

Artington Parish Council

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on 11th September 2023 at St Francis Church, Littleton.

Councillors present: Cllr B Beabey (Chair), Cllr F Clayton, Cllr H Farrant, Cllr P Hutson, Cllr S Kitson, Cllr A More-Molyneux, Cllr J Wisher, Cllr Catherine Houston (GBC), Cllr Dominique Williams (GBC), Cllr Matt Furniss (SCC).

In attendance: Philip Gorton (Clerk), six representatives of Surrey Police and two members of the public.

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

1. **Apologies for absence**
No apologies were received.
2. **Disclosure of interests**
Cllr More-Molyneux disclosed an interest in anything to do with the Loseley estate.
3. **Minutes**
The minutes of the parish council meeting held on 10th July 2023 were signed as an accurate record.
4. **Co-option of new member**
Mr Henry Farrant was co-opted and welcomed as a member of the parish council.
5. **Matters arising**
Cllr Beabey has arranged for Fr Neil Roberts, rector of St Nicolas church, Guildford, to lead the parish Act of Remembrance at 11.00am on Saturday 11th November.
6. **Report from borough councillors Catherine Houston and Dominique Williams**
 - * In order to keep in touch with local issues, the councillors visit residents' homes and arrange informal 'drop-in' sessions at suitable venues, such as the Snooty Fox in Shalford and The Ship at St Catherine's. Details of forthcoming sessions will be posted on the parish website.
 - * As a result of financial pressures on the GBC budget, the Lib Dem administration has set up a cross-party task force to find ways to cut costs and raise revenue.
 - * After discussions with local residents about the proposed Braboef Manor development, the councillors have passed their comments and concerns to Elysian Residences.
 - * Cllr Houston recently attended an open morning at Mount Browne to see the plans for the development of the police headquarters and to discuss them with the architects and designers.
 - * A new planning application for the North Street development has been received by GBC.
7. **Report from county councillor Matt Furniss and highways matters**
 - *Cllr Furniss reported on a number longstanding highway matters: the drainage problem at The Ridges has been dealt with, wooden reflector posts have been ordered and will soon be installed at The Ridges and along Stakescorner Road whilst parts of Stakescorner Road that have collapsed are to be repaired shortly.
 - *The autumn vegetation cut for roads and rights of way will commence this month.
 - * Cllr Furniss was not aware of the parish council's recent report to SCC of the fallen walls along the foot/cycle way between The Ridges and St Catherine's Hill but he will investigate.

8. **Mount Browne development plans**

Six representatives of Surrey Police came to the meeting to give a presentation of the proposed plans for the changes to the police headquarters that will take place over the next few years.

They answered questions from the councillors and members of the public, endeavouring to address the various concerns that were expressed.

9. **Planning**

Recent and current planning applications:

The Hollies, Sandy Lane

Replacement dwelling

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The councillors made no comment about this application.

Neighbourhood Plan

Since last year, when the creation of a Neighbourhood Plan was first agreed by the council, the number of people volunteering to form a committee to formulate a plan has diminished and progress has come to a halt. Councillors thought that this was because of the large amount of work involved and because it is now too late for the plan to have any influence over the two biggest development projects in the parish, Braboeuf Manor and Mount Browne. The council has not abandoned the idea of a Neighbourhood Plan, however, but future progress would depend on there being a group of committed residents willing to drive it forward.

Braboeuf Manor development

No recent news has been received about the developer's intentions for the site. It is understood that their design team is currently reviewing the plans, following the recent public consultation, and that these will be revealed in due course.

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

A revised licence to allow Southern Housing Construction to build a new bus shelter on APC land is being reviewed by the council and will soon be ready to sign. Changes to the road layout continue and work on the new shelter has commenced, without the permission of APC.

11. **Loseley matters**

Cllr More-Molyneux reported that, with the Richmond Dog Show and the Gin Festival, events at Loseley have come to an end for the season and that the house and gardens are closed until next year.

Planning permission has been granted for the rebuilding of the farm shop and house at Mellersh Farm in Compton and work will commence there soon.

12. **New notice boards**

The estimate of £1600 from Cleveland Joinery to supply three new parish notice boards was accepted by the council. It was resolved that the clerk should place the order with the firm once the grant funding has been confirmed.

13. **Website hosting**

HugoFox, the firm that has provided APC with free website hosting for the last few years, will begin charging for the service from 4th October. It was resolved that the council would continue using HugoFox at a cost of £102 per year (ex-VAT). The clerk will reclaim the VAT from HMRC at the end of each financial year.

14. **Financial matters**

To avoid waste, councillors resolved to re-use the wreath from the previous parish Act of Remembrance and to donate £50 to the Royal British Legion poppy fund.

**These minutes remain draft until signed at the next APC meeting
on Monday 13th November 2023 starting at 7.00pm at St Francis church, Littleton.**