

# ARTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting  
held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2012 at St Francis Church, Littleton.

## Councillors present:

Mr R Musson (Chairman) (\*)      Mr S Kitson (\*)  
Mr G Smith (Vice Chairman) (\*)      Mr R Bennett (\*)  
Mr M More Molyneux (a)  
Mrs K Curl (\*)

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

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

**In attendance:** Phil Gorton (clerk), Simon Gimson (SCC councillor) and PCSO Fiona Fyfe.

### 1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr More-Molyneux and from GBC councillors James Palmer and Neil Ward.

### 2. Disclosure of interest:

- Cllr Musson declared an interest in Item 11, Conservation Area Review.

### 3. Minutes:

- The minutes of the parish council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2012 were signed as an accurate record.

### 4. Matters arising

- Cllr Curl was thanked for organising the recent litter-pick. About 15 people attended and a surprisingly large amount of rubbish was collected. Cllr Kitson suggested that future litter-picks should also include certain off-road areas where rubbish is a particular problem.

### 5. Co-option of new member of parish council

The council resolved to co-opt Jacqui Stanford as a parish councillor to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Claire Longstaff.

### 6. Police matters

- PCSO Fiona Fyfe reported that there were no significant crimes in the local area.
- She has arranged for police checks for the cars identified during the rat-run exercise on 5 November and for the owners to be contacted. Cllr Smith said that 18 rat-runners were identified that morning, two of which were repeat offenders.
- Cllr Kitson reported that Mount Browne visitors and employees were still parking in The Ridges, blocking gateways and generally making access difficult. He will draft a letter from the parish council to Surrey Police about the problem. **Action: SK**

### 7. Report from SCC councillor, Simon Gimson

- *Land at Furze Lane and New Pond Road*

Although a recent meeting between SCC and the trustees of the land was very positive, it has been noted that further waste has been deposited since the meeting. SCC officers have assured Cllr Gimson that the authority will continue to pursue this matter.

### 8. Review of Governance and Risk Assessment

The Governance and Risk Assessment was reviewed and approved.

### 9. Financial matters

- *Cheques written since last meeting:*      £96.14 Clerk's expenses.

10. **Loseley related activities**

Cllr More Molyneux was absent from the meeting but he sent a report:

- There is to be a Christmas Fair at Loseley on 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> November.
- The Orange Court Farm development has received an award from the Guildford Design Society. APC councillors congratulated Cllr more Molyneux on the award.

11. **Planning matters:**

- *Littleton Conservation Area review*

GBC are reviewing the Littleton Conservation Area. There is to be a public consultation about the possibility of extending the area.

- *Orange Court Farm*

Cllr More Molyneux has informed the council that a planning application is to be submitted to use one of the redundant agricultural buildings as storage by the tenant of the barn, Sven Christensen. It is understood to be very similar to the application that was made earlier this year that was subsequently withdrawn. The council will assess the application when it is received, bearing in mind the views of local residents.

- *Hedge bank opposite Orange Court Farm*

Concerns have been expressed about the rubbish that has been used to create the new hedge bank opposite orange Court Farm. Cllr More Molyneux has written to say that is his intention to have the material removed.

- *Field shelter at Piccards*

A wooden shelter has been constructed in one of Loseley's fields to the north-east of Littleton crossroads. A builder's advertising sign is fixed to the building. Concerns have been expressed that it does not have planning permission. Cllr More Molyneux has written to say that he understands that the shelter does not require planning permission, as it does not have a concrete base.

- *Stevenson's Plastics at Piccard's*

Local residents have expressed concerns about the increase in the number of lorries going to Stevenson's Plastics at Piccard's. The clerk is to write to the company expressing these concerns and passing on comments about the poor standard of driving. **Action: Clerk**

- *Rushy Platts*

GBC councillor James Palmer is currently investigating the planning history of Rushy Platts.

12. **Highways and rights of way:**

- *SCC offer to parish and town councils*

The clerk is to investigate further this offer to ascertain if it is appropriate for APC. **Action: Clerk**

- *Community Speed Watch*

Cllr Smith reported that there is to be a CSW event on 13 November 2012.

- *Roadside verges*

The clerk is to write to GBC asking for the cut to take place at specified times. **Action: Clerk**

- *Passing places in Stakescorner Road*

At the last meeting of APC, Cllr Gimson offered to supply posts to close off some of the passing places that have appeared in Stakescorner Road. Cllr More Molyneux has offered to have them put in place.

13. **Surrey Hill Society**

The council resolved to renew its subscription at £20 per year.

14. **Preliminary review objectives for 2013/14**

The clerk presented the budget estimates for 2013/14. The precept for 2013/14 will be set at the next meeting.

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

**Meetings of Artington Parish Council are held on the second Monday of alternate months at St Francis church in Littleton, starting at 7.00pm.**