

Worplesdon Parish Council

Parish Newsletter

Welcome to the 44th edition of our newsletter designed to keep you up to date with what is happening in the parish.

- **Vandalism - Fairlands bus shelter** - 2 new panes of reinforced glass have now been fitted. Total cost £538 & VAT.
- **Typhoon - Worplesdon Memorial Ground** - New top ropes have recently been fitted to this extremely popular piece of play equipment.
- **Willow trees - Entrance to Fairlands Estate** - WPC has reported its concerns about the condition of these trees to Surrey County Council. The trees are not considered by the County Council to be dangerous therefore no further tree work is proposed for the time being.
- **Harry's Meadow** - At the request of local residents, the Parish Council has agreed to pay for paths to be cut through the meadow for the benefit of local walkers.
- **Public Rights of Way** - Due to a lack of interest the Parish Council will not be seeking to establish a volunteer work scheme. Anyone interested can nonetheless approach Surrey County Council directly on:

rightsofway@surreycc.gov.uk

Or call 03456 009 009

Vacancy - Part time Assistant Clerk 21 hours per week

Salary SCP26 - SCP 29
The successful candidate would be entitled to join the Local Government Pension Scheme Mileage 45p per mile (up to an agreed limit)

Worplesdon Parish Council is looking to appoint an Assistant Clerk to support the Clerk to the Council.

Working from home the Assistant Clerk will be required to: Administer the Worplesdon Flood Forum, administer all Land Management matters ensuring that the Council works within the law, advising on and implementing policy, produce quarterly newsletters and the Annual Report, assist with administering the Council's website, deal with members of the public and attend all evening meetings of the Council. The successful applicant must be willing to undertake training courses in Sussex and Surrey including ILCA (Introduction to Local Council Administration) and CILCA (the Certificate in Local Council Administration).

The ideal candidate will preferably live within Worplesdon Parish will have administrative experience, knowledge of local government and an enthusiasm for

working with the local community. Initially a part-time role this position may increase to a full time role in the future.

The successful applicant must have:

- A good telephone manner
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Excellent IT skills (training will be provided for job specific tasks)
- Knowledge of Microsoft Office Suite including Outlook
- The ability to work under pressure and to deadlines
- The ability to work contracted hours at flexible times during weekdays (and occasionally weekends)
- Drive, determination and organisational skills to manage a varied workload
- Initiative and the ability to problem solve without supervision
- A sense of humour
- A valid driving licence and own transport (to include business insurance cover)

- The ability to attend evening meetings
- Adequate space to work from home – including the secure storage of Parish Council papers.
- A broadband connection of at least 15 mbps.

Closing date: Noon 28.9.2017

APPLICATION PACKS ARE AVAILABLE FROM:

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Inconsiderate parking - Fairlands

To prevent parking on the grass verge near the news-agents in Fairlands Ave, three bespoke roundabout planters are to be constructed from recycled railway sleepers. Each planter will contain a Whitebeam tree, which the FLGCA has kindly agreed to water until the trees are established. Work will take place in November 2017.

In addition, GBC is to carry out additional parking enforcement.

Restoration of K6 phone kiosk - Frog Grove Lane



Fully restored kiosk in Frog Grove Lane

Thanks to the hard work and enthusiasm of three local residents in Frog Grove Lane the K6 phone kiosk, erected to commemorate the Silver Jubilee of the coronation of King George V in 1935, has been fully restored to its former glory for the minimal sum of £330.20. The County Council had provided a grant of £200 towards the project. The Parish Council provided the remaining grant.

Volunteers are currently considering future use for the kiosk, one possibility is to display information about local history.

Ditch clearance - Aldershot Road between Fairoaks and Pine Park

At the end of the bird nesting season Surrey County Council will be clearing the ditch situated between Fairoaks and Pine Park in a bid to alleviate on-going flooding problems.

This work will include the removal of a number of self-seeded trees and blockages caused by local residents throwing garden waste into the ditch. Household waste, including garden waste, is defined in section 75(5) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and includes waste from domestic properties, caravans and Residential Homes. The householder duty of care is provided by Section 34(2) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 (inserted by the Household Waste Duty of Care Regulations 2005). A breach of the household duty of care would attract an unlimited fine, if convicted.

Replacement play equipment?

The Parish Council is considering replacing the three pieces of BMX equipment in the Worplesdon Memorial Ground with a "Viper" a giant in-line rope swing that has its roots in the self-made swings of yesteryear, combining balancing, swinging and rocking movements with play interaction.

Unlike traditional swings it requires teamwork and balance. The Viper

promotes cooperative play and is an excellent example of loco-motor play. It is challenging and exciting to a wide group of ages and abilities. Viper's simple construction and lack of moving parts mean it is very reliable and virtually maintenance free.

We would love to know your views on this proposal. Please do email us to let us know.



"Viper"

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Draft Local Plan - Latest

As a result of the public consultation last year, Guildford Borough Council proposed changes to the Draft Local Plan which the Planning Inspectorate advised required a further s19 public consultation.

Two major housing developments are proposed within Worplesdon: The Strategic Development site of Blackwell Farm (which

straddles the parishes of Compton and Worplesdon) and Land North of Keens Lane.

