

Artington Parish Council

Minutes of the annual parish council meeting held on 10th January 2022 at St Francis Church, Littleton.

Councillors present: Cllr B Beabey, Cllr F Clayton, Cllr P Hutson, Cllr S Kitson, Cllr A More Molyneux, 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**

Apologies were received from Cllr C Taft, Cllr C Blow (GBC) and Cllr Nagaty (GBC).

2. **Disclosure of interests**

Cllr More Molyneux disclosed an interest in anything to do with the Loseley estate.

3. **Election of chair**

Nobody was elected and Cllr Kitson chaired the meeting.

4. **Co-option of a new councillor**

The council resolved that Ben Beabey be co-opted as a member of the parish council.

5. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th November 2021 were signed as an accurate record.

6. **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

7. **Planning matters**

Recent and current planning applications:

Hollowfield Cottage, Littleton: permitted development rights. Ref: 21/P/02532

Councillors had no objection and made no comments about this application. The clerk reported that he had received letters of objection from two members of the public, which he circulated to the councillors before the meeting, and that he had advised the correspondents to send their comments to GBC by the closing date.

Planning enforcement:

Treetops

It was noted that the listed building at Treetops has been partially covered in scaffolding and cladding but that the chimney was still unprotected. The clerk was asked to contact the GBC historic buildings officer again to express the continued concern of the council. **PG**

Illuminated sign at Pew Corner

The clerk reported that on two occasions he had seen what appeared to be a new illuminated panel on the gable end of one of the buildings at Pew Corner and had reported it to GBC planning enforcement.

Neighbourhood Plan

The council resolved to apply for the parish to be designated as a Neighbourhood Planning Area and for the council to be recognised as the relevant body for the purposes of Section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. The clerk will send a letter of application. **PG**

The council resolved to form a committee to create a Neighbourhood Plan for the parish.

Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty boundary review

The AONB boundary is currently being reviewed by Natural England and this represents an opportunity to lobby for the River Wey meadows within the parish to be included in the area.

The council resolved to make a response and Cllr Kitson volunteered to prepare it. **SK**

8. **Highways**

Drainage at The Ridges.

Cllr Furniss said that the drains will be assessed using CCTV during this year and that any work will involve traffic management on the Old Portsmouth Road.

Drainage problem in Stakescorner Road

Cllr Furniss said that the SCC engineers will shortly be assessing the situation to decide how best to protect Stakescorner Cottage and its garden from further flooding.

Posts in Stakescorner Road

Cllr Furniss said that the Highways department will replace the reflective posts within the next few months.

Pavement repairs

Cllr Furniss said that funds have been made available for improving roadside pavements in the county and asked if there any pavements in the parish that require repair. The clerk said that the stretch between the railway bridge and Quadrum Park entrance on the Old Portsmouth Road, which is very narrow, broken and frequently overgrown, would benefit from attention.

9. **Draft proposals for changes to GBC ward boundaries**

The Boundary Commission proposes to combine the Shalford and Pilgrim wards with three GBC councillors representing the new ward. As the proposal does not appear to adversely affect the representation of Artington on GBC, *the council resolved* not to respond to the commission's proposals.

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

Cllr Hutson has once again 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, as is the response from their solicitor. Councillors acknowledged and thanked Cllr More Molyneux for the repairs to the existing shelter.

11. **Loseley matters**

Cllr More-Molyneux reported that there had been a flurry of weddings at Loseley that had been delayed because of covid but, other than that, things had been very quiet.

12. **Replacement of notice boards**

Cllr Furniss said that there is still money available from his personal allowance that APC can apply for to replace its notice boards. The clerk has been obtaining quotes. He will continue to do so and make a claim for the funds.

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13. **Financial matters**

Precept for 2022-23

The council resolved to increase the current precept (£4255) by 5% to £4468 and to increase clerk's salary by 5% to £3262.64.

Payments since last meeting:

None

Annual review of the Governance and Management Risk Assessment

The council reviewed and approved the risk assessment.

12. **Date of Annual Parish Meeting**

The meeting will be held in the evening of Tuesday 26th April.

**These minutes remain draft until signed at the next APC meeting
on Monday 14th March 2022 starting at 7.00pm at St Francis church, Littleton.**