

# ARTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2015 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 (a)	Mr R Bennett (a)
Mrs A Mayer (*)	

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

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

**In attendance:** Cllr George Johnson (SCC), Cllr James Palmer (GBC), Cllr Neil Ward (GBC), Phil Gorton (clerk) and one member of the public.

## 1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Bennett and Cllr More Molyneux.

## 2. Disclosure of interests

Cllr Stanford declared an interest in Item 8.

## 3. Minutes

The minutes parish council meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015 were signed as an accurate record.

## 4. Matters arising from the meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015

There were no matter arising.

## 5. Police report on current issues

There was no police representative at the meeting and no report was received.

## 6. Reports from borough and county councillors

### Cllr James Palmer (GBC):

- GBC have increased their share of the Council Tax by 1.5% but this is against a background of a 75% reduction in the central government Rate Support Grant. The council has avoided significant cuts in services by investing in property and diversifying its sources of income.
- There will be no further progress with the Local Plan until after the May elections. It is anticipated that it will be implemented by mid 2016.
- A flood risk assessment has been made throughout the borough council area.
- An assessment made jointly with SCC into the impact of new development on transport in the borough will be reporting in June 2015.
- The Office for National Statistics has revised its estimate of the number of houses required to be built in the council's area, which will require a revision of the draft Local Plan.
- There has been further dumping of waste at Pond Farm. Cllr Palmer gave an outline of GBC's latest action regarding the property.

### Cllr George Johnson (SCC):

- Cllr Johnson gave an outline of SCC's current legal position regarding the waste at Pond Farm.
- Littleton is not a part of the SCC broadband scheme but is covered by the BT commercial operation. Cllr Johnson will investigate why the village has been excluded from the SCC scheme.

GJ

[Cllr Ward joined the meeting at 7.40pm]

- New Pond Road rail bridge. A recent traffic survey revealed that no pedestrians and only seven cyclists used the bridge during a twelve-hour period. Network Rail has not provided an estimate of the cost of including a footway on the replacement bridge, which prevents SCC from seeking funding, nor has it provided a structural engineer's report. In the absence of this information, a planned meeting with Anne Milton MP and Jeremy Hunt MP has been cancelled.
- Cllr Johnson drew the parish council's attention to the Care Act 2014 which makes changes to the provision for people in care.
- SCC is reviewing its policies and procedures to minimise the possibility of sexual grooming of children in Surrey.

7. **Loseley matters**  
 Cllr More Molyneux was not present at the meeting but sent a written report:
- Work on the roof of Loseley House is continuing and it is anticipated that the scaffolding will be removed by Wed 20<sup>th</sup> May.
  - The Spring Garden Show will be held on Fri 17<sup>th</sup> – Sun 19<sup>th</sup> April.
  - The gardens will open on Fri 1<sup>st</sup> May and the house on Mon 1<sup>st</sup> June.
  - The gardens are now featuring in a six-month series of articles in Country Living magazine.
8. **Planning matters**  
 • *4 St Catherine's Hill: listed building consent for replacement windows – 15/P/00230.*  
 • *Little Cottage, Littleton: tree reduction – 15/T/00036*  
 Councillors raised no objection to these planning applications.
9. **Financial matters**  
 • No cheque has been written since the last meeting.  
 • Grant Aid project. Cllr Stanford has contacted Alan Frost who, it is hoped, will build the proposed benches along the North Downs Way but he is currently busy with other work. JS
10. **Highways and rights of way**  
 • Efforts to solve the drainage problem at The Ridges are continuing and involve APC, SCC, Loseley estate, Mount Browne and the National Trust. RB  
 • Cllr Johnson will contact the Highways Department about the incomplete installation of the posts in Stakescorner Road. GJ  
 • The clerk has written to SCC requesting that consideration be given to adopting a 30mph speed limit along Stakescorner Rod. Cllr Johnson has made a similar request.  
 • A recent access-only survey of the traffic through Littleton identified 22 vehicles using the lanes as a through-route, out of 60 counted in the space of 90 minutes. The police have been informed and they will write the offending car owners.
11. **Broadband speeds**  
 Dealt with under Item 6.
12. **Big Lunch – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May**  
 The event will start earlier at 1.30pm this year. The barbecue will consist of Loseley buffalo and/or Littleton lamb with music provided by the Catteshall Band. JS
13. **Annual Assembly**  
 Cllr Musson is currently looking for a venue for the assembly, the date of which is to be decided. A display honouring the memory of Artington residents who died in the First World War is being considered. RM
14. **Parish council elections**  
 Parish and borough council elections are to take place on Thu 7<sup>th</sup> May. The clerk distributed nomination papers to all current APC councillors.
15. **Other business**  
 • Cllr Kitson is to organise a litter-pick to take place during the weekend of 11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> April. SK  
 • The mayor of Guildford is to visit the parish on Fri 24<sup>th</sup> April.  
 • Cllr Palmer is not seeking re-election to GBC in May. APC councillors thanked him for his help and support during his years in office.

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

**The next meeting of Artington Parish Council will be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at St Francis's church in Littleton, starting at 7.00pm.**