

# Artington Parish Council

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at St Francis Church, Littleton.

## Councillors present:

Cllr R Bennett

Cllr F Clayton

Cllr P Hutson

Cllr S Kitson - Chairman

Cllr A More-Molyneux

Cllr C Taft

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

**In attendance:** Philip Gorton (clerk), Cllr Ramsey Nagaty (GBC), Cllr Chris Blow (GBC), Cllr Matt Furniss (SCC) and two members of the public.

## 1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Jennie Wisher.

## 2. Disclosure of interests

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

## 3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th September were signed as an accurate record.

## 4. Matters arising

### Fly tipping.

Cllr Clayton is continuing to investigate the possibility of borrowing CCTV cameras from GBC in an attempt to identify fly-tippers but has yet to receive a positive response. [FC]

## 5. Trees on University of law land

Residents of Sandy Lane are concerned about the safety of the trees growing on the south side of the lane, on University of Law land. They wish the trees to be reduced in height because they occasionally fall into the road. Some residents have written to the university expressing their concerns and pointing out that these falls indicate that the trees are unsafe in their present state. The council also has concerns about the trees and resolved to write to the university's Director of Estates about the matter.

## 6. Planning matters

### Recent and current planning applications:

*Honey Brothers, New Pond Road - illuminated signs*

*ref: 19/P/01623*

*Accolade House and Wonersh House, Old Portsmouth Rd – erection of V-signs*

*ref: 19/P/01484*

The council made comments about these two applications prior to this meeting.

*Beechwood House, Sandy Lane - erection of three-bay garage*

*ref: 19/P/01595*

*Pilgrim Garden, Sandy Lane – single storey extensions*

*ref: 19/P/01673*

*New Pond Cottage, New Pond Road - various extensions and dormer windows*

*ref: 19/P/01772*

*Piccards Wood, Sandy Lane – felling of hazel tree*

*ref: 19/T/00274*

*21 Littleton Lane – felling of walnut tree, trim apple tree*

*ref: 19/T.00290*

Councillors made no comment about these five applications.

### Planning enforcement:

#### *Pond Farm*

Cllr Hutson has been in communication with GBC planning enforcement. He reported, in advance of the meeting, that enforcement officers had visited the site in early October and found that 120 cars had been removed. There are still a number of cars, vans and caravans in various states of decrepitude on the site. The occupier of the site said that he intends to remove more vehicles over the coming weeks. Officers are to make a further visit before the end of November. Councillors remain particularly concerned about the vehicles, caravan and portable lavatory on the west side of Furze Lane and would like them to be removed.

7. **Highways**

Drainage at The Ridges and Sandy Lane

Cllr Furniss reported that priority for SCC spending on highway drainage is currently directed at places where floods that endanger buildings. Consequently, the work on alleviating the drainage problems at The Ridges is not high on the list. There is, however, funding being made available soon for less urgent improvement schemes and that should allow the work to be done.

There has been no action regarding the rainwater run-off that cascades down Sandy Land in heavy rain.

Name labels for the salt bins

The clerk has bought name labels for the three APC salt bins and he will put them in place soon. [PG]

Reflector posts at The Ridges

Cllr Furniss said that SCC officers were preparing costings for the proposed new posts.

8. **Proposed new bus shelter at Artington**

Cllr Furniss reported that SCC is currently in talks with the Police and Crime Commissioner now that it has been found that the land on which the shelter stands is owned by APC. It remains the intention of the county council to supply and maintain a new shelter on the site.

9. **Report from county and borough councillors**

In addition to the matters discussed above:

- Cllrs Nagaty and Blow had nothing to report that is specific to Artington, although Cllr Nagaty gave a short report about the electric Park & Ride buses and the means by which their batteries are recharged.
- Cllr Furniss had nothing to report in addition to the subjects he had already covered.

10. **Loseley matters**

- Cllr More-Molyneux reported that there would be a Christmas Craft Fair at Loseley from Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November.
- The temporary traffic lights in the Old Portsmouth Road at the Nag's Stable in Artington have been removed but the work to restore the building continues.

11. **Surrey Hills Society**

Councillors resolved to renew the APC subscription to the society.

12. **Financial matters**

Budget estimates

The clerk presented the budget estimates to the council. The information will be used at the next meeting of the council to decide the precept for 2020-21.

Payments since last meeting:

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| • Signomatic (salt bin labels):      | £32.50  |
| • Clerk's expenses:                  | £109.28 |
| • Surrey Hills Society subscription: | £25.00  |

Approval of new Financial Regulations

Held over to the next meeting.

13. **Littleton carol service**

The service this year will be held at 5.00pm on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> December at St Francis church, Littleton.

**These minutes remain draft until signed at the next APC meeting that will be held in St Francis Church, Littleton, on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020 starting at 7.00pm.**