

ARTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on 14th September 2015 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 (a)	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 George Johnson (SCC), Cllr Michael Illman (GBC), Cllr Mike Parsons (GBC), Cllr Tony Rooth (GBC) and two members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence

Received and accepted from Cllr More-Molyneux.

2. Disclosure of interests

None was declared.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th July 2015 were signed as an accurate record.

4. Matters arising

None.

5. Police report

No police representative was present and no report received.

6. Report from Cllr George Johnson (SCC)

• Piccard's Farm

Cllr Johnson continues to pursue an explanation for SCC Highways response to the latest Piccard's Farm planning application. GJ

• New Pond Road bridge

Cllr Johnson has recently written to local MPs, Jeremy Hunt and Anne Milton, urging them to continue their work with SCC and Network Rail to provide funding for a suitable replacement for New Pond Road railway bridge (see APC minutes 13th July 2015). Network Rail intend to provide a replacement with no provision for pedestrians, cyclists or equestrians. A meeting between these four parties is to take place on 16th October. GJ

Cllr Johnson continues to investigate the possibility of placing a restriction on turning at the junction of Summers Road and New Pond Road.

• Pond Farm

The High Court hearing is due to take place on 16th October. APC considered that continued failure of SCC and GBC over 25 years to resolve long-term unauthorised uses of the farm has resulted in continued inconvenience and aggravation for the owners of the adjacent property. The SCC and GBC councillors were asked to arrange for their councils to work together to address these problems. GJ

Cllr Musson asked if the owners of the adjacent property could be eligible for some financial recompense Cllr Johnson is to investigate whether this would be possible. AM

• Community Recycling Centre public consultation

Councillors were concerned about the recent online questionnaire from which it was inferred that SCC are considering introducing charges to use the CRCs. They think that such a change would result in a significant increase in fly-tipping. The councillors resolved to write to the county council expressing their misgivings. Cllr Johnson will also follow up the matter. GJ

7. Highways and rights of way

• Drainage at The Ridges

Cllrs Bennett and Kitson reported that there has been progress in resolving drainage issues in The Ridges and SCC continue to resolve the A3100 blocked drainage, culverts and ditches have yet to be fully cleared.

- *Stakescorner Road posts*

Jason Lewis of SCC Highways has informed Cllr Musson that he is to fix reflectors onto the recently installed posts in Stakescorner Road.

- *Stakescorner Road speed limit.*

Cllr Johnson is continuing to work with the Local Committee for a 30mph speed limit on Stakescorner Road between Littleton and New Pond Road.

- *Access-only and Community Speed Watch surveys*

Further surveys are planned before Christmas.

[Cllrs Johnson and Rooth left the meeting at 7.33pm]

8. **Report from CGC Councillor Mike Parsons**

- *The Guildford Town Centre Master Plan*

The plan is to go out to public consultation in from 2nd October for six weeks. The plan will include a considerable amount of new housing and retail space. There is to be a GBC display in Swan Lane, Guildford, where officers of the council will be available to give information and answer questions from the public. The parish council resolved to respond to the plan.

RB

[Cllr Illman left the meeting at 7.47pm]

9. **Loseley related matters**

- *Resignation of Cllr More-Molyneux*

The clerk reported that Cllr More-Molyneux has resigned from the parish council because of the commitments arising from his recent appointment as Lord Lieutenant of Surrey. In his absence, councillors congratulated him on his appointment and expressed their appreciation and thanks for his work during more than twenty years as a member of the parish council. The vacancy will advertised in the usual manner by GBC Electoral Services.

10. **Planning**

- *Farm Lane Cottage, Sandy Lane, 15/P/01564*

The councillors voiced no objections.

11. **Financial**

- *Cheques written since the last meeting*

Information Commissioner	£35.00
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Parish Council insurance	£265.00
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GBC election expenses	£65.00
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- *Grant Aid projects*

Cllr Stanford is trying to liaise with Alan Frost regarding the installation of the benches along the North Downs Way.

JS

- *Annual Report.*

The clerk reported that Annual Report had been approved by the external auditor with no comments. The report was accepted by the council.

12. **Other matters**

- There has been a car abandoned in Sandy Lane since the beginning of August. GBC has been aware of its presence for many weeks but it has still not been removed. Cllr Parsons will contact the appropriate officers.

MP

- Cllr Kitson is to arrange another parish litter pick in the near future.

SK

- Cllr Stanford is to organise a parish lunch to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. It will take place on Sunday 12th June 2016.

JS

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

**The next meeting will be held St Francis Church Littleton
on Monday 9th November 2015 starting at 7.00pm.**