

# Artington Parish Council

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at St Francis Church, Littleton.

## Councillors present:

Cllr R Bennett

Cllr F Clayton

Cllr P Hutson

Cllr S Kitson - Chairman

Cllr A More-Molyneux

Cllr C Taft

Cllr J Wisher

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

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

## 1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Chris Blow (GBC)

## 2. Disclosure of interests

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

## 3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th July 2019 and the annual parish meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2019 were signed as an accurate record.

## 4. Matters arising

### Fly tipping.

Fly tipping continues to be a problem. Cllr Clayton will investigate the possibility of borrowing CCTV cameras from GBC in an attempt to identify fly-tippers. [FC]

## 5. Planning matters

### Current and recent planning applications:

*2 The Ridges, loft conversion*

ref: 19/P/01237

*16 The Ridges, single storey extension*

ref: 19/P/00217

*Brickfields Cottage, a failed application that has gone to appeal*

ref: 19/P/00333

Councillors made no comment about these applications.

### Planning enforcement:

#### *Pond Farm*

This case remains open and is under review by GBC, which has continued to engage with all relevant parties. This may be the reason that many of the vehicles previously stored at Pond Farm have been removed recently. The piles of earth near the Furze Lane gate remain.

#### *Pilgrim Gardens*

GBC planning enforcement has been informed of the concerns about the new entrance onto Sandy Lane and it is understood that it is being investigated. Planning enforcement has informed APC that the removal of trees is not a breach of planning regulations.

### Compton Parish Council Section 113 challenge to the Guildford Local Plan

Compton PC has acknowledged that APC is unable to contribute to the cost of its Section 113 challenge to the decision to include Blackwell Farm as a development site in the new Local Plan. It has, however, asked if APC would send a letter of support in order to help the CPC case. The councillors resolved to do this. [PG]

## 6. Highways

### Temporary traffic lights at Artington

Temporary lights will be in place on the A3100 at Artington during the work to renovate the Nag's Stable at Artington Farm. The lights will be in place for approximately nine weeks from 16 September. Cllr Furniss reported that, during this time, *No Through Road* signs would be placed at the end of Stakescorner Road and Sandy Lane to discourage rat-running along these roads.

### Flooding in Sandy Lane

Cllr Hutson will continue to monitor the drainage problem that occurs in Sandy Lane during heavy rain and will keep SCC Highways informed. [PH]

### Drainage at The Ridges

Cllr Furniss reported that investigations and costings for the work needed to improve the drainage are now underway.

### Names plaques for the salt bins

The clerk proposed that name plaques should be fixed to the three salt bins owned by APC at Littleton Cross, Sandy Lane and The Ridges. These would identify them as parish council property and give contact details in the case of any problem or query. It was resolved that this should be done and that the clerk should find a supplier. [PG]

### Reflector posts at The Ridges

Cllr Furniss was asked if the old and damaged reflective posts in the grass verge could be renewed. He said that this year's funds have all been allocated but an application for the posts to be replaced in the 2020-21 year should be made before March 2020. [PG]

## 7. **Proposed new bus shelter at Artington**

Cllr Furniss reminded the councillors that APC would not be responsible for the maintenance of the new shelter or for the electronic real-time display equipment. Consequently, it was resolved to ask that the ownership of the new shelter be transferred to SCC as there seems little point in the parish council retaining ownership. The clerk is to write to Cllr Furniss with a formal request for the shelter to be adopted by the county council. [PG]

Cllr Furniss was asked if there are to be temporary bus stops at Artington during the Nag's Stable works. He is to investigate. [MF]

## 8. **Report from county and borough councillors**

In addition to the matters discussed above:

- Cllr Nagaty reported that GBC is monitoring planning applications to discover why the numbers have been increasing but no firm conclusions have yet been reached.
- Cllr Furniss reported that the late summer vegetation cut would soon be underway and advice the council that any particular places that need attention should be reported to SCC via him or online.

## 9. **Loseley matters**

Cllr More-Molyneux reported that there would be one event at Loseley:

- Christmas Craft Fair 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> November

The temporary traffic lights at the Nag's Stable will be manually controlled in order to reduce delays to traffic. The cut vegetation at the entrance to The Ridges has been removed and the remains of the old fence are to be moved next week. [AMM]

## 10. **Parish website**

The clerk reported that the parish council website now satisfies most of the forthcoming accessibility requirements. There may be a few minor changes to be made but these will be in place by the deadline of September 2020. This has been done at no cost to the council. [PG]

## 11. **Financial matters**

Payments since last meeting:

- Information Commissioner's Office; annual registration fee: £40.00

**These minutes remain draft until signed at the next APC meeting that will be held in St Francis Church, Littleton, on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019 starting at 7.00pm.**