

Artington Parish Council

Minutes of the annual parish council meeting held on 9th September 2024 at St Francis church, Littleton.

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

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 Dominique Williams (GBC).

2. **Co-option of new member**

James West was co-opted as a member of the parish council.

3. **Disclosure of interests**

Cllr More-Molyneux declared an interest in anything relating to the Loseley estate.

4. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th July 2024 were signed as an accurate record.

5. **Matters arising**

Drainage at The Ridges. Cllr Furniss reported that the drainage engineering work had been completed and the roadside bollards installed.

Possible closure of level crossing at Peasmarsh. Cllrs West and Furniss reported on a meeting earlier today with a representative of Network Rail to discuss the implications of closing the crossing and diverting the footpath. The NR representative said that there is no history of fatalities or injuries at the crossing and that it is used responsibly. It would seem that there is no imminent plan to apply for a closure. Should any such application be made, APC will respond at the appropriate time.

6. **Planning**

Recent and current planning applications.

Mount Browne, police HQ and dog school Revised proposals ref: 24/P/00564

Mount Browne, access road from A3100 Revised proposals ref: 24/P/00563

Treetops, Old Portsmouth Road Listed building application ref: 24/P/01193

The councillors made no further comments about these applications.

Braboeuf Manor development Revised proposals ref: 23/P/01850

Cllr Beabey asked the parish councillors to review the revised planning application and let him know if they can suggest any possible changes to his draft letter of response.

7. **Reports from borough councillor**

* Cllr Houston reported that the Artington Park and Ride height barriers have been ordered and will be fitted in the near future.

* Funding for local community groups is still available through GBC's the_Crowdfund Guildford scheme. The closing date for applications is 30th September.

* There are two events coming up in Guildford in September: Pride in Surrey and the Cleaner Air Day, details of which can be found of the GBC website.

* GBC is to adopt a new Corporate Strategy.

8. **Highways**

Cllr Furniss reported that the list of works for the parish roads has been completed. As well as the work at The Ridges, Stakescorner Road has been resurfaced and the culverts there have been enlarged and cleared. The plans for a 20mph speed limit through Littleton and Sandy Lane are progressing and it should be in place by next year. A 30mph speed limit for Stakescorner Road is being considered.

9. **Community Speed Watch**

Cllr Wisher reported that George Smith has taken on the role of Community Speed Watch co-ordinator. There was a CSW event last week and another is planned for October. They have to take place for the site to remain registered for CSW. However, rat-running is considered to be more of a problem than speeding. Consideration was given to whether the Police could find resource to contact rat-run drivers again as they use to do. The rat-running problem is made worse by sat-nav companies sending drivers through the village when there are delays on the Old Portsmouth Road.

10. **Loseley related matters**

Cllr More-Molyneux reported that the footpath that runs to the north of the lake has been temporarily diverted because of tree works taking place there.

* New hedges are to be planted on the Hog's Back and the hedge along the western side of Stakescorner Road, between New Pond Road and Stakescorner Cottage, is due to be laid during the winter.

* The farm shop at Mellersh is taking shape and is due to open in spring next year.

* The Loseley House is now closed to visitors.

11. **Caleb Lovejoy Almshouse charity**

There is a vacancy for a trustee of this charity. Councillors were asked if they, or anyone they know, might consider taking up the position.

12. **Parish local emergency and resilience plan**

The council considered that the adoption of such a plan is not appropriate for a parish of the size and resources of Artington.

13. **Financial matters**

There has been no payment made since the last meeting.

14. **Other business**

An Act of Remembrance is to be held at the war memorial in Littleton on the morning of Monday 11th November. Cllr Beabey will ask Fr Neil Roberts, rector of St Nicolas church, Guildford, if he would be able to conduct the service.

**These minutes remain draft until signed at the next APC meeting
on Monday 11th November 2024 starting at 7.00pm at St Francis church, Littleton.**