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## NOTICE OF MEETING

28 October 2021

To: All Members of the Worplesdon Flood Forum

You are hereby invited to attend the Worplesdon Flood Forum to be held in Council Chambers at Worplesdon Parish Council, Unit 2 Saxton, Parklands, Railton Road, Guildford, GU2 9JX on **Friday 5 November 2021 at 10.00am** for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Signed:

*Gaynor White*

Mrs G F White PSLCC  
Clerk to the Council

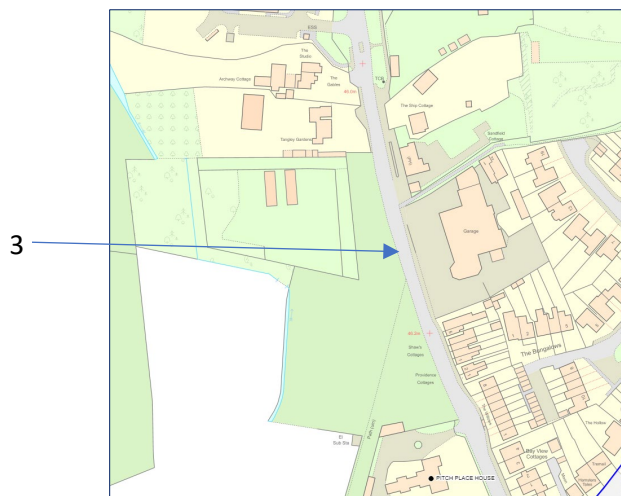
## AGENDA

- 1. To accept apologies.**
- 2. Minutes of the previous meetings:**

The following Council minutes are to be agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record:

- Flood Forum meeting held – 6 November 2020

### Pitch Place



Map: A322 Worplesdon Road, Pitch Place

3. **Former Ship Inn public house/Honda garage, Worplesdon Road** – Significant flooding has historically occurred at this location. We understand from Jason Lewis of Surrey County Council that a replacement pipe is required, including an inspection chamber. **Surrey County Council to provide an update.**

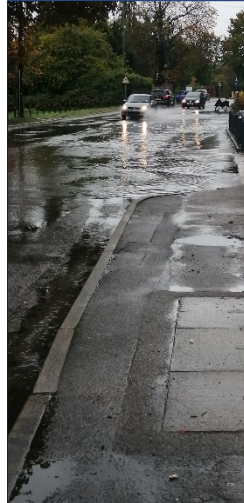
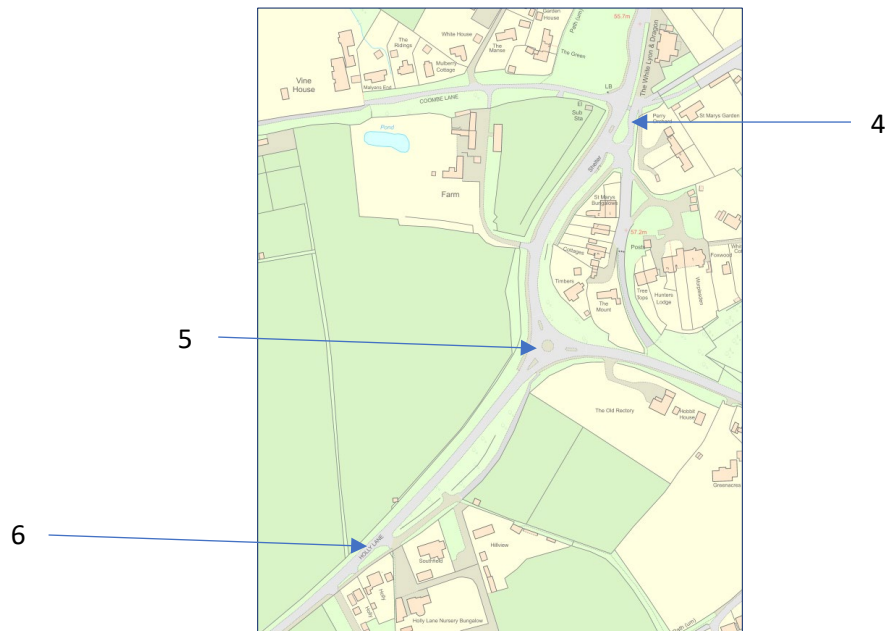


Photo from outside Honda garage (August 2020).

