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NOTICE OF MEETING

11 February 2022

To: All Members of the Worplesdon Flood Forum

You are hereby summoned 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 25 February 2022 at 10.00am** for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Signed:

Gaynor White

Mrs G F White PSLCC
Clerk to the Council

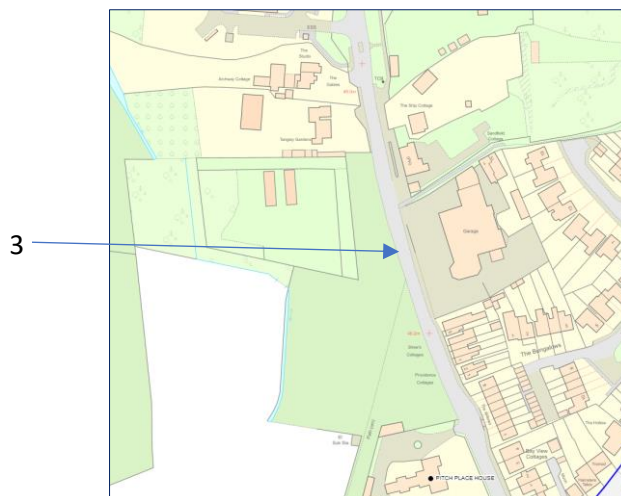
AGENDA

- 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 – 5 November 2021

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.

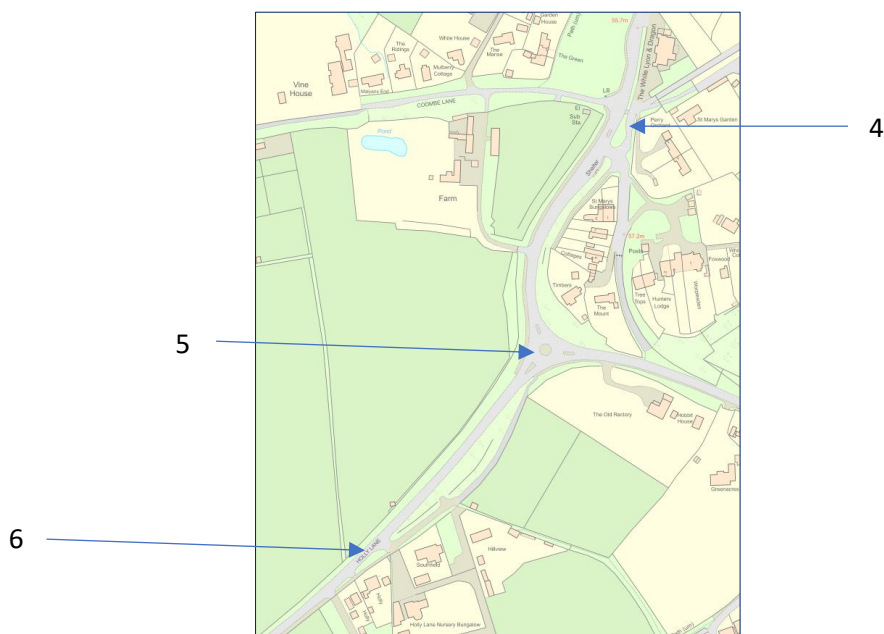
2022: Surrey County Council update: Further investigations at this location highlighted tree root ingress into the drains. The tree roots have now been cut through, and no further reports of flooding at this location have been received.

Consider removing from future agendas.



Photo from outside Honda garage (August 2020).

Worplesdon



Map: A322 roundabout junction with Holly Lane, Perry Hill

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

2022: Surrey County Council update: The issue is caused and exacerbated by the residents at St Mary's whose driveway surfacing, and failure to maintain their own drains, is causing silt and gravel to wash down. Local residents to resolve issues.



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.

2022: Surrey County Council update: This issue requires significant expensive traffic management due to the location. It is logged as an ongoing issue and will be addressed when resources permit.

6. **Surface water drain blocked with soil/grass, Holly Lane (between top roundabout and Pitmore Farm)** – Reported to SCC.



