

ARTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on 14th March 2016 at St Francis's church, Littleton.

Councillors present:

Mr R Musson (Chairman) (*)	Mrs J Stanford (*)
Mr G Smith (Vice Chairman) (*)	Mr S Kitson (*)
Mr A 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) and three members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence.

Cllr Mike Parsons (GBC).

2. Disclosure of interests

Cllr More-Molyneux declared an interest in matters relating to the Loseley estate, particularly the planning application for Orange Court Farmhouse.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th January 2016 were signed as an accurate record.

4. Matters arising

- Cllr Bennett reported that Surrey Police have proposed a single yellow line parking restriction for The Ridges to prevent all-day parking.
- Cllr More-Molyneux has reported the leaning electricity pole in Littleton to the electricity supply company but has received no response.
- The council thanked Cllr More-Molyneux for the clearance of litter from New Pond Road and Stakescorner Road.

5. Report from Police

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

6. Planning matters

• *GBC planning consultation*

GBC does not inform APC of applications outside the parish but they occasionally have a significant effect on Artington residents, i.e. Piccard's Farm and Barrett House in Chestnut Avenue, both of which are in Friary and St Nicolas ward. The clerk will contact GBC planning department to ask that APC be notified of planning applications for properties that lie close to the parish boundary.

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• *Pond Farm.*

SCC have received evidence of further dumping of waste at Pond Farm since 31st January. They will return to the High Court to pursue their prosecution of the farm's occupier. The clerk was asked to report to GBC planning enforcement officers concerns about the continued use of the land for residential purposes and for the storing of disused cars.

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• *Current planning applications:*

- Treetops Boarding Kennels ref: 16/P/00141

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The council had no objection to this application but will make comments to GBC.

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- Orange Court Farmhouse ref: 16/P/00406 No objection*

**The council considered Orange Court Farmhouse at the end of the meeting following the departure of Cllr More-Molyneux who had declared an interest in the application.*

- No 3 The Ridges, Artington ref: 16/P/00411 No objection
- New Pond Cottage ref: 16/P/00285 No objection

7. Highways and rights of way

• *Sandy Lane closure*

Cllr Musson reported that the building contractor, Amiri, is aiming to finish the work within eight weeks. He also thanked the University of Law for allowing Sandy Lane residents to park in their grounds for the duration of the road closure. Cllr Johnson reported that John Hilder, SCC Highways Area Manager, would welcome a meeting with representatives of those affected by the closure and

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APC to discuss the problem. Cllr Johnson also continues to push for the Sandy Lane, Littleton Lane and Stakescorner Road to be moved towards the top of the Project Horizon list for resurfacing.

- *Drainage at Artington*

The ditch to the north of Artington Farmhouse has been cleared but Jason Lewis of SCC Highways is unable to arrange for the clearing of the gulleys in The Ridges that feed into the ditch until Sandy Lane is reopened.

- *New Pond Road railway bridge*

There is no further news regarding the replacement of the bridge.

- *Speed limit in Stakescorner Road and Littleton Lane*

Cllr Johnson continues to press for a reduction in the speed limits along these roads. The clerk was asked to write to Surrey Police to ask them to instruct their employees to drive more courteously and to observe the speed limits through Littleton and Sandy Lane.

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8. Reports from Borough and County councillors

No GBC councillors were present and Cllr Johnson had no more to add to the above items.

9. Loseley matters

Cllr More-Molyneux reported that:

- There is to be a charity run for GUTS starting at Loseley on Sunday 3rd April.
- A Queen's Birthday Beacon will be lit on Thursday 21st April, probably just to the north of Loseley House. All parish residents will be invited to attend the celebration, details of which are to follow.
- There is to be a Spring Garden Show held over the weekend of 22nd - 24th April.
- Rights of way across the Loseley estate are to be waymarked to assist walkers.
- He is to write to the Loseley business tenants asking them to observe the speed limits and to drive with consideration for other road users.

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10. Financial matters

- *Cheques written since the last meeting*

P&P Glass, for the repair of the bus shelter near Loseley East Lodge £160.80

- *Payment for use of St Francis's church*

Councillors resolved to pay £150 to the Loseley Christian Trust for the use of St Francis church.

- *Money received*

The council has received a Transparency Funding grant of £922.00 to cover the cost of the parish website that enables the publication of the annual return and other statutory information. Thanks were given to Cllr Johnson who arranged for a grant of £133.33 from his SCC Member's Allocation to cover the cost of repairing the bus shelter.

The clerk anticipates receiving a VAT refund of £75.12 in the near future.

- *Annual review of the governance and management risk assessment.*

The risk assessment was reviewed and approved by the council.

- *Automatic enrolment*

The clerk reported that, whilst he did not wish to be enrolled into a pension scheme, some future clerk may wish to be and that this could have a significant effect on the council's outgoings.

11. Big Lunch 12 June 2016

Minutes of the recent meeting of the Big Lunch Committee have been published on the parish website. Since that meeting, a celebration cake has been offered by Loseley and Andy Docherty has offered to give rides in his vintage Rolls Royce during the event. The next meeting of the committee will be on Tuesday 26th April at Hollowfield. All Artington residents and their families are most welcome to attend.

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12. Clean for the Queen

Cllr. Kitson will circulate possible dates for the next litter pick.

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13. Arrangements for the Annual Assembly and the mayor's visit

- Cllr Musson reported that Mount Browne has offered to host the Annual Assembly on Tuesday 10th May in the dining room of the old house.
- The Mayor of Guildford will visit the parish on Monday 4th April.

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

The next meeting will be held St Francis's Church Littleton on Monday 9th May 2016 at 7.00pm.