

October 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:

- Completed the repair and painting of the bench outside the parade of shops at Fairlands.
- With the assistance of Richard Randall, repaired the yellow spinner at Fairlands play area.
- Spray painted two trip hazards at Harry's Meadow. These posts are believed to be part of the ongoing Rights of Way application.
- Has cleared the brambles which were inhibiting access to the disabled spaces at the tennis courts and the access road.
- Met the Jacobs Well dog show organiser and strimmed the appropriate area to facilitate the annual dog show.
- Replaced a bolt on the Jacobs Well play area fence.
- Weeded the wet pour underneath the Jacobs Well multi-play unit and cut back vegetation around the play area.
- Placed signs at multiple locations to highlight the Residents' Survey.
- Removed two fallen branches – one beside the Aldershot Road the other at the entrance to Fairlands.
- Reported fly tips at Littlefield Manor and Gravetts Lane.
- Purchased a replacement padlock for the storage garage, and additional paintbrushes.
- Met Thames Water and Surrey County Council onsite at Fairlands to discuss the tree root damaged drain.
- Cut back the vegetation that was encroaching the brook at Jacobs Well.
- Has measured the polycarbonate panels in the Oak Tree Close bus shelter for replacement.
- Removed items which had been dumped in the corner of Harry's Meadow adjacent to the car park.
- Reported stolen property found at Wood Street Village pond to the police and took the items to the police station.
- Test drove the Citroen demonstrator vehicle, and also went to Mitsubishi at Normandy to inspect a vehicle.
- Reported cracks in the bus shelters in Jacobs Well to the manufacturers. The manufacturers will be repairing these items next year, free of charge.
- Residents have kindly replaced the logs around Jacobs Well Recreation Ground which had deteriorated.
- A concrete ball at Jacobs Well war memorial has been damaged again. Surrey County Council have given their permission for the ball to be replaced with a recycled plastic post.
- The Clerk reported the spoil heaps on the verge neighbouring the Jacobs Well war memorial to Surrey County Council.

Work agreed with contractors/volunteers:

- The collapsed pavement opposite the White Lion and Dragon has been reported to Surrey County Council.
- 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 obtained 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 2020 (weather dependent).

Groundsman's/Clerk's Observations:

The Groundsman is continuing to:

- Clean road signs and clear any obscuring vegetation.
- Repaint benches and bus shelters across the parish.
- Clear grilles before and after periods of heavy rain in addition to his usual checks.
- Replacement log bench Jacobs Well Recreation Ground - Three local firms have been approached to determine the cost of replacing the log and leaving the old log to become a wildlife habitat.

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 27.08.19, 28.08.19, 02.09.19, 03.09.19, 09.09.19, 10.09.19, 16.09.19, 23.09.19, 30.09.19, and 07.10.19. The Groundsman has carried out the following work:

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

Completed works:

- The quarterly play installation report on the new wet pour repairs at Worplesdon play area's Typhoon play equipment highlighted that the wet pour bond had failed. The Assistant Clerk approached the firm who have returned to rectify the fault.
- The yellow spinner bowl at Fairlands has been repaired.

Outstanding works:

- None.

Groundsman's/Clerk's Observations:

- The Clerk has arranged for the trip hazard entering Harry's Meadow to be repaired by Gunner Agriculture, who will also mend the damaged kissing gate. This work will be undertaken alongside installation of the new posts and replacement gates. Additional posts will be installed on Perry Hill Green and also at Wood Street Post Office.
- 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. These are due to be fitted imminently.
- Further work parties need to be planned however Ground staff are endeavouring to tackle these areas in the meantime.

Monthly Health and Safety Report:

The monthly inspections were undertaken on 23.09.19 and 24.09.19.