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

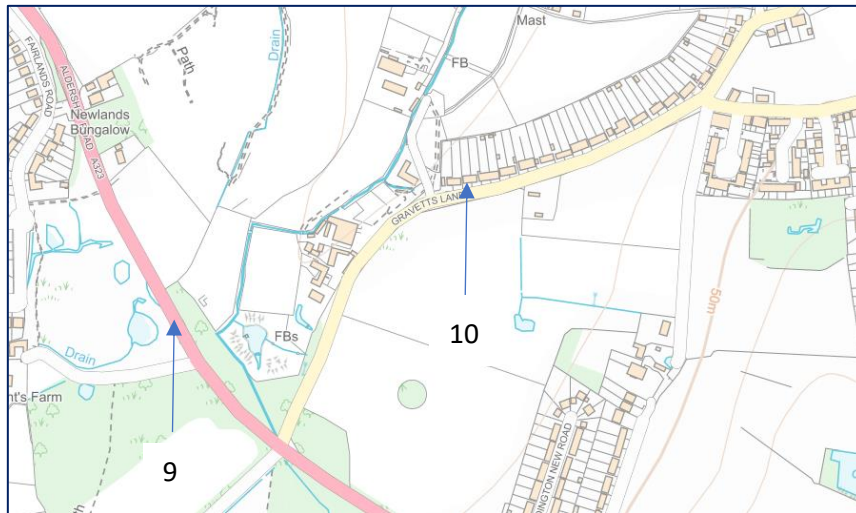
2022: Surrey County Council update: The drain has seized so cannot currently be lifted. It is a low priority due to its position within the drainage scheme at this location, and will be fixed when finances (and associated traffic management) allow.

Worplesdon and Rickford



Map showing Fox Corner, Rickford, up to Perry Hill

7. **Rickford – Three properties at Rickford [Holly Bank, Rickford Bungalow and Ellesmere House] experienced flooding, together with two experiencing water surging up through toilets, during the rainfall event on 20/10/2021. Reported to SCC.**
2022: Surrey County Council update: A site visit was arranged immediately after the last Flood Forum Meeting in November 2021. During the site visit it was determined that: one property had a drain running across their property which was constructed out of welded metal drums. These drums are now collapsing, causing an obstruction to the flow of water, and once the water crosses the road, it crosses SCC land, then is obstructed at a neighbouring parcel of land through a lack of ditch maintenance. SCC have written to the landowner (in December 2021) asking for action to be taken to facilitate the fall of water away from the Rickford properties.
8. **Perry Hill Antiques – Resident has reported repeated flooding of the property, forcing the closure of the business on multiple occasions. Reported to SCC.**
2022: Surrey County Council update: SCC undertook a through investigation at this location following the property flooding. It was observed that BT had erroneously located some of their cabling within a drain by smashing into it. Awaiting BT to relocate their cable and remedy the damage they have caused.



Map showing junction of Gravetts Lane with Aldershot Lane

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).**

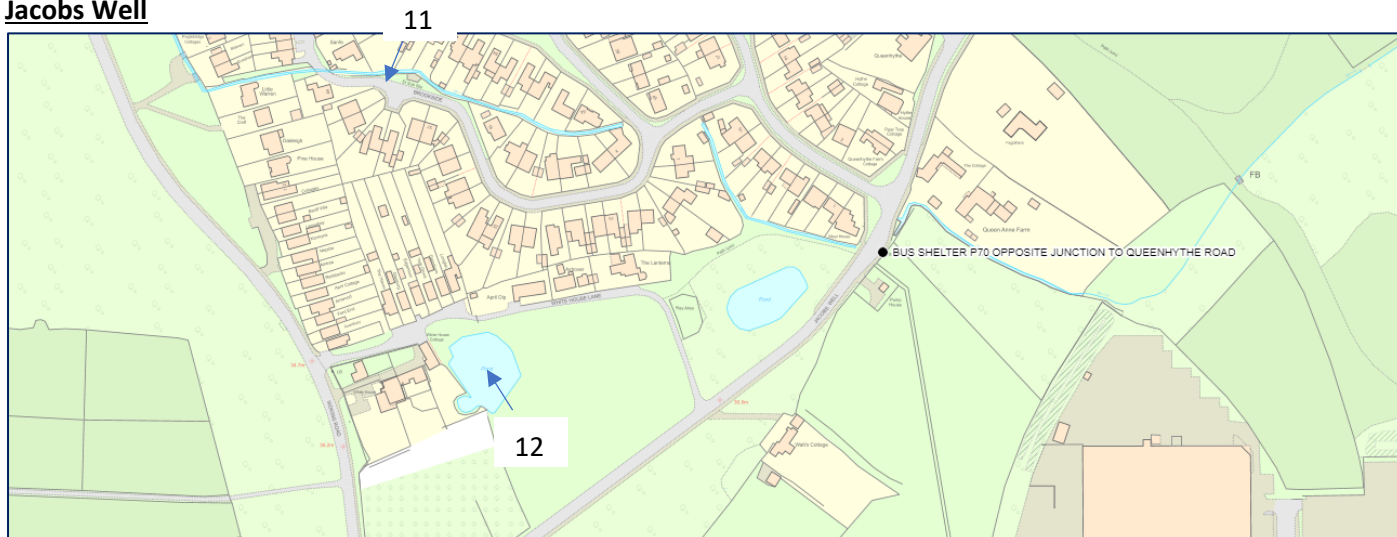


This photograph shows the water after it had receded to the central white lines (October 2020). The rainwater regularly reaches the centreline, and did again in October 2021, making the road impassable to cyclists and pedestrians, and difficult for motorists travelling towards Rydes Hill/Guildford.

