

# ARTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the annual parish council meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at St Francis's church, Littleton.

## Councillors present:

Mr G Smith (Chairman) (*)	Mrs J Stanford (*)
Mr R Bennett (Vice-Chairman) (*)	Mr S Kitson (a)
Mr A More-Molyneux (*)	Mr R Musson (*)
	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), Cllr Mike Parsons (GBC).

## 1. Election of chairman and vice-chairman

Cllr Smith was elected as chairman and Cllr Bennett was elected as vice-chairman. Cllr Smith made it clear that he would be chairman for one year only. Two other members of the council had been asked to consider taking on the position of chairman but they had declined. Councillors recorded their thanks to Cllr Musson for his many years as chairman of the parish council and agreed that he should preside over this meeting.

## 2. Apologies for absence.

Cllr Sean Kitson, Cllr Michael Illman and Cllr George Johnson.

## 3. Disclosure of interests

Cllr More-Molyneux declared an interest in matters relating to the Loseley estate.

## 4. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2016 were signed as an accurate record.

## 5. Matters arising

- No progress has been made with parking problems at The Ridges.
- Councillors thanked the More-Molyneux family for organising the Queen's Birthday Beacon.
- There has been no progress regarding the New Pond Road railway bridge.
- Cllr Musson has received a letter of thanks from the last mayor of Guildford for her visit to the parish. Thanks were extended to all those people who helped make her visit so enjoyable: the National Trust, Rob Craig, the Plymouth Brethren, Pilgrim Wood Residential Home, Chloe Dancey, Jennie Wisher and Mike & Sarah More-Molyneux.

## 6. Police report

The clerk has received a letter from Surrey Police informing him that there will no police representative at parish council meetings in future unless there is a particular concern to be addressed. The regular parish crime report will no longer be produced.

## 7. Planning matters

### • Pond Farm

Cllr Parsons reported the Mr Podger has been bailed to appear in court once more. The domestic caravan and vehicles on the farm are subject to a GBC planning enforcement order.

### • Revised GBC Local Plan.

It is anticipated that consultation on the revised plan will be for a period of six weeks starting in June. It may be later than this, however, because the plan is subject to GBC receiving the SCC Transport and Infrastructure Plan. The final plan is due to be published by the end of 2017.

### • Sandy Lane closure.

Cllr Musson reported the anger felt by many residents concerning the lack of notice given by GBC planning and SCC Highways about the development site in Chestnut Avenue and the associated three-month closure of Sandy Lane. Although absent from the meeting, Cllr George Johnson reported to the clerk that the Customer Services Working Group of SCC councillors and officers will be undertaking a case study of the Sandy Lane closure.

- *Current planning applications:*
  - Mount Browne, walkway canopy ref: 16/P/00699
  - Honey Brothers, New Pond Road, new warehouse ref: 16/P/00726
  - Manor Cottage, Sandy Lane, oak frame garage ref: 16/P/00728
  - Littleton Farm House ref: 16/T/00068

Councillors made no comment about any of these applications. A letter will be sent to GBC Planning PG  
advising that APC has no objection to these applications.

8. **Highways and rights of way**

- *Drainage at The Ridges*

There has been no further progress but Cllr Bennett will continue to press Jason Lewis of SCC RB  
Highways to complete the work of clearing the drains.

- *Litter pick*

Councillors thanked Cllr Kitson for organising the successful litter pick that was held recently.

- *Use of North Downs Way by professional dog walkers*

Cllr More-Molyneux reported that Loseley is having 'no parking' signs made and intends to plant posts along the track to Piccard's and Conduit farms in an attempt to discourage parking by an increasing number of professional dog walkers.

9. **Reports from borough councillors**

Cllr Parsons reported that the policy portfolio holders at GBC have changed recently.

10. **Loseley matters**

Cllr More-Molyneux reported that:

- The house and gardens are now open for the summer season.
- There is to be a charity concert on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June.
- The Nags' Stable at Artington is a building at risk but there are plans to convert it to offices with access via the Park and Ride roundabout.

11. **Financial matters**

The annual return and accounts for 2015/16 were distributed to councillors before the meeting. The councillors thanked the internal auditor, David Hunt of Compton, for his work undertaken at no cost to the council.

a. *Approval of annual governance statement 2015/16*

The council unanimously resolved to approve the Annual Governance Statement.

b. *Approval of accounting statements 2015/16*

The council unanimously resolved to approve the Accounting Statements.

- *Cheques written since the last meeting*

Loseley Christian Trust	£150.00
Clerk's expenses	£176.60

12. **Arrangements for Big Lunch**

Cllr Stanford reported that plans for the lunch are progressing well and between 80 - 100 people are expected to attend. Details of the events and the minutes of the organising committee can be found on the parish website. The next meeting of the committee will be held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

The lunch will take place on the Royal Oak Field outside Littleton Farm House on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June from 1.30pm and all Artington residents and their families are most welcome to attend.

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

**Artington Parish Council meets on the second Monday of alternate months at St Francis church in Littleton, beginning at 7.00pm.**

**The next meeting will be held St Francis's Church, Littleton, on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at 7.00pm.**