

Worplesdon Flood Forum Meeting

Sports Pavilion, Worplesdon Memorial Ground, Perry Hill, Worplesdon, GU3 3RF

Friday 9 November 2018, 10.30am – 12 noon

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THIS PUBLIC MEETING

Date: 23 October 2018

<u>Agenda</u>

1. Apologies.

2. Introductions.

- **3.** To review the Action Plan All relevant organisations are asked to provide the meeting with appropriate progress reports. Appendix 1.
- Blackwell Farm Meeting with the University of Surrey planned for 16 November 2018 1pm 3pm. To consider the merit of meeting with the University at this stage of the Local Plan. To consider who should attend this meeting, if it is agreed the meeting should be held.
- 5. Any other matters of concern.

WORPLESDON FLOOD FORUM ACTION PLAN & PROGRESS REPORTING

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MEETING DATE	LOCATION/ISSUE	RESPONSIBLITY	ACTION/COMMENTS
February 2015	20 Gumbrells Close	Surrey County Council	 Blocked gulley. JL advised that SCC is treating all gullies which are causing the flooding of property as a priority. This gulley is currently a low priority. AM instructed JL to follow up ASAP. AD advised mains water leak in Gumbrells Close for several weeks. Resident still reported an issue - 2017. PG will put it on the jetter list. PG to meet the resident. Nov 2018 – To receive a progress report from SCC.
April 2015	Rydes Hill Common (near Poplar Cottages) - Sewer has repeatedly broken. Long term solution needs to be found - Health hazard to users of the common particularly pupils from St Joseph's school who do weekly orienteering over the common.	Thames Water	CM advised he is chasing the TW team for an operational progress report. Once the position is known CM to report to GW. CM advised the cast iron pipes are scaled. They have a planned maintenance schedule in place. Some has been completed, and some is outstanding. Nov 2018 – To receive a progress report from Thames Water.

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November 2015	Sime Close/Sidney Court	Surrey County Council/Thames Water	Surface water discharging into the soakaways in Sime Close. Runoff from Keens Lane due to the local topography exacerbates the issue.
			Raised kerb-line installed by SCC. The soakaway issues need to be addressed by the Sime Close Management Company.
			Nov 2018 – to receive a progress report from NM (WPC)
November 2017	Road gulley – Fairlands Ave, by shops	Surrey County Council	This gulley repeatedly blocks. It currently has vegetation growing out of it.
			Action: Surrey County Council needs to ensure this gulley receives regular maintenance.
			Site inspected 21/11/2017 by GW, VF and PG. PG to revisit site during next rainy period.
			A local resident has advised that since the pavements have been resurfaced, surface water now runs down the opposite side of the road (on the even houses side)
			Nov 2018 – To receive a progress report from SCC.
2017	Ditch - behind Quakers Way	Surrey County Council	A resident has infilled the ditch and placed compost bins and other garden paraphernalia, including paving slabs over the ditch which can no longer function properly. Cont

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2018	Pond – neighbouring Aldershot Road	Surrey Wildlife Trust/Surrey County Council	Surrey County Council are responsible for overseeing ordinary watercourses. Enforcement action is required as a matter of urgency. Surrey County Council inspected 27/02/2018. To proceed with enforcement. Nov 2018 – To receive a progress report from SCC. Due to a ditch being dug incorrectly, a pond has formed in the wrong location. The water now gathers at the side of the Aldershot Road, over- topping in times of high rainfall and creating ice across the highway.
			Nov 2018 - SWT carried out remedial work in October 2018 to prevent water pooling beside the A323. This ditch will now be monitored and if necessary additional work may be carried out.
2018	51 Fairlands Road – main sewer discharging into garden	Thames Water	Nov 2018 - To receive a report from Thames Water advising the action taken to resolve this issue.
2018	Ordinary watercourse behind St Michael's Ave – residents have placed planks over the water course, some of which are decaying and could collapse into the ditch creating a blockage	Surrey Wildlife Trust/Surrey County Council	Letters to be issued to property owners requesting removal of the planks of wood, which have been placed without appropriate consent. <i>Nov 2018 – To receive a</i> <i>progress report from SWT/SCC.</i>

