

# ARTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting  
held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 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) and Cllr James Palmer (GBC).

- 1. Apologies for absence** Action  
Received and accepted from Cllr More Molyneux and Cllr George Johnson (SCC).
- 2. Disclosure of interests**  
No interests were declared.
- 3. Minutes**  
The minutes of the annual parish council meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2013 were signed as an accurate record.
- 4. Matters arising**
  - The chairman spoke of the recent death of James More Molyneux who had been an Artington parish councillor for over fifty years, a very exceptional period of service to the local community. The councillors expressed their condolences to his family.
  - Cllr Stanford is arranging for benches to be installed along the North Downs Way. JS
- 5. Police reports**
  - There was no police representative at the meeting and no report received.
  - Cllrs Bennett and Kitson reported that there are currently no parking problems at The Ridges.
- 6. Report from borough councillor, James Palmer**
  - Pond Farm. SCC solicitors are continuing to pursue the matter of the unauthorised dumping of waste at Pond Farm and have requested that GBC supply copies of their records relating to the case.
  - Stephenson Plastics at Piccard's Farm. A pre-planning assessment is being undertaken to judge if it is appropriate for the tenants to submit a formal retrospective planning application.
  - GBC Local Plan. Cllr Palmer reported that the public consultation on the Issues and Options paper of the GBC Local Plan would run between 1<sup>st</sup> October and 26<sup>th</sup> November. Parish councils are being sent various documents relating to the plan for their consideration. Amongst other things, these will include the Green Belt Countryside Study that will review the green belt boundaries and the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment. He advised that the council should look at these in detail and comment accordingly. He also advised that councillors and parishioners should look at the GBC website that outlines the process of preparing the plan: <http://guildfordlocalplan.info> All
  - Thanks were expressed for the work being done by Cllr Bennett who has undertaken to co-ordinate the distribution of the various documents to the other councillors. RB

- Grit bins. Cllr Palmer said that GBC has devised a scheme to provide a supply of grit/salt to replenish parish council bins.

7. **Financial Matters**

- The clerk reported the external auditor has completed that annual audit.
- There has been one cheque paid since the last meeting:  
*Annual insurance premium:* £308.72

8. **Loseley related matters**

Cllr More Molyneux was absent but had reported that Loseley House is now closed for the season and the garden will close at the end of the month. St Francis church will be open on Sunday for Heritage Weekend.

9. **Planning matters**

- There were no current planning applications.
- The planning appeal for Orange Court Farm has been upheld, subject to certain strict conditions specific to the property tenants. Cllr Palmer advised that if there should be any apparent breach of these conditions, they should be reported in writing to GBC as they arise.

10. **Highways and rights of way**

- The councillors expressed the view that the SCC Highways Localism scheme is not appropriate for Artington Parish Council. The invitation to join the scheme will not be accepted.
- Cllr Musson reported that he has made arrangements with SCC to have wooden posts installed along Stakescorner Road in the near future.
- Cllr Smith reported that a recent Community Speed Watch exercise identified seven speeding motorists. Their details were reported to the police who will write to them. RB
- The clerk reported that the parish council's grit bin behind Gardener's Cottage at the bottom of Sandy Lane has been stolen, although the grit had been left behind. Cllr Bennett and the clerk will move the grit to the remaining two bins. PG

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

**The next meeting of Artington Parish Council will be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at St Francis church in Littleton, starting at 7.00pm.**