

# Artington Parish Council

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022  
at St Francis church, Littleton.

**Councillors present:** Cllr B Beabey, Cllr P Hutson, Cllr S Kitson, Cllr C Taft (chair)  
and Cllr J Wisher.

**In attendance:** Cllr M Furniss (SCC), Cllr R Nagaty (GBC) and Philip Gorton (Clerk).

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

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr F Clayton and Cllr More-Molyneux.

2. **Disclosure of interests**

There were no disclosures of interest.

3. **Minutes**

The minutes of the parish council meeting held on 26 September 2022 were signed as an accurate record.

4. **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising from the last meeting.

5. **Planning matters**

Recent and current planning applications:

*The Hollies, Sandy Lane*                      *Single storey extension*                      *22/P/01731*

The councillors made no comments on this application. However, they were unclear about one aspect of the proposals and Cllr Taft said that she would contact the applicant for clarification.

6. **Highways**

Cllr Furniss reported that a new highways engineer has been appointed and the longstanding matters of drainage at The Ridges and the drainage and reflector posts in Stakescorner Road are on the list to be inspected next week.

He also said that a traffic survey has been taking place over the last few weeks to assess road use for a review of speed limits. The road sensors have been collecting information about traffic speeds, types of vehicles, direction and times of travel.

He reminded the meeting that there will be a short road closure in Littleton Lane from the 23<sup>rd</sup> November to allow for some water main works.

7. **Treetops development and the proposed new bus shelter at Artington**

There has been no further news about the progress of the development at Treetops and the provision of a new bus shelter. Cllr Furniss reminded the meeting that provision of the shelter was a condition of the planning permission for the development.

8. **Reports from county and borough councillors**

Cllr Furniss (SCC) reported that the county council is providing free trees as a part of its Climate Change Strategy for anyone who wants them from its depots in Ash and Cranleigh.

He still has money in his Community Allocation Fund and invited APC to claim some of it.

When questioned, he was unable to say when the highways work associated with the Treetops development would be completed.

Cllr Ramsey Nagaty (GBC) reported that the creation of the Joint Management Team for GBC and Waverley BC has been completed. There is now a new head of planning, Gilian Macinnes, and that the backlog of applications is being reduced.

GBC now has a councillor for Climate Change and that a climate change group has been established in Shalford.

The inspection of the Local Plan Part 2 is underway.

The possible changes to the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty are currently taking place. It seems likely that it will be expanded in Tandridge where the width of the existing area is quite small. Locally, however, Blackwell Farm is unlikely to be brought into the area.

9. **Loseley matters**

There is to be a Christmas Fair at Loseley from the 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> November.

10. **Possible parish event to celebrate the coronation**

Councillors thought that there would be little appetite for a parish event so soon after the celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It was suggested that the parish may consider having a combined event with Compton.

11. **Financial matters**

Budget estimate

The clerk presented the budget estimates for 2023-24 to inform the council's decision on the required precept that will to be made in January 2023.

Payments made since the last meeting

Clerk's reimbursements      £110.44

12. **Other matter**

Since the publication of the agenda for this meeting, it has come to the attention of the council that the Boundary Commission is proposing to change the parliamentary constituency boundaries in south west Surrey. The current proposal would place the parish of Artington in a new constituency of Godalming and Ash, separating it from Guildford.

The council is to make representation to the Commission because it considers that the long-established community links between Artington and Guildford have not been taken into account.

**These minutes remain draft until signed at the next APC meeting  
on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 starting at 7.00pm at St Francis church, Littleton.**