

Artington Parish Council

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 12th January 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: Philip Gorton (Clerk).

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

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr D Williams (GBC), Cllr Catherine Houston (GBC) and 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 10th November 2025 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 £75 donation to the Poppy Appeal.

5. Planning matters

There were no current applications.

6. Reports from Guildford Borough councillors

Cllrs Houston and Williams were not at the meeting but sent a report:

* Local Plan workshops are being organised to share information about the plan with parish councils. The plan is in the early stage of development and it is important that parish councillors have the opportunity to attend.

* New parking payment machines are being installed in Guildford town car parks. They will make it easier to take payments in cash, card, contactless and app payments.

* Nominations for the Mayor's Award for Service to the community are being sought. People are invited to nominate any volunteer groups, charities, business or community organisations via the guildford.gov.uk website.

7. Highways

Cllr Furniss was not present at the meeting but he informed the clerk that there have been no updates to report since the last meeting.

The council acknowledged the installation of reflective posts along Stakescorner Road but expressed concern that only a part of the road has been given posts. None has been put along the southerly section of the road where the ditch is very close to the edge of the road surface. The clerk is to contact Cllr Furniss about the matter.

8. **Loseley matters**

Cllr More-Molyneux reported that many of the hedges on the estate are being laid this winter and there will be some new hedges planted.

9. **Financial matters**

Precept for 2025-26

The council resolved to increase the parish precept by 10% to £6245. This will mean a rise of 2p per parish household.

Clerk's salary

The council resolved to increase the clerk's salary by the current rate of inflation (3.5%) to £3997.

Payment since last meeting:

The has been no payment made since the last meeting but the clerk reported that he has set up a direct debit to pay the PAYE bill in future, as agreed by the council at the September meeting.

Annual review of the Governance and Management Risk Assessment

The council reviewed and approved the risk assessment.

10. **Information Technology policy**

The council resolved to adopt a new IT policy.

11. **Fallen tree in Sandy Lane and Braboeuf Manor devolpment**

* Cllr Beabey has been in contact with the owner of Braboeuf Manor, Elysian Residences, regarding the tree that has fallen into Sandy Lane. The company acknowledge responsibility and that it will remove the tree and repair the retaining wall.

* Progress with planning aspects of the development has been slow but Elysian hope to move onto the next phase of the work within the next couple of weeks, looking at design and engaging with contractors.

* There have been a number of break-ins to the site recently and Elysian has put a dog patrol in place.

* The company has agreed that the Guildford Shakespeare Company will use the site in the summer to stage a production.

12. **Graffiti in bus shelter**

Graffiti has appeared in the new SCC-owned bus shelter in Artington. The clerk will inform SCC and ask them to remove it.

13. **Other business**

* Cllr Wisher is to organise a litter pick in the near future before the vegetation starts to grow up. Details of the event will be circulated via the clerk's email list and on the website.

* There was a particularly bad case of flying tipping near the entrance to the lane to Brickfields recently. It was reported to GBC and removed swiftly.

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