### Worplesdon



Map: A322 roundabout junction with Holly Lane, Perry Hill

4. **White Lion and Dragon public house/St Mary's** – the large puddle is continuing to collect on the service road during heavy rain. **SCC to update.**





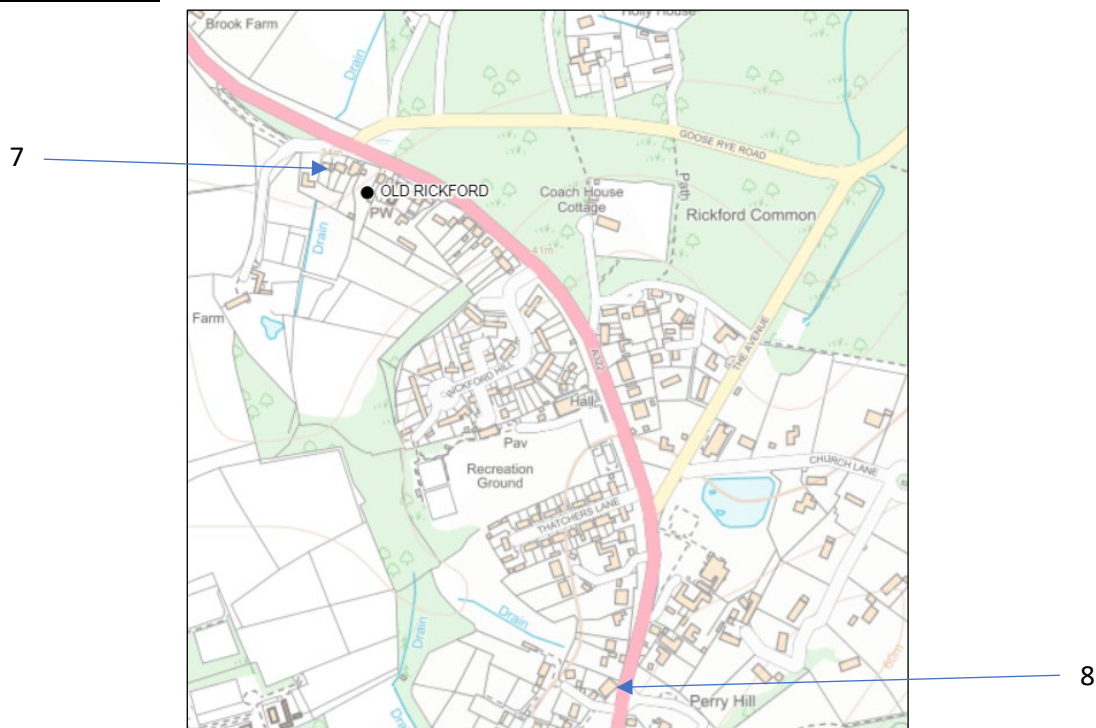
Photographs showing the magnitude of the puddle, although the rain had ceased over 12 hours prior to these photos being taken, so the water had significantly receded by this point

5. **Holly Lane roundabout continues to flood** – Repeatedly reported to SCC. **To receive progress report (SCC).**
6. **Surface water drain blocked with soil/grass, Holly Lane (between top roundabout and Pitmore Farm)** – Reported to SCC. **To receive progress report (SCC).**



Photo showing the packed debris blocking the drain on Holly Lane.

