

Artington Parish Council

Minutes of the annual parish council meeting held on 8th November 2021 at St Francis Church, Littleton.

Councillors present: Cllr F Clayton, Cllr P Hutson, Cllr S Kitson, Cllr C Taft (vice-chair), Cllr J Wisher, Cllr M Furniss (SCC) and Cllr R Nagaty (GBC).

In attendance: Philip Gorton (clerk).

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

- 1. Apologies for absence**
Apologies were received from Cllr A More Molyneux and Cllr C Blow (GBC)
- 2. Disclosure of interests**
Nobody declared an interest.
- 3. Election of chair**
Nobody was elected and Cllr Taft chaired the meeting.
- 4. Notification of a vacancy**
There is currently a vacancy on the council following the recent resignation of Richard Bennett. Councillors expressed their appreciation of his many years of service to the parish, remembering particularly his work on the APC response to the Guildford local plan.
- 5. Minutes**
The minutes of the meeting held on 13th September 2021 were signed as an accurate record.
- 6. Matters arising**
There were no matters arising.
- 7. Planning matters**
Recent and current planning applications:
Land adjacent to Pilgrim Gardens, Sandy Lane: changes to permitted development rights: 21/P/01839
Councillors had no objection and made no comments about this application.
Planning enforcement:
Treetops
The southernmost chimney stack of the old building still remains unprotected from the weather. Cllr Nagaty reported that the GBC historic buildings officer has been in touch with the developer to ask that the building be scaffolded and protected.
Neighbourhood Plan
Cllr Clayton updated the councillors about progress of the proposed neighbourhood plan reminding them of the meeting with Dan Knowles of GBC on Monday 15th November. The clerk said that he had spoken to the planning consultant employed by Puttenham Parish Council. Employing a consultant would be necessary for the process of creating a neighbourhood plan and the role is very much one of guidance to ensure that it is consistent with the GBC local plan and within planning legislation.
- 8. Highways**
Drainage at The Ridges.
Cllr Kitson said that the flooding problem has improved. Although there is standing water after heavy rain it now disappears quickly and has gone by the next day. Cllr Furniss (SCC) said that this was because the drains had now been cleared three times.

Drainage problem in Stakescorner Road

Recent heavy rain caused flooding at Stakescorner Cottage because the culvert under the road is too small to cope with the run-off. Cllr Furniss said that the Highways department are looking into the problem and, because it has caused flooding at a property, the matter is high on the priority list. He suggested that the recent SCC offer of trees for parishes might be used as a part of a flood prevention scheme at the site.

Posts in Stakescorner Road

Many of the reflector posts that mark the verge between the road and the very deep ditch are rotting away or have been damaged. The ditch is a considerable hazard for motorists who do not know the road.

Cllr Furniss said that the Highways department will replace the posts.

Community Speed Watch

Cllr Wisher reported that she had investigated a possible new CSW site in the Old Portsmouth Road near The Ridges but until she finds some volunteers, she will not apply to have it officially registered. She is not minded to do any CSW exercise in Littleton for the moment as the traffic is so light as to be not worthwhile.

9. **Treetops development and the proposed new bus shelter at Artington**

Cllr Hutson has asked the solicitor acting for APC to contact Southern Homes to progress the matter of the new bus shelter. Work has started on the building development but it is very slow.

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

Cllr Ramsey Nagaty (GBC)

GBC and Waverley Borough Council have now appointed a joint chief executive: Tom Horwood who is currently the chief officer of Waverley. He starts in his new post on 30th December.

GBC is considering closing public lavatories in order to save money.

Cllr Matt Furniss (SCC)

The cut of roadside vegetation in the parish has been completed.

Works on Tilthams Corner Road to prevent heavy goods vehicles from crossing the ancient narrow bridge are continuing.

Cllr Furniss informed the meeting that has some money left in his councillor's personal allowance that would be available for APC if it has a project that requires financial assistance. The clerk will look into using the offer of funding to replace the three APC notice boards that are falling into disrepair.

Cllr Furniss also reminded councillors about the Surrey Community Projects Fund should the parish have a larger scheme that needs financial help. **PG**

11. **Loseley matters**

Cllr More-Molyneux was not at the meeting but sent a report to say that the roof of the bus shelter opposite Treetops in the Old Portsmouth Road has been replaced.

The estate has experienced problems with drainage at the Nags Stable with sewage flowing back up the pipes during periods of heavy rain. The Loseley land agent will be in touch shortly with interested parties. There will be a craft fair at Loseley from 18th – 21st November.

A new menu has been introduced at Farmm at Mellersh Farm.

12. **Financial matters**

Payments made since the last meeting

Clerk's reimbursements £84.60

12. **Other business**

The parish council does not intend to arrange a Big Lunch next year but councillors said that if anyone in the parish wants to organise a celebration of the Queen's platinum jubilee it would be welcome.

Cllr Clayton offered the use of the triangular field next to Littleton Farm House should anyone step forward to arrange an event.

**These minutes remain draft until signed at the next APC meeting
on Monday 10th January 2022 starting at 7.00pm at St Francis church, Littleton.**