

ARTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting
held on 11th November 2013 at St Francis 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 K Curl (*)	

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

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

In attendance: Phil Gorton (clerk), Cllr George Johnson (SCC), Cllr James Palmer (GBC) and PC Ed Lyons.

- 1. Apologies for absence** Action
Received and accepted from Cllr More Molyneux and PC Ryan Stephens.
- 2. Disclosure of interests**
No interests were declared.
- 3. Minutes**
The minutes of the annual parish council meeting held on 9th September 2013 were signed as an accurate record.
- 4. Matters arising**
 - There were no matters arising
- 5. Police reports**
 - PC Lyons, who was standing in for PC Ryan Stephens, reported that there had been a small number of crimes committed locally, although these figures did not include the very recent burglaries that have occurred at Hollowfield Cottage and Loseley.
 - Councillors asked PC Lyons if he could report to his senior officers that there are still occasional problems with Mount Browne staff parking inconsiderately at The Ridges, with parking on the pavement being a particular concern.
- 6. Report from borough councillor, James Palmer**
 - Cllr Palmer reported that the public consultation on the Issues and Options paper of the GBC Local Plan would run until 29th November: <http://guildfordlocalplan.info>
 - The Chief Executive, David Hill, has left GBC and has been replaced by Sue Sturgeon as Managing Director.**Report from county councillor, George Johnson**
 - An application for an injunction has been lodged at Kingston County Court against Mr Podger and the owners of Pond Farm.
 - The damaged salt bin at The Ridges is to be replaced. Cllrs Bennet and Kitson said that it is never used as the road is always gritted by Surrey Police. Consequently, they asked Cllr Johnson if he could arrange for the bin to be moved to the bottom of Sandy Lane, behind Gardener's Cottage.
 - A new Artington village sign would be installed soon.
 - Cllr Johnson reported on the county council's highways initiative, Improving Surrey's Roads, which includes a five-year programme of major works.

- Cllr Johnson asked if the council had any views on the county council's cycling strategy, particularly regarding the Tour of Britain. APC councillors were positive in their view of the event.
- In response to a request from councillors, Cllr Johnson said that the would follow up the problem of the obstructed cycleway between The Ridges and St Catherine's Hill
- SCC is in favour of keeping Heathrow as a hub airport rather than moving it to a new site in the Thames estuary.

7. **Financial Matters**

- The clerk gave a brief outline of the current financial position of the council.
- The council resolved to renew its subscription to the Surrey Hills Society.

8. **Loseley related matters**

- Cllr More Molyneux was absent but reported that planning permission has been granted to re-roof Loseley House with clay tiles.
- The Orange Court Farm development has received a commendation in the Guildford Design Awards.
- The annual Rural Craft Exhibition will run for four days from Thursday 14th November.
- There have been some petty thefts around Loseley lately, including an attempted break in to a building near the estate office on Remembrance Sunday.

9. **Planning matters**

- There were no current planning applications.
- GBC planning enforcement consider that the occupier of the unit at Piccard's Farm, Stephenson Plastics, require planning permission for the current use. The occupier is seeking pre-application advice before submitting a formal application.
- GBC local plan consultation. Cllr Bennett is to formulate an APC response based on the views of the other councillors. The meeting thanked Cllr Bennett for his work. The agreed response will be posted on the notice boards and the parish website. RB
- It was suggested that the APC Annual Assembly could take place in late May after the publication of the draft local plan and that a representative from GBC be invited explain the essential parts of the plan. Cllr Palmer agreed to follow this up. JP

10. **Highways and rights of way**

- Arrangements with SCC to have wooden posts installed along Stakescorner Road in the near future.
- The clerk will obtain salt to replenish the two remaining parish council bins over the coming weeks. PG
- There has been no Community Speed Watch or Rat Run event since the last meeting.
- Cllr Curl is to arrange another litter pick in the near future. KC

11. **Neighbourhood Watch**

Councillors discussed the possible establishment of a formal Neighbourhood Watch scheme.

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

The next meeting of Artington Parish Council will be held on Monday 13th January 2014 at St Francis church in Littleton, starting at 7.00pm.

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