ARTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on 12th September 2016 at St Francis's church, Littleton.

Councillors present:

Mr G Smith (Chairman) (a)	Mrs J Stanford (a)
Mr R Bennett (Vice-Chairman) (*)	Mr S Kitson (a)
Mr A More-Molyneux (*)	Mr R Musson (*)
	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) and one member of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence**. Action

Apologies were received from Cllr Smith, Cllr Stanford, Cllr Kitson, Cllr Parsons (GBC) and Cllr Illman (GBC).

2. **Disclosure of interests**

Cllr More-Molyneux declared an interest in all matters relating to the Loseley estate.
Cllr Bennett declared an interest in item 6, the planning application relating to 35 Manor Farm Cottages.

3. **Minutes**

The minutes of the parish council meeting held on 11th July 2016 were signed as an accurate record.

4. **Reports from SCC Cllr George Johnson**

- *Drainage at The Ridges*
The work to clear the culverts has still not been completed. Cllr Johnson is to visit the site and take up the matter yet again with the appropriate SCC officer. GJ

- *Pond Farm*
Mr Podger was unable to attend the recent hearing at the High Court in London because he was unwell. The case has therefore been rescheduled to be heard during November in Guildford.

- *New Pond Road railway bridge*
There has been no further progress on the replacement of the bridge and there is no immediate prospect of funding for foot or cycle provision. Cllr Johnson is to request from SCC Highways details of their rejected plan for a separate foot/cycle bridge. GJ

- *Sandy Lane closure*
Cllr Johnson has requested the report of the working group that investigated the problems of the road closure, which he will send to the clerk. GJ

- *Salt bins*
In attempt to save money, Surrey County Council will in future top up salt bins when they become 50% full, rather than at 75% full as at present. There are two bins in the parish that are maintained by SCC, both of which are at The Ridges.

- *Artington highways*
Cllr Musson asked if the SCC Highways department could deal with the various jobs in the parish that require attention. The clerk will send the list of jobs to Cllr Johnson. PG/GJ

- *Speed limits*
The process for requesting and assessing changes to speed limits is changing. Cllr Johnson will report progress of the request for a 30mph limit along Stakescorner Road and Littleton Lane at the next APC meeting. GJ

Cllr Johnson left the meeting after this item.

5. **Matters arising from the minutes**

There were no matters arising.

6. **Planning matters**

• *GBC Local Plan*
Councillors resolved to write to GBC asking the council to clarify its position regarding the proposed number of new houses in the Local Plan.

• *Pond Farm*
Councillors resolved to send a letter to GBC planning enforcement deploring the decision to close the Pond Farm case. They will also ask the two local GBC councillors to support the APC stance.

• *Current and recent planning applications:*

Brickfields House, Brick Lane	*ref: 16/P/01731*	*No objection*
34 Manor Farm Cottages	*ref: 16/P/01507*	*Refused by GBC*
35 Manor Farm Cottages	*ref: 16/P/01506*	*Refused by GBC*
Farm Lane Cottage, Sandy Lane	*ref: 16/P/01803*	*No objection*

7. **Highways and rights of way**

• *Clearance of local footpaths*
The clerk reported that he had informed SCC that some of the parish rights of way were overgrown. They have since been cleared.

• *Drainage at the Ridges*
Cllr Bennett reported that the ditch that runs alongside the footpath at the Ridges is silted up causing the path to become very muddy in wet weather. The clerk will ask if the clearance of the ditch could be dealt with either by by the GBC's Parish and Ward Programme or by SCC Highways department. PG

8. **Loseley matters**

Cllr More-Molyneux reported that there will be several events at Loseley in the coming months:

• Country Fair	25 September
• Wedding Fair	2 October
• Kelly's Cross Country Run	16 October

The house and gardens will close to the public at the end of September.

9. **Financial matters**

• *Grant funding*
Match-funding has been requested from GBC for the scheme to install benches along the North Downs Way. The clerk will investigate the possibility of future grant funding to provide a defibrillator somewhere in Artington. PG
Cllr Bennett will investigate the costs of placing a memorial to the parish dead of the two world wars at St Francis's church in Littleton. RB

• *Cheque written since last meeting*:

Came & Co (Insurance):	£273.75
Cllr George Smith (GBC Local Plan)	£25.00
Philip Gorton (website design and maintenance)	£600.00
Information Commissioner	£35.00

• *Annual return 2015/16*
The clerk reported that Annual Return had been approved by the external auditor with one minor comment. The report was accepted by the council.

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

Artington Parish Council meets on the second Monday of alternate months at St Francis's church in Littleton, beginning at 7.00pm. The next meeting: Monday 14th November 2016 at 7.00pm.