

# ARTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting  
held on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2012 at St Francis Church, Littleton.

## Councillors present:

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

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

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

**In attendance:** Phil Gorton (clerk), Simon Gimson (SCC councillor) and James Palmer (GBC councillor)

- Election of chairman and deputy chairman**
  - Roger Musson was re-elected as Chairman and George Smith was re-elected as Vice Chairman.
- Apologies**
  - Apologies were received from Cllr Bennett, Cllr Gimson (GBC), PC Matt Taylor and PCSO Fiona Fyfe.
- Disclosure of interest:**
  - Cllr More Molyneux declared an interest with regard to any matters relating to the Loseley estate.
- Minutes:**
  - The minutes of the parish council meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2012 were signed as an accurate record.
  - The minutes of the annual parish meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2012 were signed as an accurate record.
- Matters arising**
  - Concern was expressed about the safety of the roadside drain opposite Orange Court Farm. Cllr More Molyneux said that he would arrange for the structure to be made safe.
- Proposed Mount Browne liaison meeting:**
  - It was resolved that a committee consisting of Cllrs Longstaff, Kitson and Smith to be formed to have a periodic meeting with Chris Jackson, Mount Browne estates manager, to discuss various issues including parking in The Ridges, speeding through the parish lanes and the matter of the collapsed wall on the Old Portsmouth Road. **Action: CL, SK, GS**
- Police report on current issues**

There was no police report further to that given by PC Taylor at the annual parish meeting.

8. **Report from James Palmer, Guildford Borough councillor**
- *“Love where you Live”* Cllr Palmer told the meeting of the GBC scheme that allows parish councils to identify places that need particular work by the borough council.
  - *Planning Enforcement*  
GBC is looking into the effectiveness of its planning enforcement and a report is to be presented to the Planning Committee on 29<sup>th</sup> May.
  - *Town Centre and Transport*  
Cllr Palmer has been given a cabinet position with particular responsibility for Guildford town centre and transport.
  - *Traveller sites*  
There are insufficient pitches for travellers in the GBC area and the council working to identify suitable sites within the borough.
9. **Loseley related matters**  
Cllr More Molyneux had nothing to add to his recent report to the annual parish meeting. Cllr Musson thanked him for making the Tithe Barn available for the annual parish meeting and also thanked everyone who helped to make the event successful.
10. **Financial matters**
- *Cheques written since last meeting*
- |   |        |
|---|--------|
| <u>Identitag</u> : jubilee oak memorial plaque:                           | £66.05 |
| <u>Jacqui Stanford</u> : reimbursement for cost of the royal oak sapling: | £30.00 |
- *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.
11. **Planning matters:**
- *Orange Court Farm*  
Cllr Smith expressed concern that letters of objection known to have been sent to GBC have not appeared on the planning website and might not, therefore, be presented to the planning committee. Cllr Palmer said that he would ensure that all letters would be included. **Action: JP**
  - *Waste enforcement at Pond Farm.*  
Councillors briefly discussed the current enforcement action by SCC.
  - *Clearance of woodland in Sandy Lane.*  
No planning permission is required for the work that has been done in this woodland although GBC planning department has informed the clerk that permission for the work may be required from the Forestry Commission. Cllr Curl is to draft a letter to the commission. **Action: KC**
12. **Parish facilities**  
No matters were reported.
11. **Highways and rights of way:**
- *Community Speed Watch*  
Cllr Smith reported that a CSW exercise took place on 20 March in Stakescorner Road.
  - *Rat running*  
Cllr Smith reported that on 27 March, an exercise to identify motorists using the road between Loseley entrance and the Ship identified 12 “rat runners” out of a total of 46 vehicles.
  - *Litter pick*  
Cllr Musson reported that a litter picking exercise had taken place recently. He thanked all those who took part.
  - *Fly tipping*  
Fly tipping continues to be a problem in the parish. People are urged report instances to GBC on 01483 444499 or to report it online via the SCC website.

- *Roadside verges*

The clerk has been in contact with GBC about changing the cutting regime for the verges of the minor roads through the parish. The clerk will investigate suitable management plans. Cllr Palmer was thanked for his help in this matter. **Action: Clerk**

12. **Proposed parish events**

- *Local interest films*

Cllr Smith is investigating the possibility of having periodic showings of films by the Circle Eight film group.

- *Godalming Navigation guided walk*

Rob Craig, the National Trust lengthsmen, has kindly volunteered to lead a walk and explain his work on the navigation on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June. Anyone who is interested in attending should notify the clerk. **Action: Clerk**

- *Diamond Jubilee event*

Plans for the event are proceeding well. Councillors were asked to try to find old photos or other ephemera for a small exhibition that is planned to take place in St Francis Church as a part of the celebrations.

13. **Other matters**

- *Artington Business Park*

Cllr Kitson expressed concern about a car washing business that has started on the site. The clerk will ask GBC planning enforcement to investigate. **Action: Clerk**

- *Surrey Hills Society talks*

Cllr Smith informed the meeting that the Surrey Hills Society, of which the council is a member, gives talks to interested groups. He suggested that the society be invited to give a talk at the next annual parish meeting. **Action: GS**

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

**The next meeting of Artington Parish Council will be held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2012 at St Francis church in Littleton, starting at 7.00pm.**