

Artington Parish Council

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on 11th January 2021 via video conferencing.

Councillors present: Cllr R Bennett, Cllr P Hutson (chairman), Cllr S Kitson,
Cllr A More-Molyneux and Cllr C Taft.

In attendance: Philip Gorton (clerk), Cllr Chris Blow (GBC), 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**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Clayton and Wisher.

2. **Disclosure of interests**

None.

3. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th November 2020 were signed as an accurate record.

4. **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising from the last meeting.

5. **Planning matters**

Recent and current planning applications:

4 Old Cottages, Old Portsmouth Road, extension

20/P/02152

Councillors had no objection to this application.

Brethren's Meeting Room, New Pond Road, new building

20/P/02216

Councillors had concerns about the size of the building that would be within the Green Belt and the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The clerk is to send a letter of objection to GBC.

Planning enforcement:

Pond Farm

Cllr Nagaty reported that the GBC planning enforcement officer had visited the site recently.

The officer thinks that Mr Podger's family is making an effort to clear the site.

Treetops

The top of one of the chimney stacks on the listed building has been removed but has not been secured against the weather. The clerk has twice written to GBC planning about this but has had no response. Cllrs Blow and Nagaty said that they would both contact the historic buildings officer about the problem.

6. **Highways**

Drainage at The Ridges and Sandy Lane

Cllr Furniss said that the drainage works at The Ridges is still on the list to be done. The work has been put back because more pressing work takes precedence. He has taken up the matter of the standing water on the Old Portsmouth Road with the highway department, although he thinks that nothing will be done until the road works associated with the Treetops development are completed. Cllr Hutson reported that there has been no further flooding in Sandy Lane during the recent heavy rain.

Speeding drivers travelling to and from Mount Browne

Cllr Furniss said that he has had no response to his letter to the Police and Crime Commissioner about Mount Browne staff speeding along the local roads. Cllr Kitson said that it is not currently a problem because of the reduced amount of traffic during the lockdown.

Old Portsmouth Road footpath

The poor state of the footpath/cyclepath between The Ridges and St Catherine's Hill was drawn to the attention of Cllr Furniss. Responsibility for the retaining wall and the overhanging vegetation lies with the adjacent landowners but the obstruction of the path by earth and fallen leaves can be reported to SCC via its website.

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

Cllr Hutson reported that the parish council is currently engaged in negotiations with the developer of the Treetops site. The developer acknowledges that APC owns the land on which the shelter stands and wishes to enter into a licence with the parish council to replace the current structure.

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

Cllr Blow reported that the planning process for the Weyside Urban Village and the Guildford North Street developments are progressing. Permission has been granted for the bridge to replace the level crossing in Ash.

Cllr Nagaty reported that G Live is being used as a centre for Covid vaccinations.

The museum redevelopment project has been shelved and the council is looking for ways to enhance the museum at a lower cost. The Shalford Common parking consultation is continuing.

Cllr Furniss reported that SCC is leading the local response to the pandemic with the police, NHS and other organisations.

Work to make good the New Pond Road railway bridge will take place over the weekend of 29th - 31st January. Stakescorner Road and Sandy Lane will not be closed.

The Tilthams Road bridge was damaged by a heavy goods vehicle, not long after it was opened following the lengthy repair work. Bollards will be installed to prevent HGVs from crossing the bridge in future.

9. **Loseley matters**

Cllr More-Molyneux reported that little is happening at Loseley due to the pandemic. However, the shop at Mellersh Farm opened in December and is busy.

10. **Financial matters**

Precept for 2021-22

The council resolved to increase the current precept (£4052) by 5% to £4255.

Payments since last meeting:

None

Annual review of the Governance and Management Risk Assessment

Held over until the next meeting.

11. **Other business**

Councillors agreed to investigate further the possibility of having a Neighbourhood Plan.

The clerk is to search for an alternative hosting arrangement for the parish council website.

**These minutes remain draft until signed at the next APC meeting
on Monday 8th March 2021 starting at 7.00pm.**