

ARTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on 10th November 2014 at St Francis's church, Littleton.

Councillors present:

Mr R Musson (Chairman) (*)	Mrs J Stanford (*)
Mr G Smith (Vice Chairman) (*)	Mr S Kitson (*)
Mr M More Molyneux (*)	Mr R Bennett (*)
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 James Palmer (GBC).

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Neil Ward (GBC) and Cllr George Johnson (SCC).

2. Disclosure of interests

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

3. Minutes

The minutes parish council meeting held on 8th September 2014 were signed as an accurate record.

4. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

5. Police matters

- No report was received. No police representative was present at the meeting.
- Local police officer Ryan Stephens has left that post and has been replaced by PC Tom Bagley.

6. Report from GBC Cllr James Palmer

- The Local Committee has funding available for groups of parishes who have been invited to bid for funds for special purposes. The group that includes Artington has requested £6000 to set up a Flood Forum which would pay for such things as unblocking culverts, ditch clearance as well as training and equipment for volunteers.
- There has been change on the GBC Executive with Cllr Terence Patrick joining as lead councillor for the Rural Economy.
- Responding to APC concerns that St Catherine's Chapel was rarely open for visitors, not even over the recent Heritage Weekend, Cllr Palmer said that he would enquire of the appropriate GBC department about increasing access to the ruins. JP
- GBC has paused work on the Local Plan in the light of the responses to the public consultation. The leader of the council hopes to make a statement before Christmas about the future progress of the plan.
- SCC and GBC are awaiting news of Network Rail's plans for the New Pond Road railway bridge. It is understood that there may be funding available from SCC to enable pedestrian and cycle access to any new structure. No explanation has been received about the recent closure of the bridge.
- GBC is currently considering and comparing the merits of the council's old committee structure and the current cabinet system.

7. Loseley matters

- Work on the roof of Loseley House is underway. The old slates are being taken off and re-tiling should commence in December.
- Cllr More Molyneux said that, in response to a request by GBC, Loseley has submitted information about the past uses of Piccard's farm and traffic movements. He also said that it is in the terms of the Stephenson Plastics lease of the farm buildings that there should no work taking place there on Saturdays and Sundays, nor after 8.00pm during the week. He asked that any residents who are disturbed by work taking place out-of-hours should contact him.
- The Christmas Fair is to take place at Loseley House from 13th - 16th November.

8. Financial Matters

- Cheques written since the last meeting:

Honeysuckle Sawmill (Stakescorner Road posts)	£768.00
Information Commissioner (annual registration fee)	£35.00

- The clerk circulated the budget estimates for 2015-16 and undertook to revise the figures in time for the next meeting as details of proposed expenditure become known. PG
 - Councillors resolved to renew the annual subscription (£25) to the Surrey Hills Society.
 - The councillors resolved to give £150 to the Loseley Christian Trust for the use of St Francis's church.
- 9 **Website hosting and sharing of computerised records**
- The councillors resolved to purchase a web hosting account for the parish website and to share the cost with the Caleb Lovejoy Charity. PG
 - The clerk will share the APC computer files with the chairman and vice-chairman via a Dropbox folder. The files will continue to be backed up by the clerk on an external hard drive separate from his computer and will thus be securely stored and continually updated in three different places. PG
- 10 **Planning matters**
- The councillors thanked Cllr Bennett for preparing the APC response to the local plan.
 - Cllr More Molyneux clarified the position regarding Loseley estate land and the Waverley Borough Council draft local plan. A three-acre site in Binscombe has been put forward to be considered for development under the WBC plan but not any other Loseley land in Waverley borough.
 - Councillors considered but made no comment on the following planning applications:
Piccard's Farm, retrospective change of use (14/P/01136)
Rushy Platts, certificate of lawfulness (14/P/01919)
Manor Cottage, tree work (14/T/00288)
Unit 10, Quadrum Park, new mezzanine floor (14/P/01717)
 - It was noted that a number of mobile homes have been placed on Pond Farm, Furze Lane. Cllr Palmer advised that GBC planning enforcement should be informed of their arrival.
 - It was noted that there was little screening of Quadrum Park by trees. It was understood that planting such a screen was one of the original planning conditions. The clerk was asked to investigate. PG
 [Cllr Palmer left the meeting at 8.05pm]
- 9 **Highways and rights of way**
- *Path clearance between The Ridges and St Catherine's Hill.*
 The path is now clear of overhanging vegetation. The clerk will write to thank the management of St Catherine's Nursing Home for clearing their section of the path. PG
 - *Parking at The Ridges*
 Parking problems are slowly but surely recurring. Cllr Bennett will take up the matter with Surrey Police. RB
 - *20 mph speed limit*
 Councillors considered that a 20mph limit through Littleton would be unworkable as it would not be enforced. However, it was felt that a 30mph limit along the whole length of Stakescorner Road would be feasible and would help to slow traffic through the village. The clerk was asked to investigate how this may be achieved. PG
 [Cllr More Molyneux left the meeting at 8.20pm]
 - *Stakescorner Road posts*
 These have been installed by SCC but they still have no reflectors attached, as had been agreed. RM
 Cllr Musson will ask SCC for them to be provided.
 - *Access-only traffic (rat-run) survey*
 Cllr Smith reported that a survey was undertaken on 30th September and the results were sent to Surrey Police for them to contact the drivers concerned. GS
8. **Parish facilities**
- *Litter pick*
 Following the recent litter pick, the clerk will investigate how to recycle the rubbish. PG
 - *Carol Service*
 The carol service will take place at St Francis's church on Sunday 28th December at 5.00pm.
 - *Grant Aid application*
 APC has made no application for a grant from GBC.

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

**The next meeting of Artington Parish Council will be held on
 Monday 12th January 2015 at St Francis's church in Littleton, starting at 7.00pm.**

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