

# Artington Parish Council

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at St Francis Church, Littleton.

## Councillors present:

Mr G Smith (Chairman) (*)	Ms J Wisher (a)
Mr R Bennett (*)	Mr S Kitson (*)
Mr A More-Molyneux (*)	Mr P Hutson (*)
	Mrs A Mayer (*)

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

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

**In attendance:** Cllr Matt Furniss (SCC & GBC), Cllr Michael Illman (GBC), Cllr Mike Parsons (GBC), Phil Gorton (clerk) and two members of the public.

## 1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Jennie Wisher.

## 2. Disclosure of interests

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

## 3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017 were signed as an accurate record.

## 4. Matters arising

Cllr Bennett is seeking a date to meet Cllr Furniss to discuss the drainage problems at The Ridges.

RB

## 5. Reports from borough and county councillors

- Cllr Illman reminded the meeting that the final date for the Local Plan consultation is 27<sup>th</sup> July.
- He told the meeting of the replacement crematorium that is to be built on the site of the present one. At a cost of £10m it will have a greater capacity allowing for an increased number of cremations.
- In response to questions, Cllr Furniss said that the GBC comments on the revised Local Plan will be made public when the plan is sent to the Planning Inspectorate.
- Responding to concerns about the development of Blackwell Farm, Cllr Furniss said that planning permissions would only be granted if the developers undertake to provide the necessary infrastructure.
- The Guildford Landscape Character Assessment was taken into account when compiling the plan, despite its absence from the evidence base.  
*[Cllrs Illman and Parsons left the meeting at 7.20pm]*
- The Local Committee funding has been cut by 90% and most discretionary spending has ceased.
- The latest proposed changes to the Recycling service are the direct result of budget cuts.
- The repair to the Hogs Back carriageway is complete but the unexpected costs will adversely affect the Project Horizon resurfacing scheme throughout the county.

## 6. Planning matters

• *Brickfields House. Variation of condition of previous application. ref: 17/TP/00981* PG  
The parish council has no objection to this application.

• *New Pond Road railway bridge. Prior approval ref: 17/TP/01214* PG

Councillors resolved to write to GBC and to local MPs, Anne Milton and Jeremy Hunt, expressing their continued disquiet about the absence of provision for pedestrians and cyclists on the proposed bridge.

7. **Highways and rights of way**

A member of the public commented on the problem of excessive speed of the traffic that goes through Littleton, mostly to Mount Browne, and suggested several solutions. Cllr Smith replied that, although the road was access-only, vehicles were allowed access to Mount Browne. Without seeking to transfer the problem from one part of the parish to another, the parish council was doing all in its power to combat the problem and had been in direct contact with Surrey Police. It is also continuing with its efforts to identify the offending drivers using Community Speed Watch.

- *Community Speed Watch*

Cllr Wisler has recently organised five CSW sessions when 54 speeding vehicles were identified. Details were sent to the police who will write to the registered keepers of the vehicles.

- *Rat-runner identification*

Guy Catchpole is currently in contact with the police to check that the parish council has their support before resuming rat-runner identification in Littleton. The Ordnance Survey provides data to Satnav companies and Cllr Smith has informed OS of the access-only status of Stakescorner Rd, Littleton Lane and Sandy Lane, changes that have been accepted by them and will included in future data updates.

8. **Loseley matters**

- Cllr More-Molyneux reported that there will be a number of events at Loseley over the next two months:

14<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> July                      *Decorative Home and Salvage Show.*

28<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> July                        *Garden Show*

8<sup>th</sup> September                        *Dog Show*

- The house closes to the public at the end of August.

9. **Financial matters**

- *Cheques written since the last meeting:*

Surrey Association of Local Councils    £90.76

- *Renewal of insurance policy*

Payment of £280.00 is due. This is the third year of a three-year agreement so there has been no requirement to look for an alternative provider.

10. **Surrey Community Recycling Centres – public consultation**

Councillors resolved to respond to the proposed changes to the centres, expressing their concern about the reduction of the service, the increased charges and the probable resulting increase in fly tipping. PG

11. **War memorial**

Councillor Bennett has received a quote for £2,500 for a stone pillar with an attached alloy plaque. He suggested a site for the memorial on Loseley land in Littleton. RB

It is hoped that the cost of the memorial will be covered by the offer of some funding from the Plymouth Brethren and Concurrent Functions Grant Aid from GBC. The clerk will investigate the possibility of a grant from this source in the near future. PG

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

Following the meeting, Tim Harrold, the chairman of the Guildford group of the Campaign to Protect Rural England, joined the councillors and others for an informal discussion on the protection of the Green Belt.

**The next meeting will be held in St Francis Church, Littleton, on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017 starting at 7.00pm.**