

ARTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting
held on 9th November 2010 at St Francis Church, Littleton.

Councillors present:

Mr R Musson (Chairman) (*)	Mrs C Longstaff (a)
Mr G Smith (Vice Chairman) (*)	Mr R Collingwood (a)
Mr M More Molyneux (*)	Mr R Bennett (*)
Dr A Docherty (*)	

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

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

In attendance: PC Nick Sharpe; Phil Gorton, Clerk.

- 1. Apologies were received from:**
Cllr Longstaff.
- 2. Disclosure of interest:**
Cllr More Molyneux declared an interest regarding the development of Orange Court Farm.
- 3. Minutes:**
The minutes of the parish council meeting held on 14th September 2010 were signed as an accurate record.
- 4. Matters arising:**
There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.
- 5. Police report (PC Sharpe):**
 - Under the Comprehensive Spending Review, Surrey Police is to have its budget cut by 20% between now and 2014/15. Future priorities for the force will be to tackle serious organised crime and building of public confidence.
 - Cllr More Molyneux was thanked for the use of Loseley for the launch of the Country Watch scheme.
 - Using Automatic Number Plate Recognition some 2000 vehicles have recently been checked against a national database and a number of drivers were stopped and questioned about various offences.
 - Police have been tackling anti-social behaviour at St Catherine's Hill. Countryside rangers have been removing dead wood to discourage the building of fires.
 - PCSO Voller has now moved to a different area of Surrey and his replacement, PCSO Fiona Fyfe, will start work soon.
 - Councillors and others were encouraged to mark their property with marker pens obtainable from www.selectadna.co.uk/surrey-police.html or 01689 860757.
 - PC Sharpe will follow up previous requests for a parish visit to the Mount Browne Museum.

[Cllr Docherty arrived at 7.30pm]
- 6 Loseley related activities (Cllr More Molyneux)**
 - It is anticipated that work will start at Orange Court Farm in January and be finished by the end of October. The scheme will not be different from the plans previously seen by the councillors. The development will be heated using ground heat pumps. An architect's drawing of the completed scheme will be placed next to the road.
 - The clearing of ditches along Stakescorner Road will be done jointly with the farmer of the land. To avoid a costly and inconvenient road closure, the work will be done from the field side of the hedge.
 - Councillors were advised that the water buffalo arriving at Mellersh Farm next Spring should represent no greater risk to users of the footpath from Binscombe than the Loseley

Jersey herd that was previously at the farm. As always, footpath users should be vigilant, particular those with dogs.

- A Christmas event is to be held on three Sundays 5th, 12th and 19th December.
- A Craft Fair will be held in the Forge Field on 25th – 28th November.
- The recent Loseley Run raised £70,000 for Chase.
- The Guildford Parishes Working Group is continuing to liaise with GBC regarding retrospective planning applications for gypsy and traveller sites.
- Cllr More Molyneux repeated his offer of the use of Loseley Garden for a parish event.

7. Financial matters:

- Two cheques have been written since the last meeting: Surrey Hills Society subscription £15 and a donation to the Loseley Christian Trust for the use of St Francis church £150.
- There followed a discussion on the possible size of the APC precept for 2011/12. No particular projects are planned for the year and no significant increase in the precept is anticipated.

8. Reports from Borough and County councillors:

Cllr Tony Rooth and Cllr Neil Ward both sent their apologies. Councillors expressed disappointment that no borough or county councillor was present at the meeting and that no written report had been received. Concern was also expressed about the continued lack of action by the two authorities regarding the dumping of waste on the land adjacent to New Pond Road and Furze Lane. Cllr Musson is to write to the Chief Executive of GBC to ask about the current position.

Action: RM

[Cllr Bennett arrived and Cllr More Molyneux left the meeting at 8.10]

9. Planning matters:

It was resolved that draft letters tabled by Cllr Docherty about designation of Artington Business Park should be sent to GBC.

Action: RM

10. Parish facilities

- The litter-pick that took place on Sunday 17th October was a successful event that culminated with the taking of refreshments at the Ship. Cllr Musson thanked all those who took part.
- Loseley East Lodge bus shelter: it was resolved that the clerk would contact the bus companies to find out how many people use the stop.

Action: Clerk

11. Highways and rights of way:

- Cllr Docherty is continuing to investigate the Quiet Lanes initiative to find out if it may be appropriate for parts of Artington parish. **Action: AD & Clerk**
- Cllr Smith circulated an analysis of recent Community Speed Watch sessions and of Rat Running surveys that have taken place over the last ten years. The number of runners has diminished since 2006 - 2008. On 12th October, ten speeding motorists were noted at Orange Court Farm and the owners of the vehicles were contacted by the police. Cllr Smith said that PC Sharpe has been very supportive of the CSW campaign and that the scheme has much local support.
- Cllr Musson and the Clerk are trying to arrange a time to meet with a representative of SCC Highways to discuss a number of highway matters within the parish. **Action : RM & Clerk**
- The Clerk reported that Cllr Longstaff had suggested that APC might consider joining forces with neighbouring parish councils and the St Catherine's Village Association to purchase and maintain a vehicle-activated sign (VAS) to discourage speeding drivers.

12. Day of APC meetings:

Councillors resolved to change the day on which APC meetings to the second Monday of alternate months in order to make it more convenient for SCC and GBC councillors to attend.

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

**The next meeting of Artington Parish Council is on Monday 10th January 2011
at St Francis church in Littleton starting at 7.00pm.**