

ARTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting
held on 16th May 2011 at St Francis Church, Littleton.

Councillors present:

Mr R Musson (Chairman) (*)	Mrs C Longstaff (*)
Mr G Smith (Vice Chairman) (*)	Mr S Kitson (*)
Mr M More Molyneux (*)	Mr R Bennett (*)

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

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

In attendance: Phil Gorton (clerk).

1. Election of chairman and deputy chairman

- Roger Musson was re-elected as Chairman and George Smith was re-elected as Vice Chairman.
- Cllr Musson welcomed Cllr Kitson as a new member of the council.

2. Apologies

- PC Nick Sharpe and PCSO Fiona Fyfe sent their apologies.

3. Disclosure of interest:

- Cllr More Molyneux declared an interest in relation to item 10.

4. Minutes:

- The minutes of the parish council meeting held on 14th March 2010 were signed as an accurate record.

5. Artington Parish Council Risk Assessment:

- The risk assessment previously circulated to members was reviewed and ratified.

6. Financial matters

- *Cheques written since last meeting*
Subscription to SCAPTC for £93.71.
- *Presentation of the Annual Return*

The Annual Return had been distributed to councillors prior to the meeting. The Statement of Accounts and the Annual Governance Statement were approved unanimously by the Council.

7. Police matters:

- There were no police representatives at the meeting. The clerk reported that he had heard from the property manager of Mount Browne to say that the repair of the collapsed wall on the Old Portsmouth Road was in hand and they were waiting for authorisation from the highways authority for temporary traffic lights. It was anticipated that the work would be done by the end of May. As promised, a team from Mount Browne had cleared away some of the debris to increase the width of the footway by the fallen wall.
- Cllr Bennett reported that as a result of the letter sent to the Chief Constable following the last meeting, there has been a reduction in the incidence of Mount Browne employees parking their cars in The Ridges. However, other people have started parking there early in the morning and leaving their cars all day. It is believed that they arrive before and leave after the Park & Ride car park is open. Cllr Kitson said that despite the fact the car park is closed and unused from 8.00pm to 7.00am, the lights are left on throughout the night. The clerk was asked to write to GBC to ask if they could be switched off overnight.

Action Clerk

- Cllr Musson reported that a parish visit to the museum at Mount Browne is being organised with the help of PCSO Fyfe that will, hopefully, take place in the autumn. Appreciation was expressed for PCSO Fyfe's support for the parish, particularly her presence at the recent Annual Assembly that she attended during her off-duty time. **Action: RM**

- Concerns were once more expressed about the speed at which Mount Browne employees drive through the lanes of the parish. The clerk is to ask PC Sharpe what steps had been taken by the police to address the problem. **Action: Clerk**

8. **Reports from Borough and County councillors:**

- No borough or county councillors were present.
- Cllr Musson reminded the meeting that SCC has served an enforcement order on Mr Podger because he does not have permission to store the chalk and hardcore that is on the land at Pond Farm in Furze Lane.
- The mayor of Guildford, Marsha Moseley, has visited the parish since the last meeting.

9. **Twelve Month Plan**

- Two litter picking sessions have taken place since the plan was last reviewed.
- The highways department of SCC has been contacted several times about the various problems in the parish. There has been some success but the footway on Old Portsmouth Road is still causing particular concern as it is now almost completely covered with undergrowth. The clerk is to write to SCC requesting that it be cleared as a matter of urgency. **Action: Clerk**

10. **Loseley related activities**

- Cllr More Molyneux agreed to move the sign telling motorists to turn right out of the Loseley drive to a more prominent position on the drive approaching the junction. Loseley also have in hand the painting of a white line to more clearly delineate the junction between the driveway and the lane.
- In response to a query about the use of unofficial paths in the Guildown area, Cllr More Molyneux said that he was concerned about the increasing number of people walking through growing crops and along the wild life margins around fields. He said that the Loseley estate was considering the defining of permissive footpaths in various places to create circular walks. Cllr Longstaff asked if more positive signage of the North Downs Way through Piccards Farm could be installed.

9. **Planning matters:**

- Cllr Musson has written to the GBC planning department about de-cluttering at Artington Business Park but has yet to receive a reply.

10. **Parish facilities**

- GBC has offered a second-hand bus shelter to replace the dilapidated one at Loseley East Lodge. There will be no cost to APC, although it will be necessary for the old shelter to be removed and the base prepared. Cllr Smith will organise a team to demolish the old shelter. **Action: GS**
- Funding has been received to provide two grit bins in Sandy Lane and at the hairpin bend. The clerk is to investigate the best source of bins and grit with the intention of them being in place before next winter. **Action: Clerk**
- Cllr More Molyneux will arrange with Alan Frost for the building of two benches that are to be installed on the footpath between Littleton and Artington on Loseley land. **Action: MMM**

11. **Community Speed Watch:**

- Cllr Smith said that a CSW event took place in Stakescorner Road on 13th May and a number of motorists were found exceeding the 40mph speed limit.
- Cllr Bennett reported that he has still not been able to contact the owner of the property, Cobwebs, north of Tree Top Kennels to ask permission to use their driveway for a CSW site for southbound traffic.

12. **Diamond Jubilee celebration:**
 - There was considerable enthusiasm expressed at the Annual Assembly for such an event within Littleton and Cllr Longstaff is giving consideration to its organisation. Cllr Smith agreed to contact a local resident regarding assistance in co-ordinating the event.

13. **Vacancy for parish councillor:**
 - There is a vacancy on the parish council and Cllr Longstaff is to approach a possible candidate. Cllr Musson expressed the council's appreciation to Cllr Longstaff for agreeing to remain on the council for the time being.

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

**The next meeting of Artington Parish Council will be held on
Monday 11th July 2011 at St Francis church in Littleton, starting at 7.00pm.**