

Artington Parish Council

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on 7th March 2021 via video conferencing.

Councillors present: Cllr R Bennett, Cllr P Hutson (chairman), Cllr S Kitson and Cllr J Wisher.

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

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

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Clayton, Cllr More-Molyneux, Cllr Taft and Cllr Nagaty (GBC).

2. **Disclosure of interests**

There were no interests declared.

3. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th January 2021 were signed as an accurate record.

4. **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising from the last meeting.

5. **Planning matters**

Recent and current planning applications:

There were no planning applications to consider.

Planning enforcement:

Pond Farm

There appears to have been little change on the field to the east of Furze Lane, although the place does look noticeably tidier than it once did. The chairman will contact GBD Planning Enforcement for the latest news. **PH**

Treetops

The top of one of the chimney stacks on the listed building has been removed but has not been secured against the weather. The clerk has twice written to GBC planning about this but has had no response. Cllrs Blow said that the officer has tried to contact the developer but has received no reply. The chairman has also been in touch with the developer who insists that it is the intention to restore the building according to the terms of the planning permission.

6. **Highways**

Drainage at The Ridges and Sandy Lane

Cllr Furniss said that the drainage works at The Ridges is still on the list to be done. The work has been put back because more pressing work takes precedence. There is no problem in Sandy Lane at the moment but one of the highways officers has been visiting during heavy rain to monitor the situation.

Community Speedwatch

Cllr Wisher informed the meeting that Surrey and Sussex Police have created a merged database as a consequence of which all CSW volunteers will be required to do some online training. When this is complete, Speedwatch operations will resume.

7. **Treetops development site**

Cllr Hutson reported that he has been in communication with Southern Homes who are developing the site. They report that work has begun but off-site Section 278 works have not started.

Cllr Hutson asked the developers to keep the parish council informed of progress. They have been liaising with near neighbours.

Cllr Hutson has informed them that APC has not yet found a legal representative to deal with the matter of the replacement bus shelter.

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

Cllr Blow

The GBC budget for 2021-22 has been approved. The Guildford North Street Development public engagement process is to start soon. There are to be GBC bye-elections for Send, Pirbright and Friary/St Nicolas.

Cllr Furniss reported that SCC is pleased with the work done by Network Rail to make good the road surface on the New Pond Road railway bridge. The SCC budget of £2bn has been approved with most of the money going to education, highways and social care. The authority is to lower the speed limit on rural roads to 40mph. Posts have been installed on the newly restored Tilthams Road bridge to prevent damage by oversized vehicles. The Your Fund Surrey grant scheme has been launched.

9. **Loseley matters**

No report was received from Cllr More-Molyneux.

10. **Financial matters**

Payments since last meeting:

Eco Hosting, annual fee for email hosting service: £24 (inc. VAT)

Annual review of the Governance and Management Risk Assessment

The council reviewed and approved the risk assessment.

Clerk's salary

It was resolved to increase the clerk's salary by 5% to £3107 p.a. from 1 May 2021.

11. **Subscription to Surrey Hills Society**

Councillors resolved to renew the £25 subscription to the society.

12. **New website and email hosting**

The provider that has been hosting the council's website and email quoted a renewal price of £150 for one year. Consequently, the clerk has set up a new website with *Hugofox*, a firm that provides hosting free of charge for small community organisations, including parish councils. He has also opened an account with *Eco Hosting* to supply an email service at £20 p.a. This is the total annual cost for website and email hosting, which represents a considerable saving for the council.

13. **Network Rail Section 38 Notice – St Catherine's Hill Common.**

This notice relates to the works recently completed to stabilise the railway cutting following last year's landslip. As the engineers have now left the site and the land made good, this notice is very much a formality and requires no action.

14. **Date of next meetings**

The Annual Parish Meeting and the annual meeting of the parish council will take place on Tuesday 4th May via video conferencing. Details of how to join the meetings will be publicised on the parish notice boards and on the APC website.

15. **Other business**

Cllr Wisher has received a complaint from a resident whose neighbour is burning toxic waste in their garden. She will take up the matter with the landlord of the property concerned.

**These minutes remain draft until signed at the next APC meeting
on Tuesday 4th May 2021 starting at 7.00pm.**