

ARTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the annual parish council meeting held on 12th May 2014 at St Francis's church, Littleton.

Councillors present:

Mr R Musson (Chairman) (*) Mrs J Stanford (*)
Mr G Smith (Vice Chairman) (*) Mr S Kitson (a)
Mr M More Molyneux (*) Mr R Bennett (a)

(*) 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 PCSO Hannah Buckley.

1. **Election of chairman and deputy chairman** Action
Roger Musson was re-elected as Chairman and George Smith was re-elected as Vice Chairman.
2. **Apologies for absence**
Received and accepted from Cllrs Bennett & Kitson.
3. **Disclosure of interests**
Cllr More Molyneux declared an interest in items concerning the Loseley estate.
4. **Minutes**
The minutes of the parish council meeting held on 10th March 2014 were signed as an accurate record.
5. **Matters arising** Clerk
Cllr Musson reported that Karen Curl had now stepped down as a parish councillor. The clerk will make arrangements to advertise for someone to fill the vacancy.
6. **Police matters**
 - PCSO Buckley reminded councillors of the secure, free website, www.immobilise.com which can be used register their property. If people with no internet access wish to register their property they should contact their local police officers, PC Stephens or PCSO Damon Young, at the GBC offices at Millmead by telephoning 101.
 - PCSO Buckley will ask for six notices with details of the police local officers to be supplied for the APC notice boards and bus shelters. HB
 - Cllr More Molyneux reported that there are periodic instances of deer poaching on the Loseley estate. PCSO Buckley said that she could arrange for a specialist rural crimes officer to advise him about ways of tackling the problem. HB
7. **Report from County Councillor George Johnson** GJ
 - New Pond Road railway bridge
Network Rail and SCC have discussed the possibility of provision for pedestrians and cyclists when the bridge is replaced in the autumn. NR will not be making any provision and SCC has no funding to do so for at least the next five years. Consequently, there will be no separate pedestrian and cycle way. The bridge will be closed on 6th & 7th September for preparatory work and again from 4th - 6th October for construction of the new bridge. APC councillors expressed concern about where the diverted traffic would go and asked to be consulted well in advance of the closure. He intends to keep the matter of pedestrian and cycle access to the bridge on the SCC agenda and will speak to the leader of GBC in an attempt to gain support for the proposal from that authority.
 - Pond Farm
Mr Johnson advised that both SCC and the Environment Agency believe that there has been further deposition of waste on the site since the recent court injunction in April.
 - Highway matters
Cllr Johnson said that he was considering asking SCC to impose a prohibition on turning left out of Summers Road onto New Pond Road and he asked what APC opinion would be on the matter. Councillors voiced no objection.
 - Cllr Johnson said that he would support a 20 mph speed limit through Littleton if it were to be requested by the parish council.

8. **Financial Matters**

- Presentation of the Annual Return

The annual accounts had been distributed to councillors prior to the meeting. The Council unanimously approved the Statement of Accounts and the Annual Governance Statement.

- Adoption of new financial regulations

The new model financial regulations provided by the Surrey Association of Local Councils will be circulated to councillors to be adapted for APC use, with the intention of formally adopting them at the next meeting.

- Cheques written since the last meeting

Clerk's expenses £97.17

Loseley Christian Trust (for use of St Francis's church) £150.00

9. **Planning matters**

Local Plan

- Councillors discussed the possible sale of Mount Browne and questioned how any future development would be structured, bearing in mind that the site is in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

- They expressed concerns about the proposed increase of retail area by 60% in Guildford town centre when the roads and other infrastructure struggle to cope with the existing traffic levels.

- They agreed to purchase a paper copy of the GBC Local Plan when it is published on 1st July. Clerk

- Cllr More Molyneux said that, in response to GBC's request for landowners to suggest possible sites for development, Loseley had put forward a piece of land on the south side of New Pond Road opposite South Lodge. He stressed that there are no current plans to develop the area and that any possible future development would be dependent on the area being designated as a suitable site in the GBC Local Plan.

- Councillors will write to all Artington residents to inform them of APC's actions regarding the local plan and inviting them to contribute to the parish council's response or to make their own submissions to GBC. GS
RM

Current planning application: Little Piccards, Sandy Lane - tree reduction.

Councillors raised no objection.

10. **Loseley related matters**

Cllr More Molyneux gave notice of several events soon to be taking place at Loseley:

Action Medical Research May Fair Wed 14th May – Thu 15th May

Young Epilepsy's Purple Walk Sun 18th May

The Monarch of Wit (i.e. John Donne) Thu 20th May

Natural Photography Award Throughout the summer

Further details of events are available on www.loseleypark.co.uk

11. **Highways and rights of way**

- Parking at The Ridges was not discussed as Cllrs Bennett and Kitson were absent.

- The combined cycle/foot way on the Old Portsmouth Road up to Catherine Hill has been cleared of encroaching earth but there remains some overhanging vegetation. The clerk will investigate who is responsible for clearing it. Clerk

12. **Parish facilities**

- The organising group of the Artington Big Lunch was adopted as a sub-committee of the parish council. Cllr Stanford reported on plans for the event which is to take place on Sunday 25th May.

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

**The next meeting of Artington Parish Council will be held on
Monday 14th July 2014 at St Francis church in Littleton, starting at 7.00pm.**