### Worplesdon and Rickford



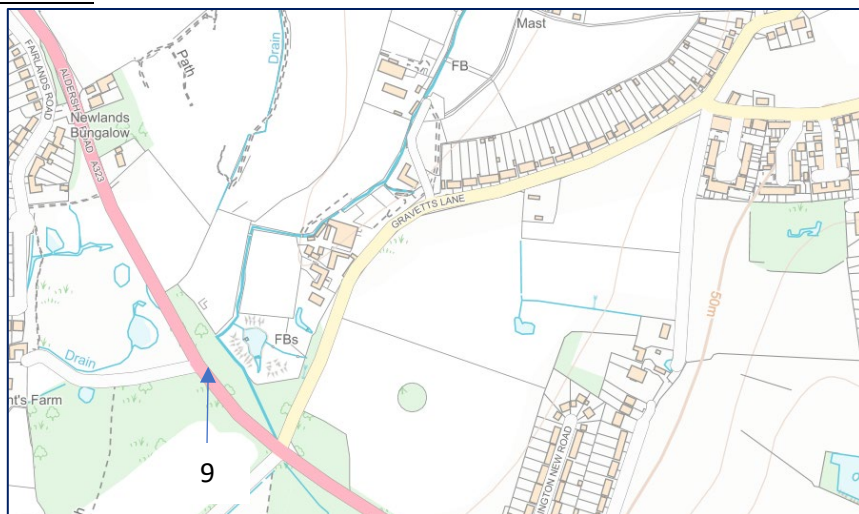
Map showing Fox Corner, Rickford, up to Perry Hill

7. **Rickford – Four properties at Rickford [Manesty, Holly Bank, Rickford Bungalow and Ellesmere House] experienced flooding, together with water surging up through toilets during the rainfall event on 20/10/2021.** Reported to SCC. **To receive progress report (SCC).**

8. **Perry Hill Antiques** – Resident has reported repeated flooding of the property, forcing the closure of the business on multiple occasions. Reported to SCC. **SCC to provide progress report.**

## Fairlands

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Map showing junction of Gravetts Lane with Aldershot Lane



Map showing Holly Lane junction with Aldershot Road

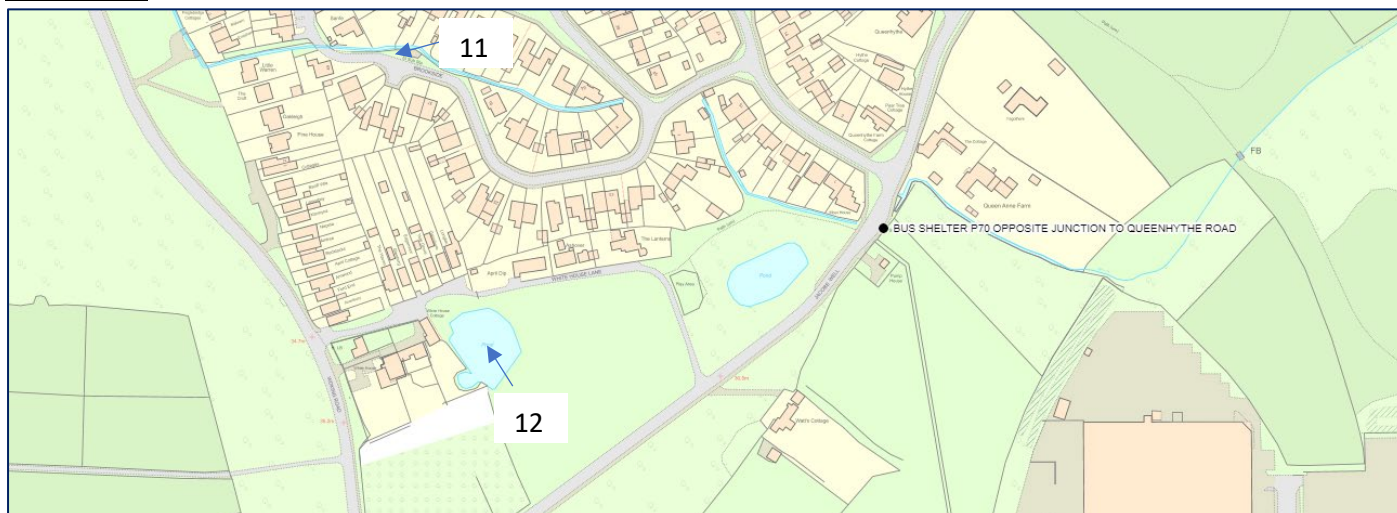
9. **Aldershot Road (between Newlands and Hunt's Farm)** – Serious flooding of the carriageway which has been reported to SCC. **Grips and ditches need to be maintained including cleaning letterbox gullies (SCC).**



This photograph shows the water after it had receded to the central white lines (October 2020). The rainwater regularly reaches the centreline, and did again in October 2021, making the road impassable to cyclists and pedestrians, and difficult for motorists travelling towards Rydes Hill/Guildford.

