

# Artington Parish Council

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
at St Francis church, Littleton.

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

**In attendance:** Cllr D Williams (GBC), Cllr Catherine Houston (GBC), Philip Gorton (Clerk) and four 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 Matt Furniss (SCC).

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 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026 were signed as an accurate record.

4. **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

5. **Planning matters**

Planning applications

There were no current applications.

Braboeuf Manor development

Cllr Beabey reported that he has received from Elysian Homes answers to a number of questions:

- \* The wall that was damaged by the fallen tree in Sandy Lane is to be repaired.
- \* The starting date for development is unknown. The company is reviewing its plans for the site because it has taken longer than they anticipated to gain planning permission and, in the meantime, economic conditions have changed.
- \* The company is considering the sale of Pound Cottage, on the junction of Sandy Lane and Old Portsmouth Road, but no decision has been made. Elysian Homes will inform the parish council and wider public when final decisions are made.

6. **Reports from Guildford Borough councillors**

Cllrs Houston and Williams reported:

- \* The creation of a parish or town council for Guildford is to be considered by GBC later this month.
- \* A new budget to cover the next two years has been agreed by GBC.
- \* Recycling rates in the borough have improved.
- \* Shop vacancies in the town are at their lowest for some time.
- \* A great deal of work is being done to prepare for the transfer of powers to the new unitary authority. It is difficult work for staff who do not know what the future holds for them.

7. **Report from Surrey County Councillor**

Cllr Furniss was not present at the meeting but he replied to questions from the council:

- \* It is anticipated that the 20mph speed limit in Sandy Lane and Littleton Lane will be installed in the summer, subject to the current public engagement exercise.

- \* There will be a new round of community funding available from May.
- \* Residents can now report countryside problems via the [www.surreycc.gov.uk](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk) website.
- \* The reflector posts installed in Stakescorner Road cover only a part of the road because there was insufficient funding available to install them along the entire length between Stakescorner Cottage and New Pond Road. Funding for the rest may be available in the next financial year. A white line has been suggested for the stretch close to the ditch as a cheaper option.

In response to this report, councillors rejected the idea of a white line and they will press for a continuation of reflector posts to complete the entire length of the road by the ditch. The councillors would ask SCC if the community funding could be used if Highways funding was not available because this is considered a local community safety issue as well as a highways matter.

#### 8. **Loseley matters**

- \* Cllr More-Molyneux reported that the house and gardens are not open until May so Loseley is quiet at the moment.
  - \* There has been a problem with a foul sewer leaking in one the fields in Littleton but this has been dealt with by Thames Water.
  - \* Members of the St Catherine's Village Association were present at the meeting and were given leave to talk about the unofficial footpath that has grown up in the fields on the south side of the downs, a part of which is in Artington parish. As the land is a part of the Loseley estate, Cllr More-Molyneux answered questions in his capacity of owner of the estate.
- Councillors noted the SCVA concerns about recent changes to access to this footpath and the dialogue between path users and the Loseley Estate. It was considered that the matter is not currently one for the parish council. However, it was made clear that the SCVA or others could contact the clerk should circumstances change.

#### 9. **Caleb Lovejoy Almshouse Charity**

The council confirmed Cllr Wisher as one of the APC nominated trustees of the charity.

#### 10. **Financial matters**

##### Payment since last meeting:

Clerk's reimbursements:	£128.35
Surrey Hills Society sub.	£30.00

#### 11. **Data Protection policy**

The council resolved to adopt the draft Data Protection policy that had previously been circulated to councillors.

#### 12. **Fly tipping in Stakescorner Road and elsewhere**

There is a continuing nuisance of litter and fly tipping in the parish and councillors discussed various ways of combatting the problem. Cllr Lourenco is to look into the various possibilities open to the council and will report to a future meeting.

#### 13. **Renewal of Surrey Hills Society subscription**

The council resolved to renew its subscription to the society.

#### 13. **Other business**

- \* Sir Jeremy Hunt will be attending the Annual Parish Meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> April. Councillors were asked to think about the format of the event and pass their ideas to the clerk who will liaising with Sir Jeremy's office over the next few weeks.
- \* Cllr Wisher reported that unmarked mole traps had been set in the southern part of School Field. As that is a part of the Loseley Estate, Cllr More-Molyneux will investigate.

**These minutes remain draft until signed at the next APC meeting  
on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026 starting at 7.00pm at St Francis church, Littleton.**