

# Artington Parish Council

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at St Francis Church, Littleton.

## Councillors present:

Mr G Smith (Chairman) (*)	Ms J Wisher (*)
Mr R Bennett (*)	Mr S Kitson (*)
Mr A More-Molyneux (*)	Mr P Hutson (*)

(\*) denotes present, (a) denotes absent.

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

**In attendance:** Cllr Matt Furniss (SCC & GBC), Phil Gorton (clerk) and one member of the public.

### 1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Mike Parsons (GBC).

### 2. Disclosure of interests

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

### 3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2017 were signed as an accurate record.

### 4. Matters arising

- Cllr Smith reported that Angela Meyer had recently resigned from the parish council. He expressed his appreciation for her help and support during her time as a councillor.
- In response to a query, Cllr Furniss explained the reasoning behind the £10m investment in the new crematorium. The building is out-dated and is in danger of losing custom to other neighbouring facilities: it is a significant source of income to the borough council.

### 5. Reports from county councillor

- Cllr Furniss reported that work on replacing the New Pond Road railway bridge would take place from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> June next year. There will be a 72-hour road closure at the end of May when the bridge span itself will be replaced. It will be paid for by Network Rail (NR) and there will be no funding from SCC or GBC to enable pedestrian / cyclist access to be provided. However, GBC has offered the redundant Walnut Tree bridge from Guildford to NR at no cost in the hope that this may enable a footbridge to be built alongside the new road bridge. Cllr Furniss will convene a public meeting with NR and SCC in the new year.
- Cllr Furniss reported that the unconsented waste has been removed from Pond Farm according to the terms of the recent court injunction. GBC is to take enforcement action to have the scrap vehicles removed from the site.
- SCC and GBC engineers are planning a scheme to relieve the flooding problem at The Ridges and it is hoped that it will be included in next year's list of works.
- SCC is endeavouring to remove superfluous roads signs and parish councillors were asked to identify those that they consider unnecessary and which could be removed. RG  
PG

### 6. Planning matters

- *Pilgrim Wood, Sandy Lane, ref: 17/P/014581*

The council had concerns about the size of the proposed building and, consequently, it resolved to write a letter of objection to GBC. GS

7. **Highways and rights of way**
- *Community Speed Watch*  
Cllr Wisher is to organise further CSW sessions for the autumn. JW
  - *Rat-runner identification*  
Guy Catchpole has received an ambiguous reply to his recent request for Surrey Police to write to identified rat-runners who use the parish lanes as a short cut to Guildford.
  - *Pot holes*  
The clerk is to report the many potholes in the parish lanes via the SCC website. PG
8. **Loseley matters**
- Cllr More-Molyneux reported that work has started on repairing the Nag's Stable at Artington.
  - There will be a number of events at Loseley over the next two months:
 

<i>9<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> September</i>	<i>Richmond Dog Show.</i>
<i>28<sup>th</sup> September</i>	<i>Surrey Game and Country Fair</i>
<i>28<sup>th</sup> September</i>	<i>Last day that the garden is open.</i>
<i>8<sup>th</sup> October</i>	<i>Wedding Showcase Open Day</i>
9. **Financial matters**
- *Cheques written since the last meeting:*

Came and Company (insurance)	£280.00
Information Commissioner (registration)	£35.00
  - *Review of the risk assessment and financial regulations*  
These items were held over to a future meeting.
10. **War memorial**
- Councillor Bennett has not received the promised mock-up of the proposed memorial from his chosen stonemasons, Stonecrest. If he does not hear from them soon he will approach another firm. The site of the memorial is still under discussion and the clerk will post a note on the parish website asking residents for suggestions. RB  
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**These minutes remain draft until signed at the next APC meeting.**

**The next meeting will be held in St Francis Church, Littleton, on  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017 starting at 7.00pm.**