

# Artington Parish Council

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020 via video conferencing.

**Councillors present:** Cllr R Bennett, Cllr F Clayton, Cllr P Hutson (chairman), Cllr S Kitson, and Cllr C Taft.

**In attendance:** Philip Gorton (clerk), Cllr Chris Blow (GBC), Cllr Ramsey Nagaty (GBC) and Cllr Matt Furniss (SCC).

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

1. **Apologies for absence**

Cllr More-Molyneux and Cllr Wisher both sent their apologies.

2. **Disclosure of interests**

None.

3. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020 were signed as an accurate record.

4. **Matters arising**

A local resident has volunteered to take part in the Community Speed Watch (CSW) events following an incident involving a speeding car at the hairpin bend. However, CSW training has been suspended during lockdown but it is hoped that it will start again in January. Cllr Clayton reported that traffic through Littleton is very quiet at the moment and that CSW is not currently considered necessary but it will be kept under review.

5. **Planning matters**

Recent and current planning applications:

*Meadowside, Old Portsmouth Road*

*ref: 20/P/01773*

*Loseley Park – tree work*

*ref: 20/P/00325*

Councillors had no objection to either of these applications.

Planning enforcement:

*Pond Farm*

There has been no change to the site over the last couple of months. Cllr Nagaty reported that the GBC enforcement officers expect the Podger family to continue clearing the land.

6. **Highways**

Drainage at The Ridges and Sandy Lane

Cllr Furniss said that the drainage works would start in January or February. The work has been put back because more pressing flood prevention work took precedence. There are no plans for drainage works to prevent water running down Sandy Lane and into the adjacent properties, although some householders have made their own provision.

Speeding drivers travelling to and from Mount Browne

Cllr Furniss said that he had been in touch with the Police and Crime Commissioner and that the staff at Mount Browne had been sent letters asking them to desist.

7. **Proposed new bus shelter at Artington**

SCC has informed the parish council that, because the site of the proposed shelter belongs to APC and is not highway land, it cannot be a part of the section 278 agreement made between SCC and the developer of the Treetops site. Consequently, it will be necessary for the developer to liaise with the parish council for the project to proceed.

8. **Treetops development site**

Ground works are taking place on the site but no building has started.

It appears that the top section of the southernmost chimney has been removed from the listed building on the site leaving the rest of the stack open and unprotected from the weather. The clerk is to inform the GBC historic buildings officer. PG

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

*Cllr Blow* reported that the new leader of GBC is Joss Bigmore, who will hold the position for two years following an agreement between the various groups on the council. In response to a question, he said that the Community Infrastructure Levy would probably be payable in respect of housing developments in the GBC area within the next five years.

*Cllr Nagaty* reported that a review of the GBC ward and parish boundaries is currently taking place, the first time this has happened for 25 years. He also spoke of the increasing importance of Neighbourhood Plans and encouraged the parish council to consider adopting one. Councillors discussed the idea and resolved to investigate the possibilities in time for further, more informed, consideration at the next meeting of the council.

*Cllr Furniss* reported that many SCC services are carrying on as normal during the current lockdown. He has been pushing Network Rail to start the promised resurfacing of the New Pond Road railway bridge which, it is hoped, will be done over a weekend during lockdown. It will involve a closure of the road.

The SCC tree planting scheme is continuing and he once again invited suggestions for places where they could be sited.

The *Your Fund Surrey* funding scheme is due to be launched shortly. SCC is to make £100m available for community projects over the next five years and is inviting nominations for schemes to improve the local area. Any community schemes will be considered.

10. **Loseley matters**

Cllr More-Molyneux sent a report to say that there is to be some work done on the estate trees that border the parish roads. He anticipates that the new Mellersh Farm shop in Compton will open in December.

11. **Financial matters**

The clerk presented the budget estimates for the year 2020-21.

Payments made since the last meeting:

*Clerk's expenses* £114.39

12. **Code of conduct**

The council resolved to adopt a new code of conduct, which is to be posted on the Artington website.

**These minutes remain draft until signed at the next APC meeting  
on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 starting at 7.00pm.**