

August 2019 - Land Management/Health and Safety Inspection Report

Land Management Report

The Assistant Clerk had prepared the following report for members' consideration. A copy of the report had been emailed to all members in advance of the meeting.

Completion of works:

- The Groundsman has repaired and treated the bench adjacent to the Fairlands noticeboard.
- The Groundsman has weeded, cleared drains, repainted space markings, and filled pot holes at Wood Street Village Community Car Park.
- The Groundsman oversaw the delivery of concrete blocks to Harry's Meadow, Jacobs Well.
- The Groundsman inspected the wetpour repairs at Worplesdon Memorial Play Area.
- The Groundsman improved the sightlines at the Frog Grove Lane service road junction in Wood Street Village.
- The Groundsman has reported numerous drug paraphernalia finds across the parish. The Clerk has notified our PCSO of these finds. Items found on private property have been removed by The Groundsman using specialist PPE.
- The Assistant Clerk has notified the police of numerous attempts to damage the integrity of the fencing and gates at Harry's Meadow, Jacobs Well. The Clerk has ordered replacement metal gates and posts accordingly to replace damaged items.
- The Groundsman liaised with the Manager of Worplesdon Place Hotel re drinking glasses and cups being abandoned in the bus shelter and at the Worplesdon Memorial Play Area.
- The Groundsman has strimmed around Derek Slaymaker's bench at Harry's Meadow due to the grass cutting team currently being unable to gain access to the site.
- The Groundsman has reported multiple fly tips in the vicinity of Pinks Hill.
- Cllr Mitchell has reported a fly tipped fridge-freezer at the end of Gravetts Lane.
- The Groundsman removed a bough overhanging the pavement adjacent to the Millenium Well in Jacobs Well.
- The Groundsman has replaced the damaged bin located opposite the Cricketers public house on Aldershot Road.
- The Groundsman met with a representative from Wood Street Village Show Committee to facilitate the return of the safety fencing and bollards.
- The Groundsman removed overhanging branches from near Wood Street Infant School.
- The Groundsman met Katy Fielding from Surrey Wildlife Trust at Harry's Meadow with a view to establishing the 'wildflower' area.

Work agreed with contractors/volunteers:

- Removal of a dead tree on White Hart Lane, Wood Street Village. (Awaiting end of bird nesting season due to brambles at base of trunk)

Quotations required for:

- Wood Street Village Community Car Park resurfacing.
- Replacement perforated metal panels for Oak Tree Close bus shelter.

Outstanding works:

- The Groundsman will help Jacobs Well residents to paint the height barrier into the recreation ground. This is a low priority.
- The white safety gates in Wood Street Village need to be re-painted. The Groundsman and staff to carry out in Summer 2019 (weather dependent).

Groundsman's/Clerk's Observations:

- The Groundsman is continuing to clean road signs and clear any obscuring vegetation.
- The Groundsman is continuing to repaint benches and bus shelters across the parish.
- The log bench at Jacobs Well recreation ground is deteriorating. Three local firms have been approached to determine the cost of replacing the log and leaving the old log to become a wildlife habitat.
- Logs around Jacobs Well recreation ground have been observed to be deteriorating. The Groundsman to utilise logs from a recently felled tree to replace with the assistance of a local resident.

Health and Safety Inspection Report

The Groundsman had undertaken his weekly inspections as a result of which the Assistant Clerk had prepared the following report, a copy of which had been issued via email to all members in advance of the meeting.

Weekly Reports

Worplesdon, Jacobs Well and Fairlands play areas, the Husson Breeze and community car park at Wood Street were checked on 22.07.19, 25.07.19, 29.07.19, 05.08.19, 12.08.19, and 19.08.19. The Groundsman has carried out the following work:

- Cleared litter at all 4 sites
- Cleared grilles across the Parish

Completed works:

- The post-installation report on the newly installed equipment highlighted the potential for a finger trap on two panels. Following discussions with both the inspection company and the manufacturer, the Assistant Clerk has arranged for bespoke manufactured brackets to be retrofitted to the panels (by the manufacturer) to remove the finger trap, and has the assurances of the manufacturer that in future the design of the panels will be reconfigured to remove the finger trap. Proludic have sent a contractor to retrofit brackets to the two panels.
- The Groundsman observed that the wet pour at Fairlands had sustained deliberate damage. The Assistant Clerk requested a quote to repair the damage and a neighbouring crack, and The Groundsman highlighted the hole with yellow paint. The repair has been carried out fixing both the damage and the neighbouring crack at the same time.

Outstanding works:

- None.

Groundsman's/Clerk's Observations:

- The yellow spinner bowl at Kompan is observed to have a wobble. The Assistant Clerk is liaising with Kompan to have it fixed or repaired under the warranty agreement. Replacement parts have been received from Kompan. If the Groundsman is unable to fit the parts, Kompan will arrange for their technician to attend to repair the item.
- The open topped bins at Worplesdon Memorial play area are inadequate in terms of capacity, water infiltrates the bins making cardboard heavy and birds are throwing rubbish out of the bins. Replacement bins have been ordered to encourage recycling and children to put their waste in the bin.
- Further work parties need to be planned.

Monthly Health and Safety Report:

The monthly inspections were undertaken on 23.07.19.