

Artington Parish Council

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on 13th November 2023 at St Francis Church, Littleton.

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

In attendance: Representatives of Elysian Homes and two 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 Dominique Williams (GBC) and Philip Gorton (parish clerk).

2. **Disclosure of interests**

Cllr More-Molyneux disclosed an interest in anything to do with the Loseley estate.

3. **Minutes**

The minutes of the parish council meeting held on 11th September 2023 were accepted as an accurate record.

4. **Matters arising**

Cllr Beabey noted the resignation received from Cllr Peter Hutson. He expressed the parish council's gratitude for Peter's service on APC and wished him well for the future.

Cllr Beabey recorded his thanks to Father Neil Roberts, rector of St Nicholas, Guildford, for officiating at the Remembrance service in Littleton on 11th November.

5. **Report from borough councillors Catherine Houston and Dominique Williams**

* GBC has been able to spend within its budget for this financial year and it is now seeking to cut capital spending to reduce future borrowing requirements.

* GBC has been scored as average in this year's Climate Change Scorecard.

* The North Street Development was approved by the cross-party Planning Committee in October.

* During the recent water supply problems, GBC worked with SCC's Local Resilience Forum to relay information to local residents via social media.

* Cllrs Catherine Houston and Dominique Williams will be holding their next ward surgery at The Snooty Fox in Shalford, GU4 8JU, on Saturday 25th November from 9.30am – 10.30am.

6. **Report from county councillor Matt Furniss and highways matters**

Cllr Furniss reported on a number of items:

Drainage at The Ridges

Cllr Furniss has reported the problem of standing water in the cycle lane between The Ridges and the new pedestrian crossing. The drain is marked for jetting and he has asked SCC planners to check the gradient near the crossing installed by the developer.

Drainage in Stakescorner Road

Nothing has been done here because there is more significant flooding, which is affecting people's properties, elsewhere. If water has entered the property, then the team will also prioritise this site.

Proposed speed limit changes in Stakescorner Road and Littleton Lane

The changes are proposed for the 2024-25 financial year.

Obstructions on the footway/cycleway between The Ridges and St Catherine's Hill

Cllr Furniss has reported the collapsed wall and over growing vegetation. SCC will make contact with the three landowners concerned.

Resurfacing of Stakescorner Road

Cllr Furniss has reported that the road is to be resurfaced during the 2024-25 financial year.

7. **Planning**

A planning application has been received from Farnborough Airport which is proposing increases in air traffic, size of aircraft using the airport and weekend traffic. APC will consider and respond to the application as the parish is in the area affected by Farnborough traffic flying at under 4,000 feet.

8. **Bus shelter at Artington**

Cllr Beabey reported that a final licence document has now been received. SCC has agreed to maintain the shelter. Parish council members are to check and approve document after which it will be signed by Cllr Beabey.

9. **Loseley matters**

Cllr More-Molyneux advised that a 'Crafts for Christmas' event is taking place 16 – 20 November during which the traffic will be entering via Stakescorner Road and exiting via B3000. Loseley Park will then close down for the winter apart from a few Christmas Teas and Tours.

10. **New notice boards**

A deposit has been paid to Cleveland Joinery in Farncombe and it is hoped that the boards will be ready in the next couple of months.

11. **Financial matters**

Payment for use of St Francis church

It was resolved to make a donation of £200 to the Loseley Christian Trust for the use of St Francis church.

Payments made since last meeting

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| The Information Commissioner | £35.00 |
| Cleveland Joinery (Notice Boards) | £570.00 |
| HugoFox (Website hosting) | £122.28 |
| Clerk's reimbursements | £142.56 |
| HMRC (Clerk's PAYE) | £53.40 |
| Donation to Royal British Legion | £50.00 |
| Loseley Christian Fund | £200.00 |

Budget estimates for 2024-25

The clerk had previously sent to the councillors the budget estimates for 2024-25. This is to inform the council's decision on the required precept that is to be made at the next meeting in January 2024.

15. **Braboeuf Manor development plans**

Representatives of Elysian Homes provided a detailed presentation of the updated proposals for the University of Law site, following various consultations. Cllr Beabey thanked them for taking time to attend the meeting.

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