

# Artington Parish Council

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024  
at St Francis church, Littleton.

**Councillors present:** Cllr B Beabey (Chair), Cllr F Clayton, Cllr H Farrant, Cllr S Kitson,  
Cllr A More-Molyneux and Cllr J Wisher.

**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 Matt Furniss (SCC), Cllr Catherine Houston (GBC) and Cllr Dominique Williams (GBC).

2. **Disclosure of interests**

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

3. **Minutes**

The minutes of the parish council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023 were signed as an accurate record.

4. **Matters arising**

The clerk has received an acknowledgement and thanks from the Royal British Legion for the council's £50 donation to the Poppy Appeal.

There is still a vacancy on the parish council following the resignation of Peter Hutson last year. Cllr Clayton gave notice that she will resign from the council later this year so the search for new councillors will become all the more urgent.

5. **Planning matters**

*Braboeuf Manor development*

The parish council has made an extensive response objecting to the planning application for the University of Law site at Braboeuf Manor. There have been many other objections to the developers' proposals, all of which can be viewed on the Guildford Borough Council planning website.

6. **Highways**

In his absence, Cllr Furniss sent a report about matters currently affecting the parish roads:

\* The resurfacing of Stakescorner Road is due to begin on the 10<sup>th</sup> January and should be completed within two weeks, although progress will be dependent on the weather.

\* Following correspondence with the parish clerk, Cllr Furniss has referred the problem of flooding near Stakescorner Cottage to the SCC Flood Board, asking for it to investigate and report within the next week.

\* He is awaiting a further report on the drainage situation at The Ridges.

\* Wooden reflector posts have been ordered for both The Ridges and Stakescorner Road.

7. **Reports from Guildford Borough councillors**

In their absence, Cllrs Houston and Williams sent a report:

\* It is understood that the University of Law planning application will not be decided until mid to late February at the earliest. If the planning officers' recommendation is to approve the application, it will go to the Planning Committee meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> March or, possibly, to the meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

\* Schools and parish councils can apply for funding from Crowdfund Guildford from which up to £5000 is available for community projects.

\* Residents are now able to nominate a person or group for the Mayor's Award for Service to the Community 2024.

\* GBC has published its draft financial budget for 2024-25. It will be reviewed by committee during January with a recommendation for full approval by the council on 7<sup>th</sup> February. The council will not have to issue a Section 114 (effective bankruptcy) notice.

\* GBC is to close its recycling collection sites around the borough as the fortnightly kerb-side collections are able to take all items.

\* Cllrs Houston and Williams will be holding a drop-in surgery at Watts Gallery, Compton, on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January, 10.00am – 11.30am.

8. **Bus shelter licence fee**

Cllr Beabey advised the meeting that the funds to pay the licence fee to APC and the parish council's legal fees are now held by the solicitor acting for Southern Homes, the developer of the Treetops site in Artington. The payments will be made once all necessary paperwork has been completed.

9. **Loseley matters**

Cllr More-Molyneux reported that things are quiet at Loseley at the moment. However, work on the rebuilding of the farm shop and house at Mellersh Farm is continuing, as is the hedge laying along New Pond Road. The hedges along Stakescorner Road will also be laid this winter.

10. **Replacement of notice boards**

The clerk reported that he has discussed the design of the new boards with the proprietor of Cleveland Joinery in Farncombe. They will be ready for collection and installation within the next few months.

11. **Financial matters**

Precept for 2024-25

The council resolved to increase the current precept (£4915) by 5% to £5161 and to increase clerk's salary by 5% to £3768.

Payment since last meeting:

HMRC Clerk's PAYE: £53.63

Annual review of the Governance and Management Risk Assessment

The council reviewed and approved the risk assessment.

12. **Date of the Annual Residents' Meeting**

It was agreed to hold the Annual Residents' Meeting, to which all those on the Artington electoral register are invited to attend, on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024. It will start at 8.00pm, following the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

**These minutes remain draft until signed at the next APC meeting  
on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024 starting at 7.00pm at St Francis church, Littleton.**