



Worplesdon Flood Forum Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting held as a hybrid meeting on Friday 25 November 2022 at 10am

Present (in person or via MTeams):

Ms A Adams – Resident
Mr S Ashell – Communications Officer for Angela Richardson MP
Ms J Ashton – Resident
Ms H Barnsley – Guildford Borough Council
Ms D Brown – Office of Angela Richardson MP
Mr A Dillon – Resident
Mrs V Fear – Worplesdon Parish Council
Mr T Gamble – Merrist Wood College
Ms J Jeffreys - Resident
Mr C Kunkler – Resident
Ms J Longman – Environment Agency
Cllr N Mitchell – Worplesdon Parish Council

Molly – Office of Angela Richardson MP
Mr I Parr – Environment Agency
Cllr M Price – Worplesdon Parish Council
Mrs Angela Richardson MP – Chairman of the Flood Forum Meeting)
Mr A Smith – Resident
Mr D Snipp - Resident
Mr P Sutton – Resident
Mr A Treasure – Surrey County Council
Mr P Trevena – Worplesdon Parish Council
Mrs G White – Worplesdon Parish Council
Cllr K Witham – Surrey County Council

Apologies:

Mr & Mrs Bridger – Residents
Cllr R Brothwell – Guildford Borough Council
Cllr D Bird – Worplesdon Parish Council
Mr A Bolton – Surrey Wildlife Trust
Mr R Everest – Resident
Mr S Knight – Resident
Mr J Lewis – Surrey County Council

Ms V Mackay-Forbes – Resident
Ms C Mason – Thames Water
Cllr A McShee – Guildford Borough Council
Cllr B McShee – Guildford Borough Council
Mr G Melly – University of Surrey
Rev Alex Russell – Worplesdon Parish Churches

Residents are reminded that for items to be added to the Flood Forum agenda, reporting codes from the appropriate authority should be included with their requests. This allows the agencies involved to address the issue/s more effectively.

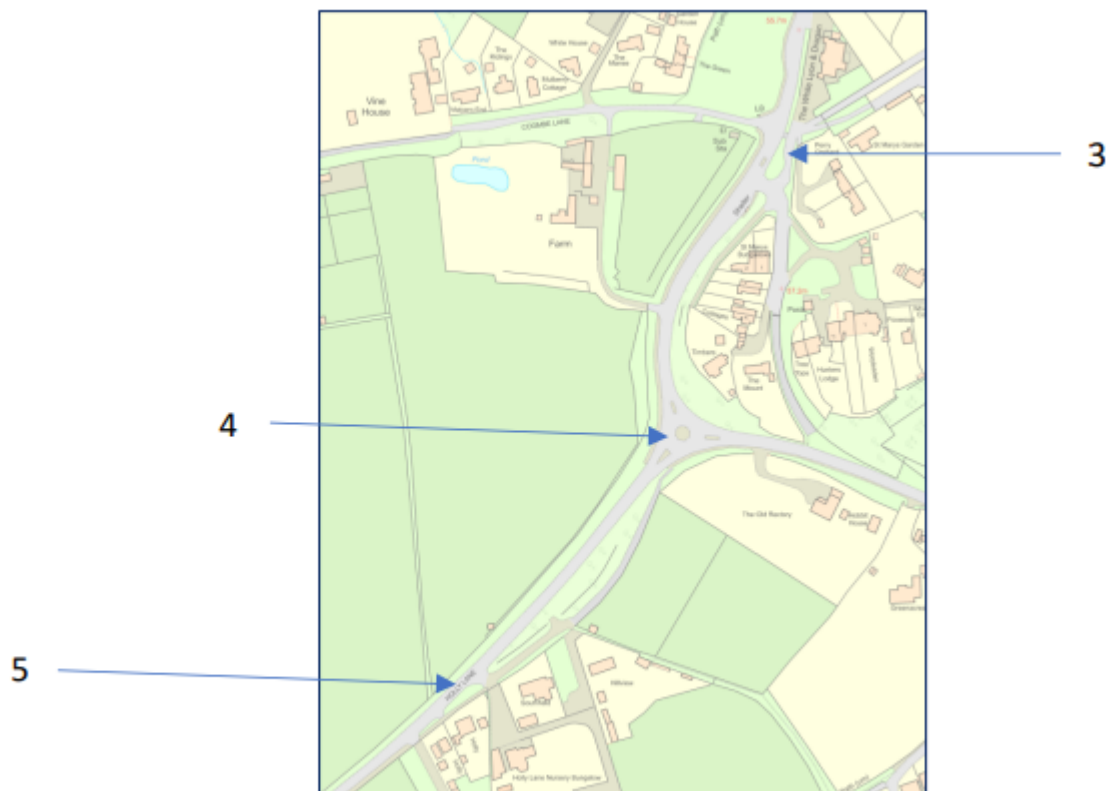
Meeting commenced 10.10am

Mrs Angela Richardson MP introduced herself as Chairman of the meeting, and welcomed all those present, in person and online, to the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed by the Chairman, with a minor amendment to the informal Flood Forum walkabout notes from July 2022.

