

# Artington Parish Council

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2020 via video conferencing.

## Councillors present:

Cllr R Bennett, Cllr S Kitson (Chairman), Cllr C Taft, Cllr J Wisher.

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

## In attendance: Philip Gorton (clerk),

Cllr Chris Blow (GBC), Cllr Ramsey Nagaty (GBC) and Cllr Matt Furniss (SCC).

### 1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Clayton, Hutson and More Molyneux.

### 2. Disclosure of interests

There were no interests declared.

### 3. Election of chairman

Cllr Kitson was elected chairman until the next meeting.

### 4. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020 were signed as an accurate record.

### 5. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

### 6. Planning matters

#### Recent and current planning applications:

There were no current planning applications for the parish.

#### Planning enforcement:

##### *Pond Farm*

It is understood that the occupier of Pond Farm, Mr Podger, is now in a care home and that his son has begun to clear the site.

#### Neighbourhood Plan and Community Infrastructure Levy

Held over until the next meeting.

### 7. Highways

#### Drainage at The Ridges and Sandy Lane

Cllr Furniss reported that nothing has been done about road works because normal council activity has stopped for the duration of the lockdown. Normal service will resume in a few weeks.

### 8. Proposed new bus shelter at Artington

The clerk reported that he has applied to HM Land Registry for the parish council to be registered as owner of the bus shelter site. This has been done provisionally and the application will not be dealt with until the Registry's offices re-open. He has also written to the solicitor acting for the development company that owns the Treetops site informing them that the parish council believes it owns the bus shelter site and has a deed to that effect. He has not received a response.

9. **Report from county and borough councillors**

Cllr Furniss reported that the Recycling Centres had re-opened today and that the countryside car parks would re-open very soon.

The highways department had been working with Network Rail about the poor surface on the New Pond Road railway bridge. Work to rectify the problem will start in July or August and will require traffic lights on the bridge.

He reminded the meeting about the SCC Coronavirus help line and reported that the county council has started a new mental health service with the National Health Service.

In response to a question from Cllr Wisher about illegal cycling on footpaths, he said that would ask the highways department to put up signs if she could let him know on which paths this occurs.

Cllr Blow informed the meeting of the recent changes to the membership of the GBC committees, that the council passed emergency budget last week and that the Development Management Policies, part of the Local Plan, would be going to public consultation shortly.

Cllr Nagaty emphasised the importance of this consultation which will last for a period of seven weeks. It will be done largely online because of current circumstances, although paper copies of the document will be available.

10. **Loseley matters**

Cllr More-Molyneux was not present at the meeting and had sent no report.

11. **Financial matters**

Payments since the last meeting

HM Land Registry <i>for bus shelter site search</i>	£7.00 of which £3 was subsequently returned.
Clerk's <i>expenses</i>	£83.30
Microsoft <i>for copy of Office for Mac 2019</i>	£119.99
Fasthosts <i>for artington-pc.gov.uk domain</i>	£130.80

Payment to the Loseley Christian Trust

It was resolved that a £175 donation would be made to the Loseley Christian Trust for the use of St Francis church.

Annual Governance and Accountability Return – Certificate of Exemption

The council approved the certificate, which was signed by the chairman. The approval of the Annual Statement, which is usually done at the annual meeting of the council in May, has been delayed by two months because of the coronavirus emergency.

Delegation of responsibilities to the clerk

It was resolved that responsibility for signing cheques be delegated to the clerk in consultation with the chair and/or vice-chair for the period of the coronavirus emergency.

**These minutes remain draft until signed at the next APC meeting  
on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020 starting at 7.00pm.**