

ARTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting
held on 13th July 2010 at St Francis Church, Littleton.

Councillors present:

Mr R Musson (Chairman) (*)	Mrs C Longstaff (*)
Mr G Smith (Vice Chairman) (a)	Mr R Collingwood (*)
Mr M More Molyneux (a)	Mr R Bennett (*)
Dr A Docherty (a)	

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

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

In attendance: Phil Gorton, Clerk, and Sarah Gould

1. Apologies were received from:

Cllr Smith, Cllr More-Molyneux and Cllr Docherty.

2. Disclosure of interest:

CL declared an interest regarding the planning application for Magnolia Cottage (Item 4a).

3. Minutes:

The minutes of the parish council meeting and the annual assembly held on 11th May 2010 were signed as an accurate record.

4. Matters arising:

CL reported that she had investigated the cost of installing an information board at Littleton Cross. The cost would be in the order of £2000. The council considered that it does not currently have the resources to fund such a project.

The clerk reported that a reply had been received to the letter sent to GBC about the proliferation of signs at Artington Manor Business Park/Pew Corner. It outlines the various regulations regarding the erection of advertising signs and said that the planning enforcement officer will investigate the concerns raised by APC.

It was reported that MMM and Prof J Pratt would represent APC on the action group that is looking at retrospective planning applications for gypsy and traveller sites. MMM has offered the use of Chestnut Lodge at Loseley as a meeting place.

4a. Planning application:

10/P/01160 Magnolia Cottage. New ground floor entrance doors and windows.

Sarah Gould explained her application to the council. The councillors considered the application but made no comment. [RC arrived during consideration of this item.]

5. Police Matters:

As well as reporting on more general matters, PCSO Voller described the recently introduced "Street-a-Week" campaign whereby officers select a street and systematically go to every house to introduce themselves and ask people about their concerns. He considered that this was a very productive use of officers' time. In addition, a Police Surgery is to be established for Compton and Artington that is to be held in either Compton Village Hall or Compton Club.

6. Financial matters

The clerk reported that two cheques had been written since the last meeting: £611.46 for the previous clerk's expenses and £58.75 for the external auditor's fees.

The external auditor has approved the Annual Report for 2009/10 and raised no comment.

The change of the APC bank accounts from Nat West to Lloyd's TSB is progressing slowly. The budget for 2010/11 was examined and approved.

The council resolved to examine the possibility of erecting a bench alongside the track from Littleton to Artington as a grant aided project. **Action: Clerk**

The clerk has received a quote from Came and Co. for the annual insurance that is approximately £70 less than that given by the council's current insurer, Zurich. The council resolved to accept the quote from Came and Co. **Action: Clerk**

7. To receive reports from Borough and County Councillors present:

No borough or county councillor was present at the meeting and no report was received.

8. Artington Parish Council's Twelve-Month Plan:

The plan was reviewed. RB undertook to update and circulate the revised plan to members.

[CL left the meeting during consideration of this item]

Action: RB

9. Report on Loseley related activities:

MMM sent a report saying that the SCC organised Celebrating Surrey Festival was a great success and attracted 10,000 people.

There are to be four further events this year: **6-8 Aug** - Live Crafts Show; **29 Aug** – concert with fireworks; **10-12 Sep** – Richmond Dog Show; **26 Sep** – Country Fair and Ploughing Match.

10. Parish questionnaire follow-up

It was resolved that the proposed litter-pick will take place on the morning of Saturday 4 September, finishing at the Ship. GBC will be asked to provide equipment, and rubbish disposal facilities.

Action: Clerk

11. Current planning matters:

10/P/01003 Littleton Farmhouse: *bargate stone wall to front of house (retrospective application).*

The clerk reported that the GBC planning enforcement officer is investigating this application.

10/P/01095 Christopher's Children's Hospice: *external escape staircase and elevation changes.*

The councillors considered the application but made no comment.

Commons Act 2006 Application to place hedge on St Catherine's Hill.

The councillors considered the application but made no comment.

CL undertook to inform the St Catherine's Village Association of this application.

12. Parish Facilities:

Loseley East Lodge bus shelter.

RC and his son will repair the shelter in the near future.

Action: RC

13. Highways and rights of way:

Held over to the next meeting.

14. Annual Assembly and Annual Parish Council Meeting 2011:

It was resolved that the two meetings should be held on two separate days next May. The Annual Assembly will start at 8.00pm to give more people the opportunity to attend.

15. Provision of clerking services for APC:

It was resolved to adopt the draft agreement with the clerk regarding the provision of clerking services.

These minutes remain draft until signed at the next APC meeting on 14th September 2010.

Artington Parish Council meets on the second Tuesday of alternate months at St Francis church in Littleton starting at 7.00pm.

Next meetings: Tuesday 14th September & Tuesday 9th November 2010.