

# Artington Parish Council

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at St Francis Church, Littleton.

## Councillors present:

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

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

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

**In attendance:** Cllr Mike Parsons (GBC) and Phil Gorton (clerk).

## 1. Apologies for absence

None.

## 2. Co-option of new councillor

Councillors welcomed Fiona Clayton to the parish council.

## 3. Disclosure of interests

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

## 4. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017 were signed as an accurate record.

## 5. Matters arising

- Cllr Smith reported that the list of road signs needing repair had been sent to SCC in November 2016 but the work had not been done. The clerk is to send it again.

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## 6. Planning matters

- *Recent and current planning applications:*

  - Little Cottage, Littleton Lane, internal alterations

  - Orange Court Farmhouse, Littleton Lane, tree work

Councillors made no comments on either of these applications.

- *Payment towards the Blackwell Farm impact assessment*

Compton Parish Council has asked if neighbouring parishes could make a contribution of £275 towards the cost of this assessment. Councillors agreed to the request and resolved to pay this amount to Compton Parish Council.

- *Pond Farm site clearance*

In the absence of Cllr Matt Furniss (SCC and GBC), Cllr Parsons was asked if the area of Pond Farm to the west of Furze Lane was included in the court injunction to clear the land of waste and, if it was not, whether it could be included even if a second injunction may be required to achieve this. He was also asked if an injunction would be imposed to allow GBC and SCC to act if there were further deposition of waste following clearance of the site. He is to take up the matter with Cllr Furniss.

## 7. Highways and rights of way

- *Community Speed Watch*

Cllr Wisher reported that, over the course of eight CSW events in Littleton, 74 vehicles had been found speeding and that the owners of all identified vehicles had been sent letters by the police. Only a small number of these were repeat offenders. The average speed of offending vehicles through the village was 38mph.

- *Rat-runner identification*

Guy Catchpole is looking for volunteers to help identify rat-runners who use the parish lanes as a short cut to avoid using the A3100. The police are supportive of the scheme and will write to those found using the lanes in this way.

- *Pot holes and road signs*

The holes in Stakescorner Road and Sandy Lane have been repaired.

- *Vehicle activated sign*

The clerk has reported to SCC that the vehicle-activated speed warning sign on the brow of St Catherine's is not working. He has received an acknowledgement and been informed that work to fix the sign is in hand.

8. **Report from borough councillor**

Cllr Parsons said that the Local Plan would go to the GBC Executive Committee next week and then to the full council in December. It will then be sent to the government Planning Inspector and it is hoped that the inspector's decision will be known by September 2018.

9. **Loseley matters**

- Cllr More-Molyneux reported that work continues on repairing the Nag's Stable at Artington. There is a possibility that one lane of the road may have to be closed to facilitate the work.
- There will be a Christmas Craft Fair held at Loseley on 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> November.

10. **Financial matters**

- *Cheques written since the last meeting:*

Clerk's expenses                      £121.85

- *Annual Return 2016-17*

The external auditor has approved the annual return and there were no matters to be drawn to the attention of the council.

- *Budget estimates 2018-19*

The clerk presented the estimates to the council in preparation for the setting of the parish precept at the next meeting.

11. **War memorial**

Cllr Bennett has approached a second firm of masons and has been promised some mock-ups and RB quotes for the proposed memorial. Possible sites for the memorial were discussed with the amenity triangle at Artington being a favoured place.

12. **Resignation of George Smith from the parish council**

As advised at the last annual Parish Assembly, George Smith stepped down from Artington Parish Council immediately after the meeting. He expressed his appreciation for the comradeship and support he had received from the parish councillors and clerk during his 18-year tenure. The meeting thanked him for the work he had done. The vacancy will be advertised in the usual way.

13. **Caleb Lovejoy Charity**

Councillors confirmed the appointment of Roger Musson as the Artington parish trustee of the Caleb Lovejoy Charity.

14. **Annual carol service**

The annual carol service, organised by Chloe Dancey, will take place at St Francis's church on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> December and will be advertised in the near future.

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

**The next meeting will be held in St Francis Church, Littleton, on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018 starting at 7.00pm.**