

Artington Parish Council

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on 14th September 2026 at St. Francis Church, Littleton.

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

In attendance: Philip Gorton (Clerk) and three members of the public.

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

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr More-Molyneux, Cllr Catherine Houston (GBC) and Cllr Dominique Williams (GBC).

2. **Disclosure of interests**

Cllr West declared an interest in the agenda item regarding the proposed diversion of Footpath 275.

3. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th July 2026 were accepted as an accurate record.

5. **Matters arising**

Cllr Farrant reported that he had been unsuccessful in finding the reason for the spate of power cuts earlier in the year. Councillors decided to wait and see if it continues to be a problem before pursuing the matter further.

6. **Planning matters**

Current and recent planning applications

<i>Unit 19 Quadrum Park</i>		<i>ref: 26/P/00670</i>
<i>Braboeuf Manor</i>	<i>Variation of application</i>	<i>ref: 26/P/00098</i>
<i>Compton House, Old Portsmouth Rd</i>	<i>Non-illuminated sign</i>	<i>ref: 26/P/01071</i>
<i>The Coach House, Sandy Lane</i>	<i>Variation of permission</i>	<i>ref: 26/P/01134</i>
<i>Ditto</i>	<i>Ditto</i>	<i>ref: 22/P/01188</i>
<i>8 Littleton Lane</i>	<i>Listed building consent</i>	<i>ref: 26/P/01085</i>

Councillors made no comment about any of these applications.

Mount Browne Surrey Police HQ

Cllr Beabey has been in contact with the relevant officer at Mount Browne. She confirmed the development project was going ahead with an intention to make a start on the site later this year.

7. **Reports from borough councillors**

Cllrs Williams and Houston (GBC) were not present at the meeting but sent a report:

Local Government Reorganisation

Surrey leaders have reaffirmed their commitment to delivering LGR and are confident that the county's work so far provides a strong foundation for the two new unitary authorities from next April. Services will not be affected during the transition to the new governance arrangements.

Heritage Open Days

These events enable people to visit buildings that are not usually open to the public. Running from 8th – 20th September, the Guildford programme offers a diverse range of places to explore.

Free air quality text alert service

GBC is encouraging residents to sign up for free air quality alerts via: www.airtext.info/forecast

About Guildford

This website keeps residents up to date with local issues: www.guildford.gov.uk/aboutguildford

8. **Highways**

The councillors expressed concerns that there is still no progress on the installation of reflector posts in Stakescorner Road, especially as yet another vehicle has driven into the ditch recently. They are also concerned about the 20mph speed limit for Sandy Lane and Littleton. It was promised for this summer but has still not been put in place.

Speeding drivers

The council has been informed that a car, which has been persistently driven through Littleton at high speed, has been identified and that the owner will be contacted by the police.

Proposed diversion of Footpath 275 and closure of the level crossing at Peasmarsh

Cllr West reported that he and other residents are due to meet representatives of Network Rail on Tuesday 15th September to discuss the proposal to divert Footpath 275, which would involve the closure of the pedestrian level crossing over the railway at Peasmarsh.

9. **Loseley matters**

Cllr Kitson has been approached by an Artington resident who was concerned about the closure of the path that runs from the Loseley lake towards Conduit Farm, between East and West Warrens. The council is aware that this is a private track belonging to the Loseley estate and not a public right of way.

10. **Financial matters**

Payments made since the last meeting:

Information Commissioner's Office has informed the clerk that it has taken its annual fee as a direct debit but did not disclose the amount. It will appear on the next monthly bank statement. Last year the fee was £47.

11. **Act of Remembrance**

The council resolved that the annual Act of Remembrance would take place on Wednesday 11th November. The clerk will ask Fr Neil Roberts of St Nicolas church, Guildford, if he would be able to conduct the service.

12. **Litter pick**

Cllr Wisher is to arrange a litter picking session in the near future.

**These minutes remain draft until signed at the next APC meeting
on Monday 9th November 2026 starting at 7.00pm at St Francis church, Littleton.**