

# Artington Parish Council

Minutes of the annual parish council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at St. Francis Church, Littleton.

**Councillors present:** Cllr B Beabey (Chair), Cllr, H Farrant (Vice-chair), Cllr S Kitson, Cllr A Lourenco, Cllr A More-Molyneux, Cllr J West and Cllr J Wisher.

**In attendance:** Philip Gorton (Clerk)

*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 all matters relating to the Loseley estate.  
Cllr Beabey declared an interest in the agenda item regarding the Wey Navigation towpath as an employee of the National Trust.

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

Cllr Beabey was elected as chairman and Cllr Farrant as vice-chairman for the coming year.

4. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026 and the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026 were signed as accurate records.

5. **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

6. **Planning matters**

There were no planning applications to consider.

7. **Reports from borough councillors**

Cllrs Williams and Houston sent a report:

\* Following the recent local government elections, the new West Surrey Council will commence in April 2027 with a majority of 56 Liberal Democrat councillors on the 90-seat authority.

\* Guildford and Waverley councillors have met with local faith leaders to reaffirm their pledge against hate crime.

\* GBC Cllr Jane Tyson has been elected as the mayor of Guildford for 2026-27

\* The Regulator of Social Housing has regraded GBC to the highest possible level following a recent assessment of its housing service.

\* GBC's Climate and Nature Strategy and Action Plan has been put in place to help protect the environment and build a sustainable future for Guildford.

8. **Highways**

Cllr Matt Furniss sent a report:

\* The unfinished scheme to install reflector posts in Stakescorner Road will be completed this year using funds from his councillor's allocation.

\* The 20mph speed limit for Sandy Lane and Littleton will be put in place during the school summer holidays.

### Fallen wall in Sandy Lane

Over the last few months, Cllr Beabey has been in contact with Elysian Homes, the developer that owns Braboeuf Manor, to find out what the company proposes to do about the fallen retaining wall in Sandy Lane. He has had a response but not an answer. If none is forthcoming soon, he will take up the matter with SCC Highways as the wall is a potential hazard, being in danger of falling into the road.

### Fallen wall by the Old Portsmouth Road

Concrete blocks and a fence have been installed along the pedestrian and cycle path between the Ridges and St Catherine's Hill apparently to prevent the stone wall, which is in a state of disrepair, from falling onto the pathway. It can no longer be used by cyclists. The clerk has asked Cllr Furniss how long the blocks will be in place and Cllr Beabey will ask the same question of Surrey Police, as they are responsible for the maintenance of the wall.

## 9. **Loseley matters**

- \* Cllr More-Molyneux reported that there is to be a Craft Fair at Loseley on the 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> June.
- \* There are to be tree works taking place in the Warrens later this month. Warning notices will be displayed along the North Downs Way.
- \* Discussions are taking place with interested parties regarding the unofficial footpath along the top of the Loseley estate fields on Guildown.

## 10. **Financial matters**

### Payments made since the last meeting:

<i>Ecohosting:</i>	Email hosting	£36.00
<i>HugoFox</i>	Website hosting	£143.86

### Schedule of regular payments

The councillors agreed a schedule of regular payments made by APC that allows the clerk to make the payments with no further approval by the council. The schedule is kept under review and presented to the council at each annual meeting.

### Annual Governance and Accountability Return:

The AGAR was presented to the council and:

*The Certificate of Exemption for 2025-26 was approved and was signed by the chairman.*

*The Annual Governance Statement 2025-26 was approved and was signed by the chairman.*

*The Accounting Statements 2025-26 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 AGAR documents and accounts on the APC website over the next few days.

**These minutes remain draft until signed at the next APC meeting  
on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2026 starting at 7.00pm at St Francis church, Littleton.**