Cllr Keith Witham commented that Jonathan Lord MP, who chairs a number of flood forum meetings, would be happy to address any flooding issues which are on the boundary of our parish and Jonathan's constituency.

Worplesdon



Map: A322 roundabout junction with Holly Lane, Perry Hill

Agenda Item 3 - Location: Flooding of service road beside the White Lyon and Dragon



Photographs showing 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

Issue: The large puddle is continuing to collect on the service road during heavy rain.

November 2022: Mrs White provided further background to the issue, informing meeting attendees of the drainage report commissioned by the owner of White Lyon House (the former White Lyon and Dragon pub), Mr Schiavo. Mr Schiavo confirmed, via email, that the sleeping policeman was installed on the church track on 17 November 2022. Mr Kunkler, owner of the second track, spoke about the potential for installing two sleeping policemen to attenuate water flow from his track.

10:21 Joanna Jeffreys joined the meeting online

SCC's update, emailed by Jason Lewis, was read out: No action from myself and nothing observed and no reports. Will continue to monitor.

Clive Kunkler stated that ideally sleeping policeman need to be angled, rather than at 90 degrees to the direction of vehicle travel. Peter Trevena stated that the first chamber gets full of gravel and silt very easily.

Mr Kunkler also stated that on 23 November 2022, at 8.24am, water was pouring from the church car park, and as a result feels SCC should act. He is willing to install the sleeping policemen, as long as SCC improve the road gulley by increasing the size and depth of the gulley, and increase the size of the pipe.

Ms Ashton stated that there was significant silt and pine needle build-up on the verge/kerb-edge. Ms Ashton asked if Angela Richardson approached GBC to ask for additional street cleansing at this location. Ms Brown confirmed that the request was submitted, but will chase up the request again.

Ms Barnsley (GBC) stated her concerns regarding GBC's capacity to take on any additional work, above and beyond that which they are already dealing with. Mrs Richardson MP suggested that the residents could consider a work party to address the silt build up. Ms Ashton kindly volunteered to mobilise fellow residents to sweep up the silt. Mrs Richardson MP asked if the diameter of the 4" pipe could be increased? Mrs Richardson MP also asked if, during the next significant downpour, someone could video the effect of the church track's sleeping policeman, and similarly, the video could then be used to identify where the run-off is coming from. Mr Kunkler kindly agreed to undertake this.

Action: Ms Ashton to organise volunteers to sweep-up the debris to establish if this alleviates the issue. Mr Kunkler to video at the location during the next downpour.

As an aside, the ditch-line ownership on Coombe Lane was discussed. Tim Gamble (Merrist Wood College) to check the extent of Merrist Wood College's ownership boundary, and will liaise with Gaynor White.

Action: Mr Gamble to report back on the boundary at the next Flood Forum meeting.

Mrs White mentioned an issue relating to a property on Coombe Lane, Malyans End. It appears that the new residents have decked over the watercourse [this was to be included at the end of the meeting in Additional Matters Arising]. This particular property was affected by flooding some years ago, and the watercourse was cleared through a joint funding initiative between the then homeowner, the Parish Council, and GBC.

Action: This additional issue will be reported to SCC by WPC, and the new residents of Malyans End notified.

