

Artington Parish Council

Minutes of the annual parish council meeting held on 18th May 2017 at Chestnut Lodge, Loseley.

Councillors present:

Mr G Smith (Chairman) (*)	Ms J Wisher (*)
Mr R Bennett (*)	Mr S Kitson (a)
Mr A More-Molyneux (*)	Mr P Hutson (*)
	Mrs A Mayer (a)

(*) 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 vice-chairman

Cllr Smith was elected as chairman and Cllr Kitson elected as vice-chairman. Cllr Smith said that he would remain as a councillor for a further six months while the new councillors become used to their roles.

2. Apologies for absence

Cllr Sean Kitson, Cllr Angela Mayer and Cllr Mike Parsons (GBC).

3. Co-option of parish councillor

Councillors welcomed Peter Hutson to the parish council. They also expressed their appreciation of the work done by his predecessor, Roger Musson, during his 26 years as a member of the council.

4. Disclosure of interests

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

5. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th March 2017 were signed as an accurate record.

6. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

7. Planning matters

• Pond Farm

There is currently activity at Pond Farm and it appears that at least some of the unconsented waste is being removed.

• Campaign to Protect Rural England

The vice-chairman of the local branch of the CPRE has asked if he could come and talk to APC in the near future. Cllr Smith will invite him to the July meeting of the council.

• Current planning application:

Treetops and Loxhill nursery development

ref: 17/P/00801

The council has no objection to the development but would like to see a number of changes to the proposals, namely: building line moved back from the road, a reduction in height of the houses nearest the road, greater screening between the houses and the road, a light-controlled pedestrian crossing and a 30mph speed limit northwards from the Park & Ride roundabout. It also endorses the request from *Christopher's* that the house windows should not overlook the hospice buildings. PG

• Current planning application:

Little Cottage, Littleton Lane. Erection of garage.

refs: 17/P/00970-1

The parish council to make further examination of the application documents.

• Current planning application:

Brickfields House. Variation of condition of previous application.

ref: 17/TP/00981

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8. **Highways and rights of way**

• *Drainage at The Ridges*

Some work has been done by SCC to protect Artington Farm from the effects of flooding but the culverts have still not been fully cleared. Cllr Bennett will continue to pursue the Highways department about the matter. RB

• *Community Speedwatch*

Cllr Wisher has recruited five new volunteers to help with CSW in the parish. There has been one event recently with four more planned at roughly fortnightly intervals.

9. **Reports from Borough and County councillors**

There were no reports received from county or borough councillors.

10. **Loseley matters**

Cllr More-Molyneux reported:

• There will be a number of events at Loseley over the next two months:

7th - 24th May Culture in Stone – exhibition of sculpture in the garden;

14th June Wedding Showcase Open Evening;

6th July Concert in the house in aid of Shooting Star Chase;

9th July Run for Champagne – a 5km or 10km run around the Loseley estate;

14th - 16th July Decorative Home and Salvage Show.

• The estate is still awaiting the outcome of a planning application to convert the Nags' Stable at Artington to offices.

11. **Financial matters**

• *Annual Return*

The annual return and accounts for 2016/17 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 2016/17*

The council unanimously resolved to approve the annual governance statement.

b. *Approval of accounting statements 2016/17*

The council unanimously resolved to approve the accounting statements.

• *Cheques written since the last meeting*

Loseley Christian Trust £150.00

Clerk's expenses £83.14

• *Surrey Association of Local Councils*

The council resolved to renew its subscription to SALC.

12. **Big Lunch**

Arrangements are progressing for the Big Lunch that is to be held on Sunday 28th May in the Royal Oak Field, next to Littleton Farm House.

13. **War memorial**

Funding has generously been offered by the Plymouth Brethren, whose meeting hall is in the parish, for a memorial to the men of Artington who lost their lives in the First World War. Possible sites for the memorial were considered. Once decisions have been made about the site of the memorial and how large it will be, Cllr Bennett will arrange for a quote from a stonemason. It is understood that Vicky Good is undertaking some research to find if there were any Second World War casualties from the parish. RB

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

**The next meeting will be held in St Francis Church, Littleton, on
Wednesday 12th July 2017**

starting at 7.00pm.