10. **Woodpecker Lodge, Holly Lane** – The garden of the property was flooded after the new residents moved in. Rokers are currently digging an attenuation pond opposite the property to help alleviate the flow of water. SCC have undertaken a site visit to further assess the situation. Merrist Wood have assisted by addressing the clearance of the adjacent ditch. SCC aware of the long-standing issue of highway flooding at this location. **SCC to provide an update.**

## Jacobs Well

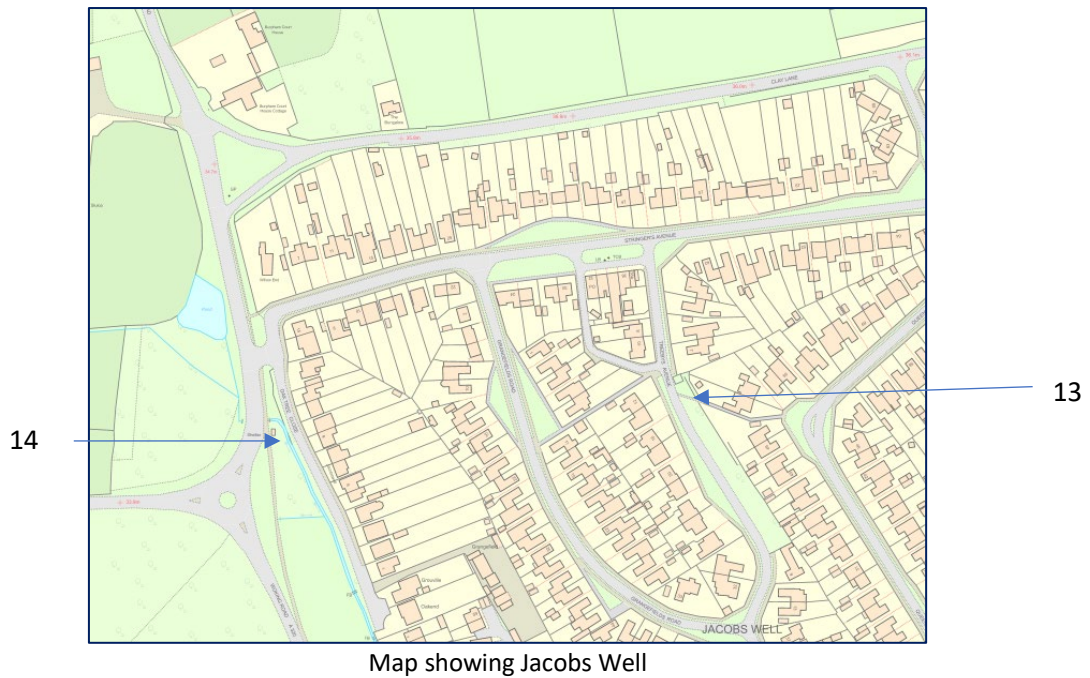


Map showing area around Jacobs Well Recreation Ground

- 11. Fallen tree across brook, off Jacobs Well Recreation Ground** - In March 2021, a resident from highlighted a large fallen tree to the Groundsman. Due to the location of the tree stump, and the tree now blocking the brook, this item has been repeatedly referred to SCC as it is SCC's responsibility to remedy. **To receive an update from Surrey County Council.**



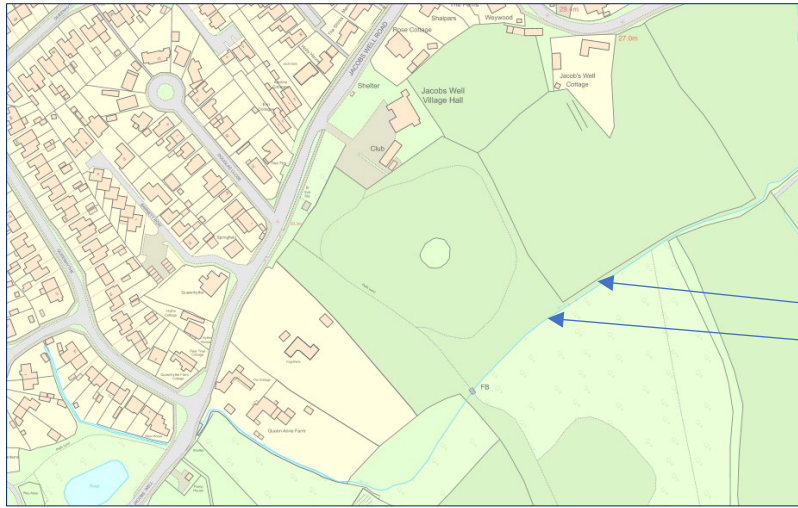
- 12. Licence for White House Pond** – Worplesdon Parish Council (WPC) have agreed to maintain the pond for a further 10 years. Surrey County Council were approached with regard to renewal of the lease. Anticipated cost to maintain this pond is £30,000 over 10 years. **WPC to provide an update.**



