

ARTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the annual parish council meeting held on 20th May 2015 at St Francis's church, Littleton.

Councillors present:

Mr R Musson (Chairman) (*)	Mrs J Stanford (*)
Mr G Smith (Vice Chairman) (*)	Mr S Kitson (*)
Mr M More Molyneux (a)	Mr R Bennett (*)
	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) and Cllr George Johnson (SCC).

- 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 Cllr More Molyneux, Cllr Michael Illman (GBC), Cllr Mike Parsons (GBC) and PCSO Damon Young.
- 3. Disclosure of interests**
There was no disclosure of interest.
- 4. Minutes**
The minutes of the parish council meeting held on 9th March 2015 and the Annual Parish Meeting of 13th May 2015 were signed as an accurate record.
- 5. Matters arising**
Cllr Stanford reported that Alan Frost would shortly be able to build the proposed benches along the North Downs Way, a project that is to be partly paid for with grant aid from GBC. JS
The clerk was asked to put a copy of the Mount Browne development plan on the parish website. Clerk
- 6. Police matters**
Surrey Police were not represented at the meeting but PCSO Damon Young had sent a list of recently reported crimes in the area, none of which occurred in Artington.
- 7. Loseley related matters**
Cllr More Molyneux was not present at the meeting but sent a report:
 - *Piccard's Farm*: a planning application has been submitted to GBC seeking to change the use of the buildings from planning class B2 to B1 workshop and storage with associated parking.
 - *National Armed Forces Day*: On Sunday 28th June, following the main event that is to be held in Guildford the previous day, Loseley will be hosting an exhibition of military equipment that mostly dates from the Second World War. The 60 ton tank will be arriving on a low-loader via Stakescorner Road – not on its tracks!
- 8. Financial Matters**
 - *Review of the Governance and Management Risk Assessment*
The risk assessment was circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. The council resolved unanimously to adopt it.
 - *Presentation of the Annual Return 2014-15*
The annual accounts were distributed to councillors prior to the meeting. The council unanimously approved the Accounting Statements and the Annual Governance Statement. The councillors gave their thanks to the clerk for his work on the annual return and also to the council's internal auditor, David Hunt. The clerk explained how the new Smaller Authorities (Transparency Regulations) will change the audit arrangements for the council and said that they may result in an increase in his working hours.

- *Cheques written since the last meeting:*

Clerk's expenses £87.54

- *Grant Aid projects:*

The benches referred to in Item 5, above, are to be match-funded by GBC.

9. **Highways and rights of way**

- *New Pond Road railway bridge*

Cllr Johnson reported that the temporary traffic lights will be in place until 28th May to allow the damage to one of the parapets to be assessed. He and Cllr Steve Cosser (SCC) are seeking a further meeting with Network Rail, SCC and local MPs Ann Milton and Jeremy Hunt to press for a wider bridge to accommodate pedestrians and cyclists. Cllr Johnson is also considering asking for a prohibition on turning right from New Pond Road into Summers Lane and on turning left onto the main road from the lane, should there appear to be a local appetite for such a change.

GJ

- *Drainage at The Ridges*

Cllr Bennett reported that a blockage at Artington has been cleared. However, two culverts under the Old Portsmouth Road and two drains in The Ridges still require attention. In view of the progress, Cllr Johnson is to defer his planned meeting with an SCC highways engineer later this week but will continue to keep track of progress.

- *Stakescorner Road posts*

Cllr Musson will seek a meeting with Jason Lewis of SCC highways to discuss the completion the unfinished task of installing the posts in Stakescorner Road.

RM

- *Stakescorner Road speed limit.*

The clerk and Cllr Johnson have been pressing SCC to consider reducing the speed limit in Stakescorner Road to 30 mph. Consequently, the SCC traffic engineer, Bahram Assadi, has agreed that the present 40mph limit will be reviewed for inclusion in the list for 2016-17 financial year.

- *Access-only and Community Speed Watch surveys*

Cllr Smith continues to be responsible for arranging these surveys.

- *Pot holes*

Cllr Musson will continue to press Jason Lewis to attend to the repair of the many pot holes in the parish roads. Cllr Kitson said that an effective way to do this is to report individual holes to SCC via the county council website (<http://new.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport>) and he encouraged everyone to do the same.

RM

10. **Planning matters**

- *Piccard's Farm, change of use from B2 to B1 workshop and storage with associated parking, (GBC ref: 15/P/00766)*

The council is to respond to this planning application.

- *Pond Farm*

Cllr Johnson reported that the occupier of Pond Farm has been summoned to attend the High Court on 7th July.

11. **Broadband speeds**

Littleton has been excluded from the SCC broadband scheme and Cllr Johnson is to investigate why this is.

GJ

12. **Big Lunch**

Cllr Stanford reported that plans for the Big Lunch on Sunday 24th May are progressing well.

13. **Parish and Ward additional funding scheme**

GBC has asked parish councils to submit requests for work to be undertaken by the borough council in their areas. The clerk asked councillors how they might like to make use of this offer of help in Artington parish. He will submit a request to GBC in due course.

Clerk

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

**The next meeting of Artington Parish Council will be held on
Monday 13th July 2015 at St Francis church in Littleton, starting at 7.00pm.**