

# Artington Parish Council

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025  
at St Francis church, Littleton.

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

2. **Disclosure of interests**

Cllr More Molyneux declared an interest in all matters relating to the Loseley estate.

3. **Minutes**

The minutes of the parish council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025 were signed as an accurate record.

4. **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

5. **Planning matters**

There were no current planning applications to be considered.

6. **Reports from Guildford Borough councillors**

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

\* The leaders of SCC and the Surrey district and borough councils are meeting to agree a plan for two or three unitary councils across the county.

\* GBC is looking at means of preventing a repeat of the recent unauthorised encampment in the Artington Park & Ride.

\* The deadline for applying for funds from Crowdfund Guildford is 9<sup>th</sup> April.

\* Cllrs Houston and Williams will be holding one of their regular public sessions at the Seahorse, Shalford, on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March.

7. **Highways**

Cllr Furniss was not at the meeting but sent a report:

\* The 20mph speed limit reduction in Sandy Lane and Littleton Lane will cost £20,000 to implement.

\* The reflective posts along Stakescorner Road will be installed after the grass cutting ends in the early autumn.

\* The government has confirmed that Surrey is one of the first areas to undergo local government re-organisation.

\* The first grass cutting will take place between February and April continuing until October.

- \* Businesses can apply for apprenticeships funded by SCC.
- \* SCC is to use artificial intelligence cameras to detect potholes to speed up road repairs.
- \* SCC's online tool, 'FixMyStreet', makes it easier for residents to report highway problems.
- \* Residents are invited to take part in a survey about how they use countryside areas owned and managed by SCC.
- \* Residents can report dangerous flooding via the SCC contact centre on 0300 200 1003.

8. **Loseley matters**

Cllr More-Molyneux reported that Loseley will open for the new season on 1<sup>st</sup> May.

The work on the lake will be finished next week.

The work at Mellersh Farm is reaching its final stages and it is anticipated that the farm shop will re-open in the summer.

9. **Graffiti and fly tipping**

Cllr Kitson reported that there has been a spate of graffiti in the Artington area with damage done to National Trust signs by the river and the southbound bus shelter at Artington, as well as the APC notice board that was reported to the last meeting. The style indicates that it is the work of one person.

He also reported that the Network Rail engineers who park their vehicles near the railway arch routinely leave significant amounts of rubbish such as used safety equipment and food wrappings, as well as human waste, in the roadside bushes. The clerk has contacted NR about this public health matter but has not received a response. He will persist with this.

11. **Financial matters**

Payments since last meeting

There have been no payments made since the last meeting but the clerk has transferred £10,000 to a Lloyds account that pays a small rate of interest. Whilst the income is not princely, it more than covers the charge for running the account that has recently been introduced by Lloyd's Bank.

Possible change of bank

The clerk reported that he has investigated the possibility of transferring the APC account to the Metro Bank but has concluded that there is nothing to be gained from doing so.

12. **Great British Spring Clean**

Cllr Clayton is to organise a parish litter pick over the weekend of 22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Anyone wishing to take part should contact her: [fiona.clayton@artington-pc.gov.uk](mailto:fiona.clayton@artington-pc.gov.uk)

13. **Resignation of Cllr Clayton**

Cllr Clayton resigned from the council. She has been a member of the parish council since 2017. Cllr Farrant said that she would be missed and thanked her for her work, sentiments endorsed by the other members and the clerk.

The clerk will inform the Electoral Services department of GBC that there is a vacancy on the council and they will publish the statutory notice. The vacancy will be advertised on the parish notice boards and website.

**These minutes remain draft until signed at the next APC meeting  
on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025 starting at 7.00pm at St Francis church, Littleton.**