

ARTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on 13th March 2017 at St Francis's church, Littleton.

Councillors present:

Mr G Smith (Chairman) (*)	Ms J Wisher (*)
Mr R Bennett (Vice Chairman) (a)	Mr S Kitson (*)
Mr A More-Molyneux (*)	Mr R Musson (*)
	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), Cllr Mike Parsons (GBC), one member of the public.

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Richard Bennett and Cllr Michael Illman (GBC).

2. Co-option of parish councillor

Councillors welcomed Jennie Wisher to the parish council. They also expressed their appreciation of the work done by her predecessor, Jacqui Stanford, during her four years as a member of the council.

3. Disclosure of interests

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

4. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2017 were signed as an accurate record.

5. Matters arising

• *Speed limit in Stakescorner Road*

The clerk reported that the council's request for a reduction in the speed limit along Stakescorner Road is not to be considered by the County Council. Cllr Johnson advised that the parish council should write to the chairman of the Local Committee to request that this decision be reviewed, particularly in the light of the recent fatal car accident on the bend north of Stakescorner Cottage.

GS

• *Highways work*

The list of required road works should once again be sent to SCC Highways, via Cllr Johnson.

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• *War memorial*

It is understood that Cllr Bennett is continuing to work on this proposal. Vicky Good has volunteered to investigate to see if there are any casualties missing from the list hanging in the church and if there were any from the Second World War who could also be included.

RB

• *Drainage at The Ridges*

Cllr Johnson reported that work to clear the culverts is to commence on 27th March, which should alleviate the flooding of the A3100. Cllr Bennett is understood to be pursuing the matter and Loseley estate is also now concerned as the water is damaging the Nags' Stable, opposite The Ridges.

RB

6. Planning matters

• *Guildford Borough Council planning consultation process.*

The parish council is content that GBC consults electronically but with the proviso that paper copies of applications should be made available in exceptional cases.

• *Pond Farm*

Mr Podger is due to appear in court on 30th June 2017 by which time, it has been ordered, he should have arranged for the removal of the unconsented waste from Pond Farm.

• *Current planning application:*

Little Cottage, Littleton Lane – felling of two conifers

ref: 17/T/00031

The parish council made no comment.

7. Highways and rights of way

• *New Pond Road railway bridge*

The bridge is being remotely monitored by Network Rail and, if there is any sudden deterioration of its condition, it is likely that they will impose a weight restriction rather than close the bridge. The potholes on the bridge that were reported to SCC by Jacqui Stanford have been repaired.

8. **Reports from Borough and County councillors**
- **Cllr George Johnson** asked if there had been any perceived change in the rate of fly tipping since charges were introduced at SCC recycling centres. Councillors said that that they had not noticed any change.
 - As this was possibly Cllr Johnson's last visit to an APC meeting as an SCC member, councillors thanked him for all his work and support that he has given to APC over the last four years.
 - **Cllr Mike Parsons** talked about the effect that a development at Dunsfold might have on the roads in Guildford which, he says, would be able to cope with the anticipated increase in traffic.
 - The GBC revised Local Plan will be out to consultation on 12th June for six weeks. It is anticipated that it will be submitted to the Secretary of State in December to be adopted in September 2018.
 - GBC had dropped its Pond Farm enforcement case because SCC is the authority responsible for waste management and because the GBC enforcement officers had found no evidence that the mobile homes on the site are inhabited.
 - The council is to set up a forum to consider the views of the Guildford Vision Group.
9. **Loseley matters**
Cllr More-Molyneux reported:
- There is to be a Spring Garden Show at Loseley 21st - 24th April.
 - The house will be open from 1st May.
 - On 21st March, Thames Water will be closing Littleton Lane for a short period while they work on the water supply to Orange Court Farmhouse.
 - The estate is awaiting the outcome of a planning application to convert the Nags' Stable at Artington to offices, with vehicular access from the Park & Ride roundabout.
 - The Sheiling at Artington should have new tenants by the end of this month.
10. **Financial matters**
- *Cheques written since the last meeting*
Surrey Hills Society subscription: £25.00
George Smith for carol service expenses £16.00
 - *Donation for use of St Francis's church*
Councillors resolved to donate £150 to the Loseley Christian Trust for the use of St Francis church.
 - *Money received*
No money has been received since the last meeting, although the clerk anticipates the receipt of refunded VAT for 2016/17 before the end of the month.
 - *Annual review of the governance and management risk assessment.*
The risk assessment was reviewed and approved by the council.
11. **Litter pick**
Cllr Kitson is to organise another litter pick and will circulate some possible dates to councillors. SK
12. **Big Lunch**
Jacqui Stanford continues to lead the organising committee of the Big Lunch that is to be held on Sunday 28th May in the Royal Oak Field, next to Littleton Farm House.
13. **Arrangements for the mayor of Guildford's visit**
Cllr Musson is making the arrangements for the mayor's visit to the parish that will take place on Monday 10th April. RM
14. **Annual parish meeting**
The meeting will take place on Thursday 18th May at the Chestnut Lodge, Loseley. Cllr Kitson will organise the distribution of the invitations for the annual parish meeting and the Big Lunch. SK
15. **Other matters**
Cllr More-Molyneux said he would arrange for the fallen bench on the Littleton to Artington path to be removed. The footpath fingerpost at the junction with the path to Mount Browne has also fallen. The clerk will report it to SCC. AMM
PG

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

The next meeting will be held Chestnut Lodge, Loseley, on Thursday 18th March 2017 starting at 6.00pm.