

Artington Parish Council

Minutes of the annual parish council meeting held on 24th May 2023 at St Francis Church, Littleton.

Councillors present: Cllr B Beabey (Chair), Cllr, F Clayton, Cllr P Hutson, Cllr S Kitson, Cllr A More-Molyneux, Cllr J Wisher, Cllr Matt Furniss (SCC), 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**

There were no apologies for absence.

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

Cllr Beabey was elected as chairman. No vice-chairman was elected and it was agreed that councillors would be asked to deputise should the need arise.

Cllr Beabey welcomed the new GBC councillors, Catherine Houston and Dominique Williams.

3. **Co-option of member**

Alexander More-Molyneux was co-opted as a member of the parish council.

4. **Disclosure of interests**

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

5. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th March 2023 were signed as an accurate record.

6. **Matters arising**

The clerk reminded the meeting that the creation of the permissive footpath that runs from Sandy Lane to Chestnut Avenue, through Catherine Place, was a condition of that development. It was resolved at the last meeting that the condition would be reviewed and that GBC and Catherine Place management be contacted if it was thought that there was a danger the path could be closed.

This review has not yet taken place and the clerk will attend to the matter.

7. **Planning matters**

Recent and current planning applications:

<i>Orange Court, Littleton.</i>	<i>Change of planning condition</i>	<i>Ref: 23/P/00423</i>
<i>Rush Croft Farmhouse, Bricks Lane</i>	<i>Various extensions and porch</i>	<i>Ref: 23/P/00467</i>
<i>Whytegates, Sandy Lane</i>	<i>Various extensions</i>	<i>Ref: 23/P/00725</i>

The councillors made no comments about any of the applications.

Cllr Beabey left the meeting during the discussion about Whytegates.

Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Beabey reported that the neighbourhood plan committee is still seeking a grant to pay the fees of a planning consultant to steer the project.

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

Cllr Matt Furniss (SCC) reported that the resurfacing in Sandy Lane had been completed, except for a small section very close to the junction with the Old Portsmouth Road. He has recently submitted a scheme for the reconstruction of Stakescorner Road which is breaking up in places.

He asked the councillors if there was still a need for The Ridges to be included in the forthcoming review of parking restrictions. He was told that there had been no parking problems there for several years so he will not ask for it to be included in the review.

He confirmed that funding is still available for the replacement of the three APC notice boards.

GBC Cllrs Houston and Williams, being very new to their roles, had nothing to report but they gave an outline of the structure of the new Guildford Borough Council. Cllr Julia McShane will continue as leader of the council with Cllr Tom Hunt as her deputy.

9. **Highways**

Cllr Furniss reported that the problem of drainage at The Ridges is still on the list of work to be done. It will require three-way temporary traffic lights and will be done at some time after the road works associated with the Treetops development are complete.

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

APC is to grant a licence to Southern Homes allowing the company to build a new bus shelter on parish council land. Southern Homes has agreed to pay APC the sum of £10,000 for the licence. Cllr Hutson reported that a draft version of the licence is now being reviewed and it is hoped that the matter will be concluded in the near future.

11. **Loseley matters**

Cllr More-Molyneux reported that the next large event is the Dog Fest on 27th and 28th May.

There will also be a few small-scale events and a number of weddings coming up in the near future.

12. **Financial matters**

Annual Governance and Accountability Return:

The AGAR was presented to the council and:

The Certificate of Exemption for 2022-23 was approved and was signed by the chairman.

The Annual Governance Statement 2022-23 was approved and was signed by the chairman.

The Accounting Statements 2022-23 were approved and was signed by the chairman.

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 documents on the APC website over the next few days.

SALC subscription

Councillors resolved to renew membership of the Surrey Association of Local Councils.

Payments made since the last meeting:

<i>Eco-hosting: email hosting</i>	£24.00
<i>Surrey Association of Local Councils: annual subscription</i>	£88.06

**These minutes remain draft until signed at the next APC meeting
on Monday 10th July 2023 starting at 7.00pm at St Francis church, Littleton.**