

Artington Parish Council

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on 4th March 2019 at St Francis Church, Littleton.

Councillors present:

Mr R Bennett (*)	Ms J Wisher (a)
Mrs C Taft (*)	Mr S Kitson, chairman (*)
Mr A More-Molyneux (*)	Mr P Hutson (*)
	Mrs F Clayton(*)

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

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

In attendance: Cllr Mike Parsons (GBC) and Phil Gorton (clerk).

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Wisher and Cllr Matt Furniss (SCC)

2. Disclosure of interests

- Cllr More-Molyneux for matters relating to the Loseley estate.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the annual parish council meeting held on 14th January 2019 were signed as an accurate record.

4. Matters arising

The clerk has received no further information about the proposed new bus shelter at Artington.

5. Planning matters

- *Recent and current planning applications:*

Units 6A & B, Pew Corner, use of buildings for auctions

ref: 18/P/00158

Brickfields Cottage, single storey extension

ref: 18/P/00333

Christopher's Children's Hospice

ref: 18/P/00342

The council had no objection to these applications.

- *Enforcement:*

Pond Farm - continued deposition of unconsented waste and vehicles.

Cllr Matt Furniss has written to the clerk to report that SCC has received legal advice and is working on a plan of action that will be presented as soon as possible.

Advertising hoarding at Guildway offices.

The clerk reported that, following Cllr Parsons' intervention, GBC planning enforcement has started action in this case.

6. Highways and rights of way

- *Drainage at The Ridges*

Cllr Bennett reported that there has been no further news of the proposed works, which have yet to begin.

- *Vehicle Activated Sign at St Catherine's Hill*

Despite reports to the contrary, this sign is still not working and it is obscured by vegetation.

The clerk will report the defect to SCC.

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7. Report from county and borough councillors

- Cllr Mike Parsons said that he hoped that the Guildford Local Plan would be adopted before the local elections on 2nd May.

- He also reported that Brexit has caused a drop in the number of students applying to the University of Surrey and that there are concerns that this will have an adverse affect on the town's economy.

8. **Loseley matters**
- Spring Garden Show will take place at Loseley between Fri 26 – Sun 28 April.
 - The house and gardens will open to the public on 1st May.
 - Loseley has agreed a wayleave to enable British Telecom to install a broadband fibre cable to Littleton but work to install the cable has yet to begin.
9. **Fly tipping and litter picking**
- Cllr More-Molyneux said that one of the Loseley tenants had suggested that the parish council buy a digital motion-activated camera to try to identify fly tippers. The clerk has received advice from the Surrey Association of Local Councils that the Crown Prosecution Service considers such evidence to be unreliable. The council decided therefore not to pursue the idea.
 - Cllr Clayton reported that it was not possible for a litter pick to be organised by the parish council along New Pond Road because the speed and density of the traffic meant that signs and a road closure would be necessary.
 - Cllr Clayton is to investigate if signs warning against fly tipping might be available from GBC. FC
10. **Financial**
- *Payments made since the last meeting*
- George Smith for carol service expenses: £13.98
- The council resolved to pay the Loseley Christian Trust £175 for the use of St Francis church for parish council meetings.
11. **Data protection**
- The clerk reported that GBC had offered a service to provide a Data Protection Officer for parish councils. However, as parish councils are not required to have a DPO, and because the cost is too high, the service could not be considered. He has asked if a one-off audit of the council's data protection arrangements could be provided but he has not yet heard if this would be possible or affordable.
12. **Polling District and Polling Station Review**
- The clerk reported that there are no proposals to change polling districts or polling stations in a way that would affect Artington parish.
13. **Local council elections**
- The clerk distributed parish nomination packs to councillors who wish to stand again for office at the coming local government elections on 2nd May.
14. **Big Lunch**
- Cllr Taft confirmed that the Big Lunch would take place at the Royal Oak Field on Sunday 23rd June from 1.30pm. The next meeting of the planning committee will be held at Long Meadow, Littleton, on Wednesday 20th March.
15. **Annual Parish Meeting**
- Councillors decided that the meeting would take place during the week of Monday 20th May. Cllr Clayton will confirm the date with the Guildford Vision Group representative.
16. **Other business**
- Community Speed Watch and traffic rat-running events are to be held in the near future.

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

The next meeting of the parish council will be held in St Francis Church, Littleton, on Monday 13th May 2019 starting at 7.00pm.