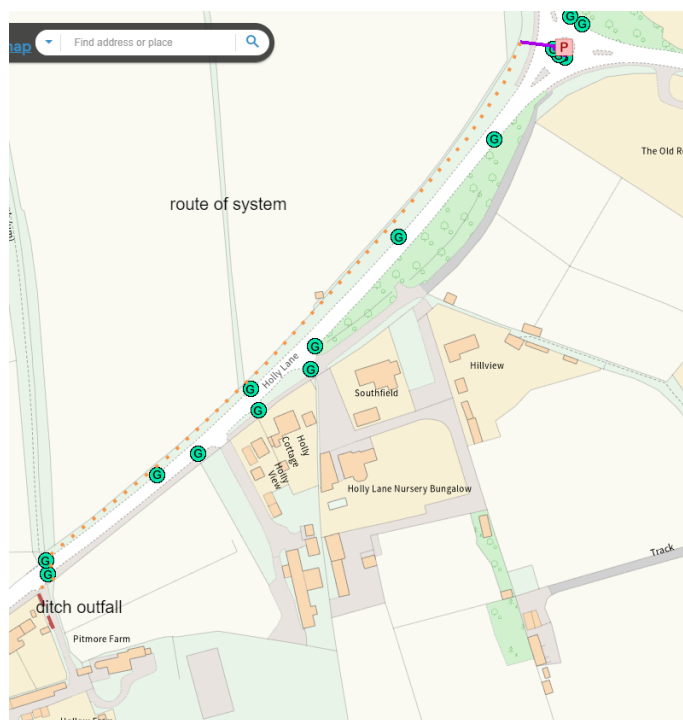
Mr Trevena highlighted that the action of building a structure over a watercourse happens alarmingly regularly, particularly in Fairlands.

Agenda Item 4 - Location: Holly Lane/Worplesdon Road roundabout



Issue: The roundabout continues to flood. It has been repeatedly reported to SCC. SCC to update.

November 2022: Jason Lewis's update on this item (on behalf of SCC) was read by Mrs White: The orange dots on the map below represent where we believe a line runs. The purple line is where the pit in the centre of roundabout leads to another chamber. This needs to be done in stages. I need to clear from the bottom up to the top chamber before I re-clean the top. Part will be done last week of November, but might not if truck is pulled for Woking Road job (see later agenda item).



The importance of communicating the intended works to residents was highlighted. The Assistant Clerk posts relevant information on social media when notified of roadworks.

Cllr Keith Witham explained that he was always happy to share any WPC social media posts to help notify residents of roadworks in and around the parish.

Mr Trevena asked if SCC are going to clear the gulleys on the Merrist Wood side, are they going to clear the other side, at the same time?

It was asked if the floods outside Rokers (on the service road) and Woodpecker Lodge at the bottom of Holly Lane are in any way related to the gulley issues?

Mr Treasure commented that **all** flooding needs to be reported to SCC on each occasion – even if this is done repeatedly, and investigations will be undertaken accordingly.

Agenda Item 5 - Location: Holly Lane between Worplesdon Road roundabout and Pitmore Farm



Photos show the packed drains on Holly Lane and on the upper roundabout

Issue: Surface water drains blocked with soil/grass on Holly Lane. This item has been reported to SCC. SCC to update.

November 2022: This item was included in the SCC action (from Jason Lewis) noted under Item 4: “Still on list but, as the main line blocked, minimal impact.”

Agenda Item 5* - Blocked drain in Jacobs Well [reported by a resident – Reference number: 2060618]

Worplesdon and Rickford



Map showing Fox Corner, Rickford, up to Perry Hill

Agenda Item 6 - Location: Three residential properties at Rickford [Holly Bank, Rickford Bungalow and Ellesmere House] experienced flooding



Issue: Two of these properties (Ellesmere and Rickford Bungalow) experienced external foul water flooding and surface water flooding, and two (Holly Bank and Rickford Bungalow) experienced water gurgling/bubbling in toilets during 20/10/2021. This item has been reported to SCC (surface water) and to Thames Water (sewage). SCC to update.

February 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 dwelling 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.

November 2022: An email from Mrs Bridger was read out by Mrs White, stating that there had been no jetting in the vicinity of their property. Mrs White read the response from Jason Lewis at SCC: Until the ditch is cleared minimal advantage to jetting system, has MP's letter had any response?

Action: Diana Brown to double check if a response has been received from the neighbouring landowner (across the road) following the letter sent in December 2021.

There is still a potential blockage from the direction of Norton Farm which might require further investigation once the originally reported issue is addressed.

Andy Treasure highlighted that he had spoken to one homeowner to explain that whilst they might not have been personally responsible for culverting a ditch, that homeowner is nevertheless responsible for the ongoing maintenance of the watercourse – including the culverted section.

Action: Worplesdon Parish Council offered to distribute riparian ownership brochures and accompanying letters to remind affected residents of their responsibilities with regard to drainage running across, and/or neighbouring, their own properties.

