

## Worplesdon Parish Council

## Parish Newsletter

Welcome to the 42nd edition of our newsletter designed to keep you up to date with what is happening in the parish.

## Special points of interest:

- **Replacement posts - Pitch Place Green** - In a bid to prevent further incursions onto the Green, the old wooden posts are to be replaced with 2ft tubular steel posts, backfilled with concrete. They will be powder coated green to minimize visual intrusion. The wooden gate will be replaced by three drop down posts.
- **Damaged bus shelter - Entrance to Fairlands Estate** - The missing pane of glass has finally been replaced. Total cost to the Parish Council £895 & VAT. The Parish Council has expressed its dissatisfaction at the considerable length of time it took the manufacturer of the bus shelter to replace the glass pane.
- **Grass cutting** - A new three year contract has been awarded to Gavin Jones Ltd.

Mick Wilson  
1923 - 2016

It is with great sadness that the Parish Council announces the passing of Mrs Myrtle Cecilia Wilson affectionately known as "Mick".

Mick served on the Parish Council representing the Fairlands Ward for 25 years from 1988 until 2013.

A kind and considerate member of the Parish Council Mick thoroughly enjoyed serving the community in which she had lived for many years. Her wisdom and sense of humour had been greatly appreciated by those with whom she had served and she will be greatly missed.

## Fairlands Post Office

There has been a **Post Office at Fairlands since 1964**. However, it is **now under severe threat**. **PLEASE** use the Post Office before it's too late. Local businesses need your support!

Did you know that the Fairlands Post Office provides the following services?

- Postage stamps, postal orders and all Royal Mail and Parcelforce services
- Fee free cash withdrawals for the majority of banks
- Personal banking, including paying in cheques and cash (either with a card or paying in book depending on the bank)
- Business banking including paying in cheques and cash (again either with a card or paying in book)
- DVLA car tax
- Transcash items including HMRC, Council tax, etc.
- Philatelic - first day covers and com-

memorative stamps issued

- Bureau de change - Euros and US Dollars always held, other currencies to order
- Moneygram
- Gift cards (One for All)
- Change giving for business customers
- Mail order/home shopping returns
- National Lottery

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

**FRIDAY  
17 MARCH 2017 -  
7.30PM  
WORPLESDON  
MEMORIAL HALL**

This is an opportunity to meet your local councillors and to find out what the Parish Council does on behalf of the local Community.

In addition to the Chairman's Report there will also be a presentation by Gary Kirk, GBC about the issues of fly-tipping, litter and street cleansing.



### Renovated village sign - Fairlands

The Parish Council has funded the restoration of the village sign in Fairlands. The sign was created and restored by Nick Bates of Burrows Lea Forge.



### Christmas Decorations in Worplesdon Parish?

Would you like the Parish Council to continue to provide Christmas Decorations? If so where would you like them to be located and what would you like to be provided? Or do you object to the use of taxpayers' money on Christmas Decorations? Whatever your views we would love to hear them.

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**Worplesdon Tennis Courts** - The courts have been pressure washed and treated with moss killer. Additional drainage has also been installed. The courts can be hired for £4.50ph. To book ring 01483 232117.

### Tesco Bags for Life Grant

Chitty's Common is receiving some much needed attention with thanks to Surrey Wildlife Trust's Ranger, Leo Jennings, and the £12,000 grant from Tesco.



**Localism Grant from Surrey County Council** - The Parish Council wishes to thank Surrey County Council for the Localism Grant of £5,500 which has enabled a number of projects to be carried out around the parish.



Holly Lane - Before and After



Perry Hill, Worplesdon - Before and After



Pitch Place - Opposite Worplesdon View Care Home



Pitch Place Green - brambles cleared.



## Local Plan - Targeted consultation to be carried out June/July 2017

Guildford Borough Council (GBC) has announced that it is now apparent the Local Plan would benefit from a number of changes that go beyond being minor in nature. The Planning Inspectorate has recommended that these proposed amendments are subject to a further targeted Regulation 19 consultation. The draft document and both sets

of Regulation 19 representations will then be submitted to the Secretary of State (SoS).

