

Artington Parish Council

Minutes of the annual parish council meeting held on 28th April 2025 at St. Francis Church, Littleton.

Councillors present: Cllr B Beabey (Chair), Cllr, H Farrant (Vice-chair), Cllr S Kitson, Cllr A Lourenco, Cllr A More-Molyneux and Cllr J Wisher.

In attendance: Philip Gorton (Clerk) and Cllr M Furniss (SCC).

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

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr James West, Cllr Catherine Houston (GBC) and Cllr Dominique Williams (GBC).

2. **Disclosure of interests**

Cllr More-Molyneux declared an interest in all matters relating to the Loseley estate.

3. **Election of chairman and vice-chairman**

Cllr Beabey was elected as chairman and Cllr Farrant as vice-chairman for the coming year.

4. **Co-option of new member**

Cllr Anthony Lourenco was co-opted as a member of the council to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Fiona Clayton.

Cllr Beabey thanked Mrs Clayton, in her absence, for her contribution to the work of the council over the previous eight years.

5. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th March 2025 were signed as an accurate record.

6. **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

7. **Planning matters**

Recent and current planning applications:

Pilgrim Garden, Sandy Lane

Extensions

ref: 25/P/00499

The council made no comments about this application.

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

Cllr Furniss does not yet have a date for the implementation of the 20mph speed limit in Sandy Lane and Littleton Lane, although he said that it would happen this summer. He is to send details of the scheme to the clerk.

SCC has funding available for small-business apprenticeships and there is a £7m grant scheme for small and medium businesses in the county.

No report was received from the two GBC councillors.

9. **Loseley matters**

Cllr More-Molyneux reported that Loseley House and gardens have opened for the summer. The company that organises concerts at Loseley has a noise management plan to mitigate sound nuisance for local residents.

10. **Financial matters**

Payments made since the last meeting:

<i>Eco-hosting:</i>	email hosting	£36.00
<i>Surrey Hills Society</i>	subscription	£30.00
<i>Philip Gorton</i>	Clerk's costs	£132.34
<i>Lloyds Bank</i>	Bank charges	£4.25
<i>ecohosting</i>	Email hosting	£36.00
<i>HugoFox</i>	Website hosting	£143.86
<i>J J Wisher</i>	Plastic drinking vessels	£15.99

Schedule of regular payments

The councillors agreed a schedule of regular payments made by APC. These include mandatory payments that do not, therefore, require any further authority from the council. The schedule is to be kept under review and presented to the council at each annual meeting.

Annual Governance and Accountability Return:

The AGAR was presented to the council and:

The Certificate of Exemption for 2024-25 was approved and was signed by the chairman.

The Annual Governance Statement 2024-25 was approved and was signed by the chairman.

The Accounting Statements 2024-25 were approved and was signed by the chairman.

Councillors approved a payment of £15.99 to Cllr Wisher as reimbursement for plastic drinking vessels bought for council use.

Councillors expressed thanks to David Hunt of Compton who carried out the internal audit of the accounts at no cost to the parish council. The clerk will post the AGAR documents and accounts on the APC website over the next week or so.

**These minutes remain draft until signed at the next APC meeting
on Monday 14th July 2025 starting at 7.00pm at St Francis church, Littleton.**