

Artington Parish Council

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on 14th September 2020 via video conferencing.

Councillors present: Cllr R Bennett, Cllr F Clayton, Cllr P Hutson (chairman), Cllr A More-Molyneux, Cllr C Taft and Cllr J Wisher.

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

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

1. **Apologies for absence**

Cllr Sean Kitson and Cllr Chris Blow (GBC).

2. **Disclosure of interests**

Cllr More-Molyneux for all matters relating to the Loseley estate.

3. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th July 2020 were signed as an accurate record.

4. **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

5. **Planning matters**

Recent and current planning applications:

Piccards Farm distillery ref: 20/P/001293

Councillors discussed concerns that the business might grow and increase traffic to the farm and through the parish lanes, although Cllr More-Molyneux said that the business would be limited by the size of the still that could be accommodated by the building. There was no objection to the application.

South Lodge, Sandy Lane – tree work. ref: 20/P/00246

Councillors had no objection to this application.

Planning enforcement:

Pond Farm

Mr Podger's son is continuing his work in clearing Pond Farm of rubbish, although a neighbour has reported that progress has slowed recently. Nonetheless, progress is still being made and GBC planning enforcement officers are continuing to apply pressure to have the waste removed from the site.

Neighbourhood Plan and Community Infrastructure Levy

Cllr Hutson reported that his research has led him to the conclusion that a Neighbourhood Plan for Artington would entail a great deal of work and commitment from both the parish council and from other members of the local community. Whilst it would give the parish council some influence over planning and the developments within the parish, it would not enable the council to prevent unwelcome developments. Nor would it enable the parish to benefit from the Community Infrastructure Levy as it does not apply in the Guildford Borough Council area.

In reply to a question, Cllr Nagaty reported that GBC planning officers know nothing of any current plans for developments at Mount Browne or the University of Law.

6. **Highways**

Drainage at The Ridges and Sandy Lane

Cllr Bennett reported that there has been no change in the situation at The Ridges and the Old Portsmouth Road. Cllr Hutson reported that water and rubbish flows down Sandy Lane during periods of heavy rain and finds its way into the gardens of the adjacent properties. Cllr Furniss said that the SCC Flood Team is to investigate both sites and he would report back to the parish council when this had been done.

MF

Speeding drivers

Cllr Kitson has found two volunteers to join the local Community Speedwatch team to monitor driving speeds at The Ridges. Cllr Wisher will liaise with the volunteers and the Police to organise training. She said that there is not much traffic going through Littleton at the moment and there is little appetite for resuming activities there at the moment.

JW

7. **Proposed new bus shelter at Artington**

Cllr Furniss reported that SCC planning has been encouraging Southern Homes, the new owners and developers of the Treetops site, to contact APC regarding the provision of the new bus shelter.

8. **Treetops development site**

Cllr Hutson said that he would ask the development company about the timescale for building work on the site.

9. **Report from county and borough councillors**

Cllr Nagaty outlined the reorganisation of the Guildford Borough Council management structure which is intended to improve services and save money. He had nothing to report about GBC activities that specifically affect Artington parish.

Cllr Furniss reported once more that SCC had made its highways activities available to view on the council website via an interactive map.

He reminded councillors of the *SCC tree planting scheme*, which is a part of its Climate Change Strategy. He asked for suggestions of places in the parish that would benefit from this offer of free trees. Cllr More-Molyneux said that he would look at the possibility of using them to replace the dying elms in Stakescorner Road and on the track from Artington to Littleton.

AMM

Network Rail has not yet confirmed when it intends to repair the *poor surface on the New Pond Road railway bridge*. SCC has requested that traffic lights are used during the work to avoid having another closure of the road and the lanes through Littleton.

SCC has proposed the *creation of a unitary authority* in Surrey. This would change the structure of local government which would have considerable implications for the work of parish councils. He will send details of the SCC business case to the clerk for distribution to APC members.

MF

The *Active Travel* scheme continues to reallocate road space in favour of pedestrians and cyclists.

10. **Loseley matters**

Cllr More-Molyneux reported that little is happening at Loseley, although there may be a Covid-secure outdoor cinema this winter.

11. **Financial matters**

Payments made since the last meeting:

<i>Came and Co. annual insurance premium</i>	£247.05
<i>Information Commissioner: data protection fee</i>	£40.00

**These minutes remain draft until signed at the next APC meeting
on Monday 9th November 2020 starting at 7.00pm.**