The Parish Council has lodged further objections to both these development sites on the following grounds:



Blackwell Farm - Hogs Back

- Increased traffic on roads which are already at capacity.
- Increased air pollution.
- Lack of Infrastructure - health services, roads, schools, utilities etc.
- Increased risk of flooding.
- Environmental constraints (Hogs Back AONB & Whitmoor Common SPA/SSSI/LNR)

Replacement play equipment Fairlands

The Play Area in Fairlands was constructed in 1983. The multi-play unit is an original piece of equipment and will soon reach the end of its life expectancy. The wetpour safety surfacing is also, unsurprisingly, showing signs of ageing.

The Parish Council therefore intends to update the play area. A quotation is being obtained for the following: Replace the two cradle seat

swings with Tango seat



swings, which can be used by two children. A replacement whizzer (due to limited space a tub roundabout cannot be installed - although requested by local

children). The Sammy snail will also be replaced with a similar piece of equipment.

A skim will be laid over the play surfacing to save money.

The Parish Council intends to apply for Concurrent Functions Grant Aid from Guildford Borough Council towards the project, which will take place in 2018.

New wetpour Wood Street Village Green - vandalised

Unfortunately the newly laid wetpour under the bouncy seat was vandalised within three weeks of it being laid. The company who laid the wetpour have kindly offered to carry out a repair in September free of charge.

Commemorations to mark the end of WW1 - 2018

The Parish Council is planning to commemorate the end of WW1 in November 2018.

A number of projects are currently planned. These include a centenary roll of honour, which will include the names of men who were originally missed off the roll of honour, a booklet is being prepared which will contain details of all the local men who served in,

but died during, WW1 (whether or not that was during active service). A

beacon will be lit in Harry's Meadow, Jacobs Well on 11 November.



One or two benches and a litter bin will be installed in Harry's Meadow in recognition of all the men who fell during the Great War, including those who worked for the Royal Mail and Alexander Dennis (as both of these companies now have offices within the Parish of Worplesdon), there will also be a Remembrance Sunday event on 11 November in Harry's Meadow.

Unauthorised incursions - Preventative measures

In the past year there have been four unauthorised incursions on common land within the parish. The clean up/repair costs incurred by Worplesdon Parish Council, Surrey Wildlife Trust/Surrey County Council and Thames Water have amounted to £48,500. The total clear up cost for the second incursion on Broad Street, including repair to the main sewer, came to £35,000.

The Parish Council has therefore resolved to install additional security measures at sites for which it is responsible and are considered to be particularly vulnerable to incursions.

Action will include:

Replacing the wooden gates at Harry's Meadow, Jacobs Well with high security metal gates (painted dark

green), the wooden gate at Pitch Place is being replaced with a high security metal gate (painted dark green), an openable height barrier coloured dark green and additional security beneath the wooden fence are to be installed at the entrance to the Worplesdon Memorial Ground and two additional concrete bollards are to be installed at the Wood Street Village Community Car Park.

Stumps have been laid beside the service road, Wood Street Village Green the Parish Council wishes to consult local residents before making any final decisions about additional security measures for the triangular section of the Green or the main Green.

The anticipated cost of the new security measures is currently £12,500.

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Caricature by Sime

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The Sidney Sime Art Gallery - Worplesdon Memorial Hall

**Worplesdon Memorial Hall, Perry Hill,
GU3 3RF on A322 parking available.**

Visit this gem of a gallery, purpose built in 1956, exhibiting over 800 drawings, paintings, theatrical and local caricatures of his day, watercolour and oil landscapes, including works showing the influence of Hokusai and Hiroshige as well as fantasy oil paintings, books and letters in a variety of artistic styles by Sidney Herbert Sime, Master of the Mysterious and brilliant black and white Victorian illustrator of the Rackham, Beardsley mould.

Born in 1865 and self educated, Sime attended the Liverpool School of Art, later moving to London as a much admired illustrator for magazines such as The Illustrated London News, Pall Mall, Tatler, Strand, Pick Me Up and The Idler.

He designed many stage sets for the London Theatre for Lord Howard de Walden and illustrated books for wealthy Irish fantasy writer, Lord Dunsany. His delightful drawings of Bogey Beasts and collaboration with Joseph Holbrooke composer now recorded, can be seen and heard. Sime lived in Worplesdon from 1904 until his death in 1941 when his widow bequeathed all remaining pictures to the Trustees of Worplesdon Memorial Hall.

During this year's Heritage Weekend the Art Gallery will be open:

Friday 8th September 2pm - 4pm
Saturday 9th September and Sunday 10th September 10am - 4pm.

Talks are also available:

The Revelation of Sidney Sime - Sime's Philosophical approach post WW1 - By Tim Dolby Artist/Restorer and Mary Broughton - Saturday 2pm.

Tour of St Mary's Church and visit to Sime's grave - By Dr Anthony Hillard - Saturday 3pm

Men of the New Inn pub - more local caricatures revealed by Stephen Cranstone, Researcher - Sunday 2pm.

Tea and coffee available at:

St Mary's Church
Saturday 2pm - 4pm

Gallery
Sunday 11am - 12 noon & 2pm - 4pm

Related quizzes for children available.