratified this decision.

- *Cheques written since the last meeting*

Annual subscription to the Surrey Association of Local Councils £95.73

- *Grant Aid projects*

It is understood that Cllr Stanford is to arrange the installation of the benches by Alan Frost. The clerk will seek information about funding for future projects.

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- *Parish council insurance.*

The clerk reported that he had received four quotes for the parish council's insurance for the coming year. He recommended that the lowest quote from Hiscox should be accepted. Councillors resolved to accept this quote with a three-year agreement (£265).

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11. Piccard's Farm, change of use from B2 to B1 workshop and storage with associated parking, (GBC ref: 15/P/00766)

Cllr More Molyneux said that the plan for Piccard's Farm is to provide accommodation for two separate business, one for manufacturing and the other for storage, in order to minimise the amount of traffic to and from the site. He left the meeting before further discussion by councillors. The council resolved to respond to this planning application.

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

**The next meeting will be held St Francis Church Littleton
on Monday 14th September 2015 starting at 7.00pm.**

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