

Artington Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 28th April 2026 at the Tithe Barn, Loseley.

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) and about 30 members of the public.

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

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from three residents.

2. **Rt Hon Sir Jeremy Hunt MP**

Following an introduction by Cllr Beabey, our guest for the evening, Sir Jeremy Hunt, talked about matters affecting rural parishes, particularly planning, the demand for housing and the need to protect the Surrey countryside. Moving on to wider matters, he expounded his view of the country's economy and how he thinks it could be strengthened.

Following his talk, Sir Jeremy answered questions from the audience.

3. **Chairman's annual report**

Planning applications

There were 10 planning applications that were considered. The council did not comment on all of them but the plans for Artington Manor Farmhouse, a significant historic, listed building, caused concern and comments were made.

Highways

20mph speed limit in Sandy Lane and Littleton

Anticipated to be put in place this summer subject the current public consultation.

Reflector posts in Stakescorner Road.

After asking SCC for a number of years, posts were installed but only half the job was done – the southern stretch of the road, where the ditch is closest to the carriageway, remains unmarked. We learnt subsequently that there was insufficient funding to complete the project and it is hoped that it will be finished with funding from this year's budget.

Mount Browne development

No start to the access road from the P&R roundabout. Surrey Police are still negotiating legal matters concerning the plan but it is hoped that the work will commence before too long.

Braboeuf Manor development

No sign of any start to the work but the developer, Elysium Homes, are progressing with their plans. They will arrange for the fallen wall in Sandy Lane to be repaired.

Caleb Lovejoy Almshouse Charity

For historical reasons, APC appoints four trustees to serve on the board of the Caleb Lovejoy almshouses. APC nominated Jennie as a trustee of the charity.

Events

Act of Remembrance on 11th November

Thanks to Fr Neil Roberts of St Nicolas's church in Guildford for presiding.

Carol service

Thanks to Cllr Wisher and Jacqui Stanford for organising and to Rev James Rattue of St John's, Farncombe, for presiding.

Annual Litter Pick

This was done in the early spring before the undergrowth grew up. Thanks to Cllr Wisher for organising.

Community Speed Watch

Thanks to George Smith for organising.

Cllr Beabey thanked the Clerk for his work during the last year and Cllr More-Molyneux for hosting the Annual Parish Meeting at the Tithe Barn.