ARTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on 8th September 2014 at St Francis's church, Littleton.

Councillors present:

Mr R Musson (Chairman) (*)
Mr G Smith (Vice Chairman) (*)
Mr M More Molyneux (*)
Mr R Bennett (*)
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(*) denotes present, (a) denotes absent.

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

In attendance: Phil Gorton (clerk), PCSO Gregor Culross, GBC Cllr Neil Ward and one member of the public.

1. Apologies for absence

None was received.

2. Disclosure of interests

Cllr More Molyneux was not present for this part of the meeting but the council acknowledged that he has previously declared an interest in Stephenson Plastics at Piccard's Farm (item 6 in these minutes).

3. Minutes

The minutes parish council meeting held on 14th July 2014 were signed as an accurate record.

4. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

5. Co-option of councillor

Councillors welcomed Angela Mayer to the parish council.

6. Police matters

- PCSO Culross reported that there were three reported crimes (two thefts and one burglary from an outbuilding) in the parish between 26 August and 7 September, as well as a small number of crimes in Compton, Chilworth and Shalford.
- There is to be an Open Day at Mount Browne on Sunday 21st September to which all residents are welcome to attend.

7. Planning matters

• Stephenson Plastics at Piccard's Farm

The council resolved to write again to GBC in response to the applicant's revised transport statement.

• Local Plan

The council resolved to respond to the GBC Local Plan.

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7 Financial Matters

• Adoption of new financial regulations.

The council resolved to adopt new financial regulations.

• Cheques written since the last meeting:

Broker Network (APC insurance) £302.08 Cllr George Smith for copy of GBC Local Plan £35.00

[Cllr More Molyneux joined the meeting at 7.40pm]

8 Loseley related matters

- Cllr More Molyneux reported that the work to re-roof Loseley House is to begin on 29th September and it should be completed during May next year.
- The Richmond Dog Show that was held last weekend was a success.
- The Country Fair and Ploughing Match will take place on Sunday 28th September.
- St Francis's church will be open during Heritage Open weekend on Sunday the afternoon of 14th September.

9 Highways and rights of way

• Path clearance between The Ridges and St Catherine's Hill.

Most of the path is now clear. Mount Browne cleared the overhanging vegetation whilst GBC cut back the encroaching soil as a part of their Love Where You Live scheme. The clerk will ask the management of St Catherine's Nursing Home to cut back the vegetation that overhangs the path from their land.

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• Parking at The Ridges

There are currently no significant problems.

New Pond Road railway bridge

Cllrs Musson reported that he and Cllr Smith had attended a recent meeting chaired by Jeremy Hunt between Network Rail and various local authorities. As a consequence of the meeting, the scheme to rebuild the bridge has been postponed for six months to enable SCC to consider ways of improving provision for pedestrians and cyclists.

• 20 mph speed limit

Councillors asked the clerk to continue investigating the possibility of having a 20mph speed PG limit for the parish lanes.

• Stakescorner Road posts

These have been installed by SCC but they still have no reflectors attached, as had been agreed. The clerk will ask for them to be provided.

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• Access-only traffic (rat-run) survey

A survey will take place in the near future.

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[GBC Cllr Neil Ward joined the meeting at 8.05pm]

8. Report from GBC councillor Neil Ward

Cllr Ward reported that his fellow councillor, James Palmer, had resigned as deputy leader of the council and lead member for infrastructure. The new deputy is Cllr Nigel Manning and Cllr Matt Furniss would take on the infrastructure role.

Cllr Ward gave a brief outline of the GBC Local Plan.

9. Parish facilities

· Parish Walk

The clerk will ask if there is interest in an organised walk of the parish rights of way, to inspect the signs and stiles, etc., as parish social event.

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• Community Ideas Database

Councillors were asked to put forward ideas for small environmental works in the local area, funding for which may come from a future Section106 legal agreement negotiated as part of a planning application.

• Grant Aid application

The councillors resolved to apply for a grant from GBC to help fund the provision of benches along the North Downs Way.

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

The next meeting of Artington Parish Council will be held on Monday 10th November 2014 at St Francis's church in Littleton, starting at 7.00pm.