13. **Open ditch – Treebys/Queenhythe** – To establish land ownership/responsibility for maintenance of this ditch. **SCC to assist.**
14. **Rain Garden – Woking Road/Salt Box Road roundabout** - Discussions and site visits have taken place with a view to resolving the long-standing issues at this location by way of the provision of a rain garden. **To receive an update from SCC.**



Photograph showing Woking Road/Salt Road flooding – Spring 2020



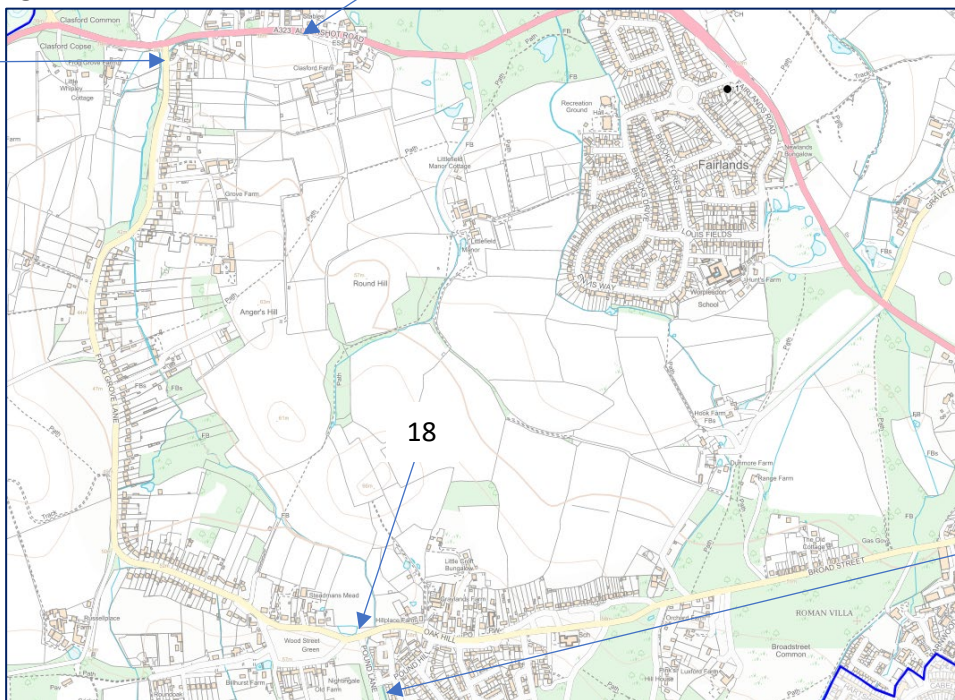
Map showing Harry's Meadow, Jacobs Well

15. **Harry's Meadow, Jacobs Well** – Debris in the ditch has been reported to Guildford Borough Council (GBC) on a number of occasions. **To receive a progress report from GBC**, to ensure the clearance work is carried out as soon as possible.

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**Wood Street Village/Broad Street**

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Map showing Wood Street Village, Aldershot Road, and Fairlands

16. **Aldershot Road, outside the Vivid Homes building site/glasshouses** – highway flooding during October 2021. Surrey Fire and Rescue were in attendance to pump out water to make it passable to vehicles. **To receive a report from Surrey County Council**.