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2018	Littlefield Common – dipping platform pond – pond is not filling with water	Surrey Wildlife Trust	Investigate cause and inform Flood Forum of the result of the investigation. Nov 2018 – To receive a report from SWT
2018	Culverts beneath the A323 – the sides of the banks are collapsing causing excess silting of the culvert. In addition, debris is entering the culvert	Surrey Wildlife Trust/Surrey County Council	Consider reinforcing the bank with sandbags and install a trash screen. Nov 2018 - To receive a progress report from SWT and SCC.
2018	Culvert beneath the A323 (nearest to St Michael's Ave). The culvert is partially blocked by silt, branches etc.	Surrey County Council	Replace trash screen to prevent debris entering the culvert. Nov 2018 – To receive a progress report from SCC.
2018	Common land situated between Gravetts Lane and the entrance to Hunts Farm – Water ponding on main road	Surrey County Council	Clear letter box drains and ensure all ditches are regularly cleared to prevent ponding on the road. Nov 2018 - To receive a progress report from SCC.
2018	Gravetts Lane – Ponding on carriageway	Surrey County Council/Merrist Wood College	Grips and the culvert beneath the road need to be cleared to prevent ponding on the carriageway. Nov 2018 – To receive a report from SCC.

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2018	The Brook, Brookside & watercourse near Queen Anne Farm, Jacobs Well Road	Surrey County Council/Environment Agency	Submersible pumps are being placed in the watercourse. There is a risk of electrocution for anyone entering the water course. Site meeting held between WPC and SCC. Nov 2018 – SCC to advise action, if any.
2018	White House pond	Worplesdon Parish Council	Crassula helmsii /bullrushes Quotations to spray the weeds have been sought from two companies over the past 3 months. No response yet received from either company. <i>Nov 2018 – WPC to follow up</i> <i>with contractors.</i>
2018	Moat House pond – consider installing a non- return valve to prevent the pond over-topping during high rainfall	Worplesdon Parish Council	Site meeting held between WPC and SCC. Guidance required from SCC. Nov 2018 – To receive guidance from SCC.
2018	Hurst Farm House, Clay Lane	Surrey County Council	Blocked ditch, water not discharging properly. Nov 2018 – To request that investigative work be carried out by SCC.

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November 2015	Frog Grove Lane bottom of Sandy Lane - Surface water pooling on the highway. Black ice creating a serious safety hazard.	Surrey County Council	New culvert required.PT advised SCC to fit a new culvert under the road before the ditch reaches the willow trees near Frog Grove House. This will resolve the problem.IF (Ian Fowler) advised the funding for this scheme has been withdrawn by SCC.JL to chase up as a priority. The carrier also needs jetting and a small section on the opposite side of the road requires attention by SCC.BC to inspect. PG also inspected 02/18. Vegetation Gang to remove – estimated action date Spring 2018.Nov 2018 – To receive a progress report from SCC.
2018	Frog Grove Lane/near the junction with the Aldershot Road – Flooding of road due to blocked grips	Surrey County Council	The grips need to be regularly dug- out to enable water to flow into the adjacent watercourse. Nov 2018 - To receive confirmation from Surrey County Council that these grips have been added to the regular maintenance schedule and to confirm the frequency of the clearing work.
2018	Broad Street Common, beside The Pines Industrial Estate	Guildford Borough Council	SWT's contractors recently removed a number of dead/dying ash trees. A considerable amount of foliage is building up near grille number W9/2. Nov 2018 – GBC to confirm arrangements for clearing the grille.

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December 2009	Blanket Mill Farm – Hardcore being laid on flood plain	Surrey County Council/ Environment Agency	Appeal dismissed by the Planning Inspectorate. Referred to the High Court. BMc advised that the case had also been dismissed by the High Court. Owner required to pay back the court costs. WBC now seeking to recover their costs. Residents reported further flooding problems. BMc to liaise with GBC re investigation and enforcement. BMc and TP to visit site when flooding next occurs. TP asked if the EA had issued an environmental permit re the depositing of material?
November 2014	Flooding of service road beside the White Lyon and Dragon	Surrey County Council/St Mary's Church/Residents	Nov 2018 - BMc to provide a progress report There is insufficient surface water drainage in this area. Currently there is only one drain in the service road. Surface water and silt is draining from St Mary's Church, St Mary's Gardens and Worplesdon St Mary's (Perry Hill) causing this drain to frequently silt up. Additional drainage required on private land to resolve the issue. Several new homes are now to be built in St Mary's Gardens this will exacerbate the problem. Cont

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			 Action: SCC to arrange a meeting with all appropriate parties ASAP. PG explained that some works had been carried out, but he will monitor the issue. PT advised that gravel from the tracks fills the drains. Coombe Lane gullies to be jetted Spring 2018. Issue still occurring October 2018. Nov 2018 - To receive a progress report from SCC.
April 2018	Holly Lane – Worplesdon Road roundabout - Flooding occurring on the roundabout.	Surrey County Council	JL of SCC aware. Unable to get to service the gulley safely due to GBC planters. JL to liaise with GBC. Nov 2018 - To receive a progress report from SCC/GBC.