

Artington Parish Council

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on 10th July 2023 at St Francis Church, Littleton.

Councillors present: Cllr B Beabey (Chair), Cllr P Hutson, Cllr S Kitson, Cllr J Wisher, Cllr Catherine Houston (GBC) and Cllr Dominique Williams (GBC).

In attendance: Philip Gorton (Clerk) and one member of the public.

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

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr F Clayton, Cllr A More-Molyneux and Cllr Matt Furniss (SCC),

2. **Disclosure of interests**

There were no disclosures of interest.

3. **Minutes**

The minutes of the annual parish council meeting held on 24th May 2023 and those of the Annual Parish Meeting that was held on the same day were signed as accurate records.

4. **Matters arising**

The clerk reported that he is waiting for a quote from Cleveland Joinery in Farncombe for the replacement of the three APC notice boards.

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5. **Planning matters**

Recent and current planning applications:

New Pond Farm, New Pond Road. Extension and change of roof line Ref: 23/P/00964

The councillors made no comment about this application.

Neighbourhood Plan

Compton Parish Council is considering a Neighbourhood Plan. The clerk has been approached by the chair of CPC asking if APC would consider collaborating in some way in the preparation of their respective plans. The clerk will forward the suggestion to the Artington Neighbourhood plan committee for consideration.

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Braboeuf Manor development

Councillors discussed the plans of Elysian Residences following the latest public consultation events that were held last week. They expressed concern about the height of the buildings (five storeys) that are proposed for the student car park area, which is the highest part of the site. There is to be a further consultation event in August at which, it is hoped, more details about the proposed buildings will be given.

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

GBC Cllrs Houston and Williams, reported the financial situation of GBC which has to find savings of £20m over the next three years. This is the result of rising interest rates on borrowing for the council's capital projects and is likely to mean the cutting of non-essential services.

The Guildford North Street Development plans were rejected by the planning committee in January and the developers intend to appeal against this decision. At the same time they will submit an amended version of the scheme to GBC.

Cllrs Houston and Williams held their first Shalford Ward drop-in surgery at the Snooty Fox café in Shalford and intend to hold others periodically in various places within the ward. They have also created a Shalford Ward Facebook page to spread information and to provide another means for residents to contact them.

7. **Highways**

Cllr Furniss was absent from the meeting so the clerk will write to him to ask about the current position of the drainage schemes at The Ridges and Stakescorner Road, the replacement of reflector posts in Stakescorner Road and the proposed 20mph speed limit for Littleton. **PG**

The clerk has contacted SCC about vegetation and the fallen wall that are partially blocking the footway/cycle path between The Ridge and St Catherine's Hill. As a result, SCC has contacted the neighbouring landowner asking for the obstructions to be removed.

Cllr Wisher reported that there have been two Community Speed Watch events recently.

The results confirmed the impression that there are far fewer vehicles travelling through Littleton than there used to be. Only one was found to be exceeding the 30mph speed limit.

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

A revised draft of the licence is now being reviewed by APC. Work on the road improvements continues and the old bus shelter has now been removed, without the permission of APC.

Cllr Hutson is to contact the developer, Southern Homes, about this matter. **PH**

9. **Loseley matters**

Cllr More-Molyneux sent a report to say that Loseley is now open to the public for the season, that there is to be an Antiques and Salvage show on 14, 15 & 16 July and that a planning application has been submitted for the rebuilding of the farm shop at Mellersh Farm in Compton.

10. **Wreath for war memorial and act of remembrance**

The council resolved to organise an act of remembrance at the new war memorial on Saturday 11th November. Cllr Beabey will ask the rector of St Nicolas, Guildford, if he could conduct the service and the clerk will investigate the cost of provide a poppy wreath. **BB PG**

11. **Financial matters**

Payments made since the last meeting:

<i>HMRC</i> : PAYE payment	£53.43
<i>Compton Village Association</i> : share of Coronation Big Lunch expenses	£322.21
<i>BHIB</i> : annual insurance premium	£384.42
<i>P&P Glass Ltd</i> : Repair of Loseley East Lodge bus shelter	£280.00

**These minutes remain draft until signed at the next APC meeting
on Monday 11th September 2023 starting at 7.00pm at St Francis church, Littleton.**