17. **Frog Grove Lane/junction with Aldershot Road – Several issues: (a) ongoing landgrab **To receive a progress report from John Hockley (SCC).** (b) lack of ditch maintenance (c) significant continuing instances of highway flooding at this location – which has worsened since a repair was carried out earlier this year. **To receive a progress report from Patrick Giles****

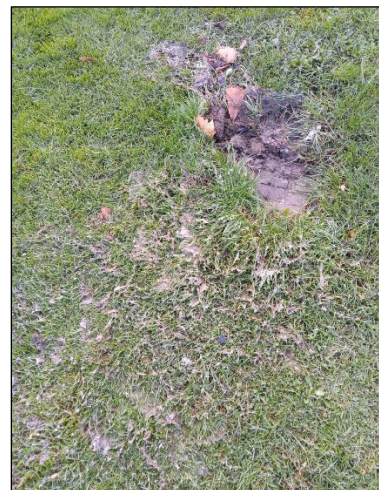


Photograph showing Frog Grove Lane/Aldershot Road flooding – October 2021. The footpath is impassable, and the water in the centre of the highway was too deep for pedestrians or cyclists, and some vehicles. This road is a priority route for the Royal Surrey County Hospital.

18. **Sewage discharge at Wood Street Village Pond - during 27 August 2020 and overnight during the October 2021 in response to significant rainfall event. Manhole lifted on grass verge. **Thames Water to investigate and advise at meeting.****



2020 Photograph shows toilet paper debris



2021 Photograph also shows toilet paper and other debris

19. **Blocked grilles at Wood Street Village – these caused flooding to residential properties at Wildfield Close in October 2021** – to discuss the involvement of **Guildford Borough Council and Surrey County Council** with regard to the effectiveness of removing silt and arisings from these and other grilles, and to discuss if an alternative approach to reducing significant and problematic fly-tipping could be trialled in this location.



This October 2021 photo shows a grille after the Head Groundsman from Worplesdon Parish Council removed all of the debris that had blocked the flow of water through it, plus he had also dragged a double mattress out of the flow.



These photographs show grilles in Wood Street Village after a week of rainfall in October 2020. These grilles are checked weekly by Mr Peter Trevena, Head Groundsman at Worplesdon Parish Council so represent just one week of debris. During the weekly checked, they are cleared by Mr Trevena, where necessary.

It has been discussed in the past about providing Mr Trevena with a key to access the grilles however this has still not been forthcoming to-date. **GBC to provide an update.**

## Rydes Hill



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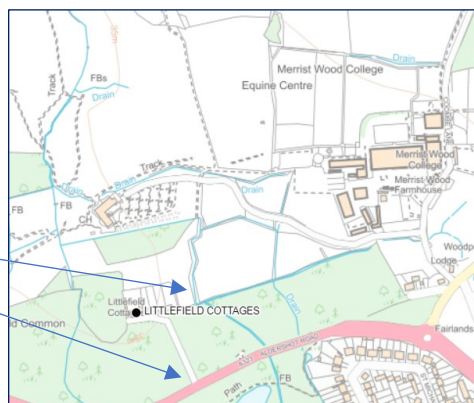
Map of Liddington Hall Drive and A323 Aldershot Road

20. **Liddington Hall Drive – blocked ditch and enlargement of access road has increased run-off.** This has caused flooding to the front of a property. SCC engineer has been out to assess, and recommended a replacement kerb, but the blocked ditch issue remains, as does the increased hard-standing on the enlarged access road. **To receive an update from SCC regarding progress and potential enforcement for non-conformity.**



## Littlefield Common

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Map: Littlefield Common/Aldershot Road

21. **Littlefield Cottages, Littlefield Common – concerns raised by residents relating to drainage ditch in Merrist Wood long field and also the ditch on common along front of Littlefield Cottages.** Vegetation is obstructing the long field ditch, and the commons ditch is now full of rotted leaves and soil after not being maintained for over 20 years. **To receive an update from Merrist Wood College regarding the long field, and from SCC regarding the ditch on the common land.**

#### **Broad Street Common**

22. The **Environment Agency**, in conjunction with the Assistant Clerk, traced the source of pollution found entering the watercourse near **The Pines, Broad Street**, by the Head Groundsman in June 2021, to an industrial unit within The Pines.



The unit occupier has remedied the issue, which involved untreated sewage entering the watercourse. Our thanks are extended to the Environment Agency for their involvement in rapidly resolving this long-standing issue.

23. **Date of next meeting – To be agreed.**