2022: Surrey County Council update: SCC will look into installing at least 1 gully, discharging directly to the watercourse, in the next financial year (2022/23).

10. **4 Gravetts Lane – Multiple issues at this location – sewage had flooded the garden of the property and manhole covers in the road keep lifting.**
2022: Surrey County Council update: SCC have confirmed that the camber on the road means that this issue is solely the responsibility of Thames Water. To receive an update from Carley Mason, Thames Water.

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 Brookside 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.
2022: Surrey County Council update: SCC inspected the location because of the significant risk of flooding to properties in the locality, and have determined that, at this precise location, whilst the verge remains the ownership of the property developer, the tree is the responsibility of UK Power Networks (formerly SE Power Networks), who have been instructed in writing to deal with the fallen tree.



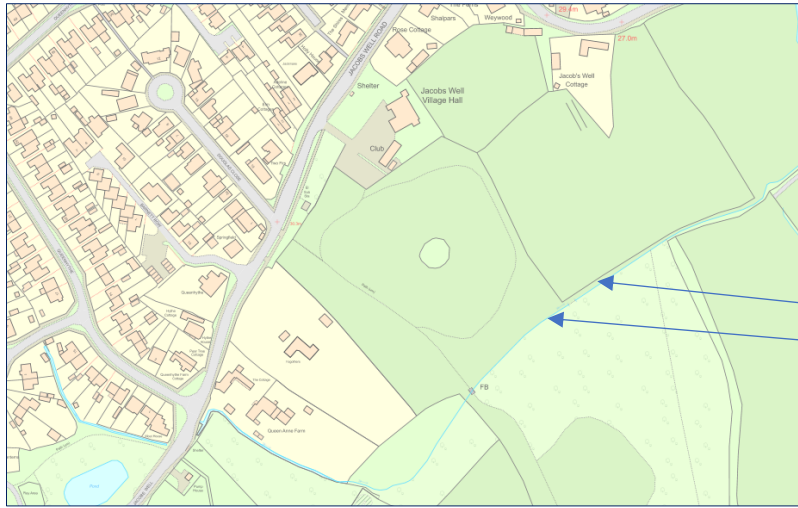
- 12. Licence for White House Pond** – Worplesdon Parish Council (WPC) have agreed to maintain the pond for a further 10 years. Surrey County Council were approached with regard to renewal of the lease. Anticipated cost to maintain this pond is £30,000 over 10 years.
2022: Worplesdon Parish Council: The agreement has now been signed and is in place, and works have just been completed on the pond.



- 13. Open ditch – Treebys/Queenhythe** – To establish land ownership/responsibility for maintenance of this ditch.
2022: Surrey County Council have confirmed that a fence is to be installed at this location but a date has not yet been finalised.
- 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.



Photograph showing Woking Road/Salt Road flooding – Spring 2020
2022: Gaynor White (Worplesdon Parish Council) is still awaiting the formal report from Ian Fowler of Surrey County Council. SCC to provide an update on the report.



