

Artington Parish Council

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 9th January 2023
at St Francis church, Littleton.

Councillors present: Cllr B Beabey, Cllr P Hutson, Cllr S Kitson, Cllr C Taft (chair)
and Cllr J Wisher.

In attendance: Cllr M Furniss (SCC), Cllr R Nagaty (GBC) and Philip Gorton (Clerk).

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

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr F Clayton, Cllr More-Molyneux and Cllr Chris Blow (GBC).

2. **Disclosure of interests**

There were no disclosures of interest.

3. **Minutes**

The minutes of the parish council meeting held on 14th November 2023 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:

The Coach House, Sandy Lane *Various works* *22/P/01988*

The councillors made no comments on this application.

Neighbourhood Plan

Julia Grant is to lead the Neighbourhood Plan Committee with Cllr Taft to assist with the administration tasks. The next steps that the committee will take is to apply for a grant and employ a planning consultant.

6. **Highways**

Cllr Furniss said that he is awaiting a report from the highways engineer about the reflector posts in Stakescorner Road that have recently been inspected. He also said that new bollards are shortly to be installed in The Ridges.

The traffic survey that took place late last year has shown that it is possible to reduce the speed limit to 20mph between the Loseley estate entrance and the entrance to Mount Browne.

Councillors resolved that they did wish this to be done. Cllr Furniss said that it would now go to public consultation and, were it to be adopted, new 20mph signs could be installed on the existing posts. He also suggested other signage, possibly speed limit 'gates', that could be used to mark the new limit to make it more effective.

Councillors asked if a 30mph limit could be considered for Stakescorner Road, between New Pond Road and the Loseley estate entrance. Cllr Furniss said that he would arrange for a speed survey to be undertaken for this stretch of road.

Cllr Furniss also noted councillors' report of the many potholes near the bottom of Sandy Lane and in Stakescorner Road/Littleton Lane. Double yellow lines are missing in Sandy Lane, which results in illegal and hazardous car parking in the lane near the College of Law.

7. Treetops development and the proposed new bus shelter at Artington

An offer of payment for a licence to build a new bus shelter on parish council land at Artington has been made by the Southern Housing Group, the developer of the Treetops site. Councillors are to consider the offer and reply to SHG before the end of January.

8. Reports from county and borough councillors

Cllr Ramsey Nagaty (GBC) gave some background information about the proposed North Street development in Guildford. He also reported that the proposals for the Debenhams and subsequent changes to the gyratory system are likely to increase the amount of traffic using the Old Portsmouth Road through Artington.

9. Loseley matters

Cllr More-Molyneux was not present to give a report.

10. Replacement of notice boards

The clerk reported that the three parish notice boards are in varying states of decrepitude with the one in Littleton being in the worse condition. There is still life in them, however, so there is no immediate need to replace them. Cllr Furniss said that there would be a grant available to pay for new boards. The clerk will investigate possible suppliers and apply for the grant in due course.

11. Financial matters

Precept for 2023-24

The council resolved to increase the current precept (£4468) by 10% to £4915 and to increase clerk's salary by 10% to £3588.95

Payments since last meeting:

Ash Parish Council for replenishing salt bins: £43.85

Annual review of the Governance and Management Risk Assessment

The council reviewed and approved the risk assessment.

12. Date of the Annual Parish Meeting

It was agreed to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 26th April.

**These minutes remain draft until signed at the next APC meeting
on Monday 13th March 2023 starting at 7.00pm at St Francis church, Littleton.**