

# Artington Parish Council

Minutes of the annual parish council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at Mount Browne.

**Councillors present:** Cllr B Beabey (Chair), Cllr, F Clayton, Cllr, H Farrant (Vice-chair), Cllr S Kitson, Cllr A More-Molyneux and Cllr J Wisher.

**In attendance:** Philip Gorton (Clerk) and 10 members of the public.

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

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Matt Furniss (SCC), Cllr Catherine Houston (GBC) and Cllr Dominique Williams (GBC).

2. **Disclosure of interests**

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

3. **Election of chairman and vice-chairman**

Cllr Beabey was elected as chairman and Cllr Farrant as vice-chairman for the coming year.

4. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024 were signed as an accurate record.

5. **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

6. **Planning matters**

Recent and current planning applications:

*Mount Browne, redevelopment of police HQ and dog school*

*ref: 24/P/00564*

*Mount Browne, proposed access road from A3100*

*ref: 24/P/00563*

Cllr Beabey is to draft an APC response to these planning applications based on the questions and views posed by residents at the Annual Parish Meeting following this meeting.

*Artington Manor Farm, listed building consent*

*ref: 24/P/00553 & 555*

*Treetops, listed building consent*

*ref: 24/P/00515*

The councillors made no comments about either of the applications.

*University of Law, Braboeuf Manor*

*ref: 23/P/01850*

GBC has reported that Elysian Homes is revising its plans, which will take some time. APC will be informed when updates are received.

7. **Reports from county and borough councillors**

Guildford Borough Cllrs Houston and Williams were not at the meeting but sent a written report:

\* GBC has commissioned investigations into governance of housing following allegations of fraud.

\* The council is starting consultation on two new planning documents, one for Open Spaces the other for Special Protection Areas.

\* Green Day in Guildford will be on Sunday 9th June when activities and stalls with an environmental emphasis will be in the High Street.

\* The Lido is now open for the summer following its winter maintenance.

\* New gates are being procured for the Artington Park & Ride following the recent unauthorised encampment.

8. **Highways**

SCC Cllr Furniss was not at the meeting but has informed the clerk that he will respond to the various highway matters listed on the meeting's agenda.

9. **Caleb Lovejoy Almshouse Charity trustee vacancy**

Cllr Ben Beabey is to be proposed as one of the Artington parish trustees of the Caleb Lovejoy charity.

10. **Loseley matters**

Cllr More-Molyneux reported that the house and gardens are now open. The new farm shop at Mellersh is being rebuilt. There is to be a music festival over one weekend in August.

11. **Financial matters**

Payments made since the last meeting:

*Eco-hosting*: email hosting £36.00

New Financial Regulations

The template for the new regulations was received by the clerk only a few days before the meeting leaving insufficient time to adapt them for APC use and approval at this meeting. Their approval by the council has therefore been held over until the July meeting.

Schedule of regular payments

The councillors agreed a schedule of regular payments made by APC. These include mandatory and other payments that do not, therefore, require any further authority from the council. The schedule is to be kept under review and presented to the council at each annual meeting.

Annual Governance and Accountability Return:

The AGAR was presented to the council and:

*The Certificate of Exemption for 2023-24 was approved and was signed by the chairman.*

*The Annual Governance Statement 2023-24 was approved and was signed by the chairman.*

*The Accounting Statements 2023-24 were approved and was signed by the chairman.*

Councillors expressed thanks to David Hunt of Compton who carried out the internal audit of the accounts at no cost to the parish council. The clerk will post the documents on the APC website over the next week or so.

**These minutes remain draft until signed at the next APC meeting  
on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024 starting at 7.00pm at St Francis church, Littleton.**