Map showing Harry's Meadow, Jacobs Well

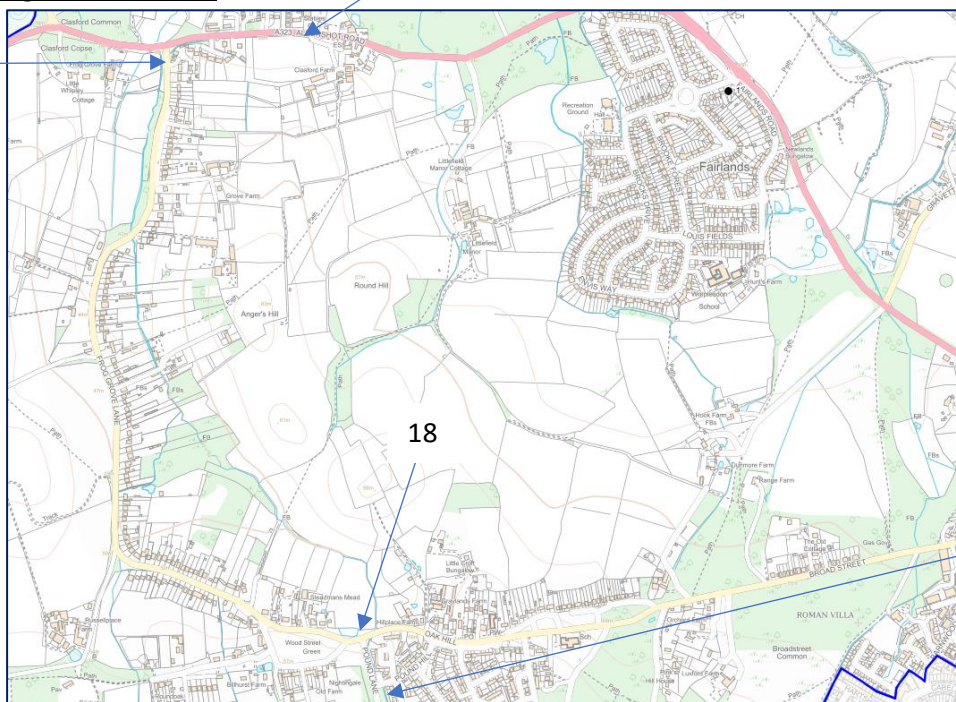
15. **Harry's Meadow, Jacobs Well** – Debris in the ditch has been reported to Guildford Borough Council (GBC) on a number of occasions.

2022: Guildford Borough Council have removed one of the two trees that were causing the most significant issues. The other has been marked with paint, assuming this requires additional works? To receive a progress report from GBC as to when the second tree will be dealt with.

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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.
2022: Surrey County Council update: This location has been added to the jetting list.

17. **Frog Grove Lane/junction with Aldershot Road** – ongoing landgrab: issues with ditch maintenance together with significant continuing instances of highway flooding at this location. **To receive a progress report from John Hockley (SCC).**



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.

2022: Surrey County Council update: In early February 2022, works commenced to block the existing pipe, and put in a new pipe from the Highview driveway directly to the ditch on the eastern corner of the junction. The ditch on the bend will be re-dug and graded.

To receive updates from:

- **John Hockley, SCC re the land grab issue.**
- **Jason Lewis, SCC regarding the progress of the 2022 works listed immediately above.**
- **Janice Longman, Environment Agency regarding the issue noted in the November 2021 meeting, whereby the main ditch is silted up.**

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.

2022: Thames Water to investigate (following 2021 meeting) and advise of findings at February 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 – past discussions related to 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.**

2022: It has been discussed in the past about providing Mr Trevena (Head Groundsman) with a key to access the grilles, however this has still not been forthcoming to-date. GBC to provide an update.

2022: Helen Barnsley, Guildford Borough Council to provide an update with regard to what degree of involvement JET have had with portable CCTV units, and also whether this project could be a candidate for JAG.



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. The mattress was removed by GBC at the beginning of February 2022.



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 Parish Council weekly checks, they are cleared by Mr Trevena, where necessary.



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Map of Liddington Hall Drive and A323 Aldershot Road

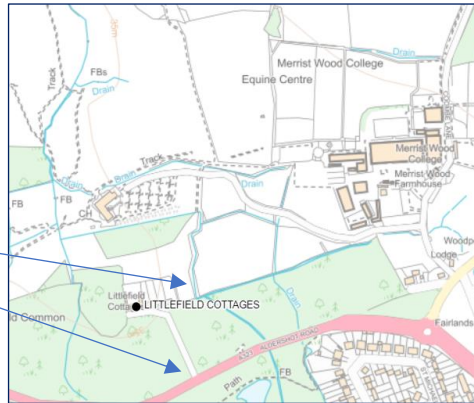
20. **Liddington Hall Drive – blocked ditch and enlargement of access road has increased run-off.** This has caused flooding to the front of a property. SCC engineer has been out to assess, and recommended a replacement kerb, but the blocked ditch issue remains, as does the increased hard-standing on the enlarged access road.

2022: To receive an update from Paul Manwaring, Surrey County Council 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.

2022: To receive an update from Merrist Wood College regarding the ditch line of the long field [works to clear vegetation to access and assess the ditch line started on 26 November 2021. Initial clearance of a 5m strip from the resident's fence into Merrist Wood land so an assessment of the condition of the ditch line could be undertaken].

2022: To also receive an update from Andy Treasure, Surrey County Council who was also going to inspect the location and determine the best way forward.

- 22. Date of next meeting – To be agreed.**