The purpose of the targeted consultation is not to repeat the initial Regulation 19 consultation but to seek representations that only relate to the subsequent changes made to the draft document following the 2016 consultation. These

changes will be made clear within the new consultation document. The consultation will also relate to changes to the evidence base since the last consultation, namely the addendum to the Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA), the Employment Land Needs Assessment and the Retail and Leisure Needs Assessment, the Travelers Accommodation

Assessment and the Water Quality Assessment. This additional stage of consultation will result in a delay of one year to the previously agreed timetable for all documents within the Local Development Scheme (LDS).

If applicable, the Parish Council will respond to the targeted consultation which will be taking place in June/July 2017.

## Phone kiosks to be adopted by the Parish Council - Local community to be responsible for the restoration and upkeep

In October 2016 BT announced its intentions to remove two of the last remaining iconic K6 phone kiosks from the Parish.

The K6 phone box was designed by Sir Giles Gilbert Scott to commemorate the Silver Jubilee of the coronation of King

George V in 1935 and is instantly associated with the traditional red phone box.

Local residents objected to the removal of the phone kiosks from the end of Lidlington Hall Drive and Frog Grove Lane and asked the Parish Council to adopt

the kiosks at the sum of £1 each.

Local residents will restore the kiosks and will be responsible for their maintenance/upkeep. Future use of the kiosks will be decided by the communities involved.

### *White House pond, Jacobs Well*

*The pond was sprayed in September 2016. Further spraying will be required. The Parish Council wishes to thank local residents for their generous contributions towards the cost of the work..*

### **Russell Place Farm - Planning Application No: 16/P/02134**

On 25 January 2017 the Borough Council's Planning Committee refused the planning application for 82 acres of working farmland to be turned into a SANG (Suitable Alternative Natural Green Space)/ Nature Reserve.

The applicant has the right of appeal.

### **Improved safety surfacing beneath play equipment and bouncy seat**

The safety matting underneath various pieces of equipment is to be replaced, in the near future, with wetpour a far more durable surface.

The area beneath the bouncy seat on Wood Street Green will be coloured green to blend in with the Conservation Area.

### **New litter bins to be installed in the Worplesdon Memorial Grounds**

It is a sad indictment of modern society that dropping rubbish wherever you happen to be appears to have become the norm. The Parish Council still believes that keeping the parish clean and tidy is something for which we should all continue to strive, therefore two new litter bins are to be installed in the Worplesdon Memorial Ground.

### **Merrist Wood College - Parish Council Tour of the new Animal Management Centre - December 2016**





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## New Rector of St Mary's Worplesdon

The Parish Council extends a warm welcome to Rev Alex Russell, the new Rector of St Mary's Worplesdon, and hope that Alex and her daughter, Stephanie, enjoy living in the ancient parish of Worplesdon.

Alex will be leading and encouraging the Parish in worship and prayer and will continue the growth of the Christian ministry in the Parish.

## Fairwood Helpers Charity No: 1093535

Fairwood Helpers is a local Charity and Good Neighbour Group, serving Fairlands, Wood Street Village and Worplesdon (Perry Hill). It is run entirely by volunteers.

Volunteers mainly drive clients to hospitals, doctor's surgeries, dentist's surgeries, hairdressers and supermarkets.

As a charity they rely on donations from clients to cover their costs based on 45p per mile which is recommended by the Surrey Community Care Scheme. Many of their volunteers kindly do not claim expenses as a result of which they usually have surplus funds which they put back into the

community.

During the last 10 years they have donated £10,000 to other local organisations and charities including:-

£2000 to Normandy First Responders  
£1400 to Fairlands Surgery  
£500 to Riding for the Disabled  
£500 to Friends of the Beacon  
£500 to Normandy Therapy Gardens  
£500 to Woking & Sam Beare Hospice  
£500 to St. Vincent De Paul Society  
£500 to Worplesdon School  
£500 to Wood Street Infant School  
£500 to Disability Challengers

They have also given smaller amounts to many other local organisations within the community.

Fairwood Helpers is always looking for new volunteers either as drivers

or duty officers which involves answering the telephone in your own home between 10am and 12am Monday - Friday and telephoning drivers to arrange transport. This can be as little as once a month. They operate a call divert system and training is provided.

They particularly need drivers in Fairlands but all volunteers are welcome. If you think you can help or if you need help please telephone 01483 237619. An answering machine is available outside 10am – 12am and your call will be dealt with on the following working day.

*Information provided by Barry  
Gamble, Treasurer, Fairwood  
Helpers*

## Parish Personnel

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