

Artington Parish Council

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on 10th November 2025 at St. Francis Church, Littleton.

Councillors present: Cllr B Beabey (chair), Cllr H Farrant, Cllr S Kitson, Cllr A Lourenco, Cllr A More-Molyneux, Cllr J West, Cllr J Wisher and Cllr M Furniss (SCC),

In attendance: Philip Gorton (Clerk).

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

1. **Apologies for absence**

Cllr C Houston (GBC) and Cllr D Williams (GBC).

2. **Disclosure of interests**

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

3. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th September 2025 were signed as an accurate record.

4. **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

5. **Planning matters**

Recent and current planning applications:

Artington Manor Farm, application for listed building consent: ref: 25/P/01072

There has been a second change to this application for listed building consent. The council will review this latest application and respond if appropriate.

35 Manor Farm Cottages, single storey infill extension ref: 25/P/01253

The council made no comment about this application.

Mount Browne Discharge of Conditions

GBC had not made the parish council aware of this latest application but it will review the application and respond if appropriate.

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

Cllr Furniss (SCC) gave information about three sources of grant funding:

Business Grant

All small and medium sized businesses in Surrey are invited to apply for match-funded grants of between £10k and £75k. Projects must demonstrate how they will contribute to economic growth in Surrey.

County Councillor Fund

Residents can apply to their local SCC councillor for cash grants to improve their local area. Each year, SCC's councillors each allocate £5k of funding within their local communities.

Your Fund Surrey

Funding is available for small one-off projects worth between £1k and £50k to support capital community projects.

Information about these schemes is available on the SCC website.

Cllrs Houston and Williams (GBC) were absent from the meeting but sent a report:

* The government has decided that local government in Surrey will be reorganised into two unitary authorities. The existing authorities will be dissolved on 31 March 2027. Election for the new West Surrey Council will take place on 7 May 2026.

* Guildford Town Centre Festive Fun Day on Sunday 16 November will be a free event that will feature a variety of activities and a festive market in the High Street.

* The GBC has set a maximum height of 18m (5 – 6 storeys) for new developments in the town.

7. **Highways**

Cllr Furniss (SCC) reported that the parish 20mph speed limit will be put in place next summer, subject to the results of the public consultation.

A maintenance engineer is shortly due to visit Stakescorner Road to assess the locations of the reflector posts.

The SCC 'FixMyStreet' online reporting tool now makes it easier for residents to report potholes, faulty traffic lights and other highway defects.

Flooding and drainage problems can be reported online via the SCC website or by phoning the contact centre on 0300 200 1003.

8. **Loseley related matters**

Cllr More-Molyneux reported that a new café has opened at Home Farm, very near the estate office. There will be no craft show this Christmas so there will not be the usual flow of traffic going to Loseley this year.

There will be Christmas tours of the house and gardens on Saturday 29 Nov, 6 Dec and 13 Dec. Work on the farm shop at Mellersh Farm is progressing.

9. **Community Speed Watch**

Cllr Wisher reported that the next CSW event is planned later this month.

10. **Donation to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal**

The council resolved to donate £75 to the appeal.

11. **Donation to the Loseley Christian Trust**

The council resolved to donate £250 to the Loseley Christian Trust for the use of St Francis church for its meetings.

12. **Financial**

Payments made since last meeting

The Information Commissioner	£47.00
Clerk's reimbursements (Apr – Sep 2025)	£149.78
HMRC - Clerk's PAYE	£193.00
Donation to the RBL Poppy Appeal	£75.00
Donation to Loseley Christian Trust	£250.00

Budget estimates for 2026-27

The clerk had previously sent to the councillors the budget estimates for 2026-27. This is to inform the council's decision on the required precept that is to be made at the next meeting in January 2026.

13. **Carol service**

Cllr Wisher reported that James Rattue, rector of St John's church, Farncombe, has agreed to conduct the annual carol service. It will be held on Monday 29 December at 5.00pm. Details will be posted on the website and the parish notice boards.

**These minutes remain draft until signed at the next APC meeting
on Monday 12th January 2026 starting at 7.00pm at St Francis church, Littleton.**