

ARTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on 10th March 2014 at Long Meadow, Littleton, because it was not possible to gain access to St Francis's church.

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 (a)	

(*) 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 James Palmer (GBC), Cllr Neil Ward (GBC), PC Ryan Stephens and Sergeant Sam Barwood.

- 1. Apologies for absence** Action
Received and accepted from Cllrs More Molyneux and Curl.
Cllr Musson reported that Cllr Karen Curl had given notice of her intention to resign as a parish councillor.
- 2. Disclosure of interests**
None.
- 3. Minutes**
The minutes of the extraordinary parish council meeting held on 5th February 2014 were signed as an accurate record.
- 4. Matters arising**
None.
- 5. Police matters**
 - PC Stephens gave a report on recent crimes committed in Artington and the surrounding parishes including a robbery at Peasmarsh, where there were two arrests at the scene of the crime, and another theft of York stone from a garden in Sandy Lane.
 - Sergeant Barwood reminded councillors of the secure, free website, www.immobilise.com which can be used register their property.
 - Cllr Bennett reported that, at a recent meeting with Surrey Police about the parking problems in The Ridges caused by visitors to Mount Browne, progress had been made and some parking habits are now changing. He also reported on a recent Police briefing for parish councils held by the Chief Constable, Lynne Owens, and the Police Commissioner, Kevin Hurley, where Mr Hurley outlined his long-term vision for Surrey and Sussex police to be merged and Mount Browne sold.
 - PC Stephens told the meeting of the next "Meet the Beat", an opportunity to talk to your local beat officers on an informal basis, which will be held at the Snooty Fox in King's Road, Shalford from noon to 1.30pm on Thursday 27th March.
 - Cllr Ward told the meeting of www.streetlife.com, a social network for local communities.
 - Councillors brought to the attention of the police representatives the problem of traffic leaving Mount Browne onto Sandy Lane. Vehicles frequently fail to give way to traffic on the lane and this was thought to be due to a lack of give way signs and road markings on the Mount Browne driveway.
- 6. Reports from County and Borough councillors**
 - Cllr James Palmer (GBC) reported that a temporary court injunction has been granted to prevent further deposition of waste at Pond Farm. There will be a further hearing on 16th April to give time for further evidence to be heard after which SCC will seek a permanent injunction.
 - GBC has been reviewing the performance of council staff who were involved with the flooding relief work; they were considered to have acquitted themselves well. The review highlighted problems with communications with the Environment Agency but these have now improved.

The council is also looking at water courses throughout the borough to assess how they might cope in the event of further exceptionally heavy rain.

- GBC has approved a 1.9% increase in its share of the council tax. It has made savings in the recycling scheme and through the redundancy of some senior management.
- The draft Local Plan will be published at the beginning of July for public consultation.
- Cllr George Johnson (SCC) reported that the proposed salt bin at The Ridges, which he is paying for out of his councillor's personal allowance, will be installed soon.

7. **Financial Matters**

- Cheques written since last meeting: *Ash Parish Council for road salt* £19.20

8. **Planning matters**

- Current planning application 14/P/00284 – Honey Brothers, Peasmarsh

Council raised no objection but will write to ask for trees to be planted as a screen between proposed building and New Pond Road. It will also express concerns that the building may be illuminated through the night.

- Current planning application 14/P/00369 – Racal Radio Base Station, Hogs Back

Councillors raised no objection.

- Current planning application 14/P/00359 – Communication Mast Mercury, Mount Browne

Councillors raised no objection.

- Stephenson Plastics. The Council queried the current status of the planning consent for the business, Stephenson Plastics, at Piccard's Farm. Councillor Ward undertook to check the status and advise APC accordingly

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9. **Loseley related matters**

- Cllr More Molyneux was absent.

10. **Highways and rights of way**

- There has been no Community Speed Watch or Rat Run event since the last meeting.

- The New Pond Road railway bridge is to be closed in the autumn to enable Network Rail to rebuild the arch. Cllr Johnson agreed to lobby for the inclusion of a footway over the bridge which is at present effectively unavailable to pedestrians.

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- He was also asked to follow up various highway matters with the Highways Department: the installation of the wooden posts along Stakescorner Road, the clearance of the footpath and cycle way between The Ridges and St Catherine's Hill and the broken fence of the Old Portsmouth Road railway bridge.

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11. **Parish facilities**

- Councillors discussed ways in which the Great War centenary could be commemorated. The clerk is continuing to research the history of the men listed on the parish memorial in St Francis's church.

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- The date of the Artington Parish Party has been changed to Sunday 25th May. All residents will be invited to attend.

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- RM asked councillors for any suggestions to enhance the Mayor's visit to Artington next month.

12. **Annual Assembly**

The Annual Assembly is to be held at the University of Law at Brabeouf Manor on Wednesday 7th May. Thanks were recorded to the University of Law for agreeing to host the event, which all residents will be invited to attend.

RM

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

The next meeting of Artington Parish Council will be held on Monday 12th May 2014 at St Francis church in Littleton, starting at 7.00pm.