

# Artington Parish Council

Minutes of the annual parish council meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at St. Francis Church, Littleton.

**Councillors present:** Cllr H Farrant (Chair), Cllr S Kitson, Cllr A Lourenco, Cllr A More-Molyneux and Cllr J West.

**In attendance:** Philip Gorton (Clerk), Cllr D Williams (GBC), Cllr C Houston (GBC) and Cllr M Furniss (SCC).

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

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr B Beabey and Cllr J Wisher

2. **Disclosure of interests**

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

3. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2025 were signed as an accurate record.

4. **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

5. **Planning matters**

Recent and current planning applications:

*Artington Manor Farm, variation of approved listed building consent*

*ref: 25/P/00778*

*3 River Wey Close, erection of outbuilding (retrospective)*

*ref: 24/P/00884*

The council made no comments about these applications.

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

Cllr Houston spoke about the forthcoming *re-organisation of local government in Surrey*, explaining why GBC favours the option of three unitary authorities. There is to be no vote on the issue but the public are being encouraged to submit their views to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government. The closing date for comments is 8 August.

Cllr Williams said that the borough council is consulting with residents on the *Tall Buildings Planning Document* which will inform planning decisions within and near Guildford town centre. This includes the area of Braboeuf Manor where a proposal for tall buildings on the old student car park has been considered by the developer of the site, a proposal that may re-appear in the future. The closing date for comments is 2 August.

The clerk will post information about both of these consultations on the Artington website.

Cllr Furniss reported that the renewal of the gas pipe along the Old Portsmouth Road will involve the closure of the Sandy Lane junction for two weeks from 28 July.

\* He gave the reasons why SCC favours the option of two unitary authorities for the re-organisation of local government in Surrey.

\* Network Rail have again brought up the subject of the possible closure of the level crossing between Littleton and Peasmarsh following a suicide earlier this year. He will keep the council informed of any developments.

7. **Highways**

Cllr Furniss did not have a date for the implementation of the 20mph speed limit in Sandy Lane and Littleton Lane or for the installations of the reflector posts in Stakescorner Road although he said that they would definitely happen this financial year.

\* The vehicle activated sign on the brow of the Old Portsmouth Road by St Catherine's Hill has been replaced.

8. **Loseley related matters**

\* The legal processes relating to the construction of the Mount Brown access road are continuing.

\* There will be a Decorative Home Salvage Show this coming weekend 18-20 July.

\* There is to be a three-day music event, Live at Loseley, on 8-10 August. Cllr More-Molyneux addressed concerns about the volume of the music.

\* He apologised for the poor organisation and lack of notice regarding the Porsche event last weekend.

9. **Financial**

\* The clerk reported that he has sought alternative quotes for the council's insurance but that from Zurich of £241 for the year is the lowest. The policy is designed for very small councils with few assets to insure. The council decided to accept the quote.

\* There has been one payment made since the last meeting: £241 to Zurich Municipal Insurance.

10. **Local government re-organisation**

The council decided not to make a corporate response to the consultation about the re-organisation of local government in Surrey. The clerk will put information about it on the parish council website.

11. **Other matter**

Cllr Lourenco expressed concern about the amount of dog fouling on the local footpaths. There followed a discussion about the possibility of putting up signs asking owners to clean up after their dogs.

12. **The late Phyl Reeves**

The clerk reminded the meeting of Phyl Reeves who died recently aged 103 years. She lived all her life in the area of Compton, Loseley and Godalming. The clerk believes that she was the first female member of Artington Parish Council.

**These minutes remain draft until signed at the next APC meeting  
on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2025 starting at 7.00pm at St Francis church, Littleton.**