Agenda Item 7 - Location: Perry Hill Antiques, Worplesdon



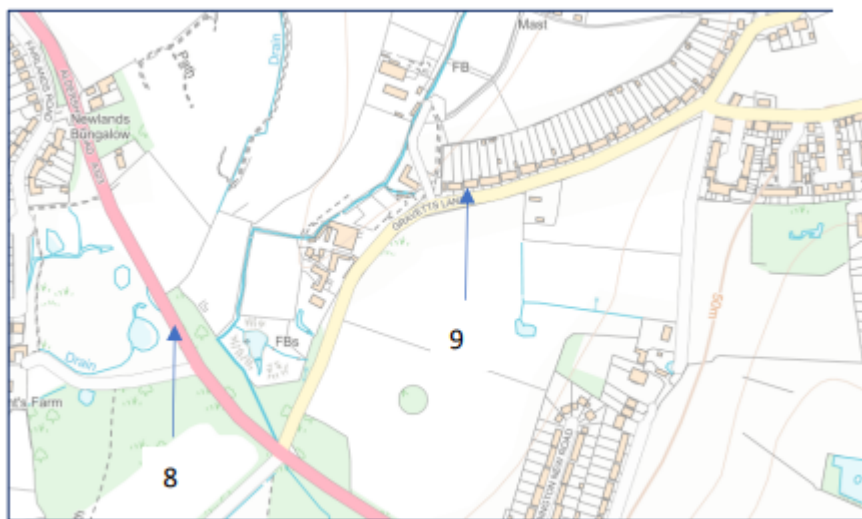
Issue: Resident/business owner has reported repeated flooding of the property and premises, forcing the closure of the business on multiple occasions. This has been reported to SCC. SCC to provide update.

February 2022: Surrey County Council update: SCC undertook a thorough investigation at this location following the property flooding. It was observed that a utility provider had erroneously located some of their cabling within a drain by smashing into it.

November 2022: Andy Treasure highlighted the importance of reporting issues to SCC via their reporting system. Without reporting a problem, it can't be addressed. Even neighbouring gulleys are treated as separate jobs. Jason Lewis, SCC (via Gaynor White) reported: Electric company damaged pipe work. Now all working. No further reports as of writing 1st November 2022.

Action: It was agreed that this item be monitored.

Fairlands



Map showing junction of Gravetts Lane with Aldershot Lane

Agenda Item 8 - Location: Aldershot Road (between Newlands and Hunts Farm)



This photograph shows the water after it had receded to the central white lines (October 2020)

Issue: Serious flooding of the carriageway, which has been reported to SCC. Grips and ditches need to be maintained including cleaning letterbox gullies. This has been reported to SCC. SCC to provide update.

November 2022: Gaynor White read a response from Jason Lewis (SCC): This is on my radar but we keep being overtaken by internal property flooding, so I will have to keep rodding.

Peter Trevena explained that he has cleared gulleys and reinstated grips at this location.

Gaynor White explained that this issue, amongst others, had been highlighted at a meeting with Patrick Giles and Stuart Copping on 5 October 2022.

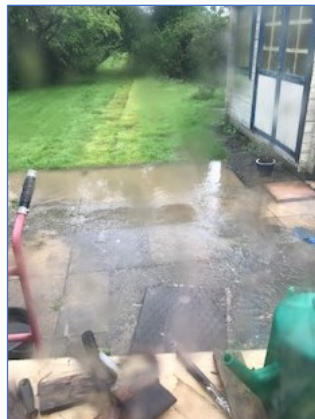
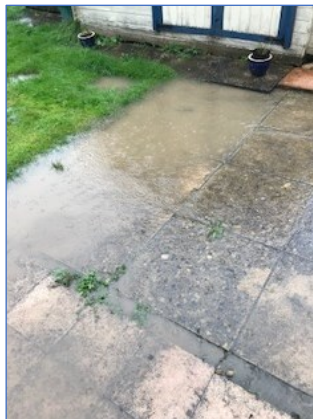
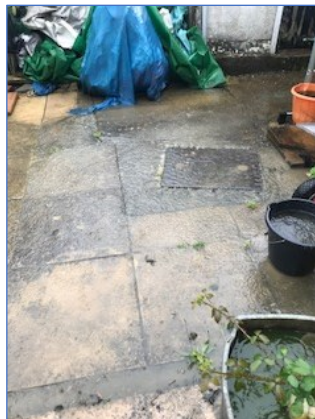
Action: Gaynor White to follow up with Patrick Giles (cc Keith Witham).

Nigel Mitchell stated that the visibility at this location is compromised for vehicles turning out of Gravetts Lane, due to the lack of vegetation maintenance on Common land, and this exacerbates the danger caused by the flooding.

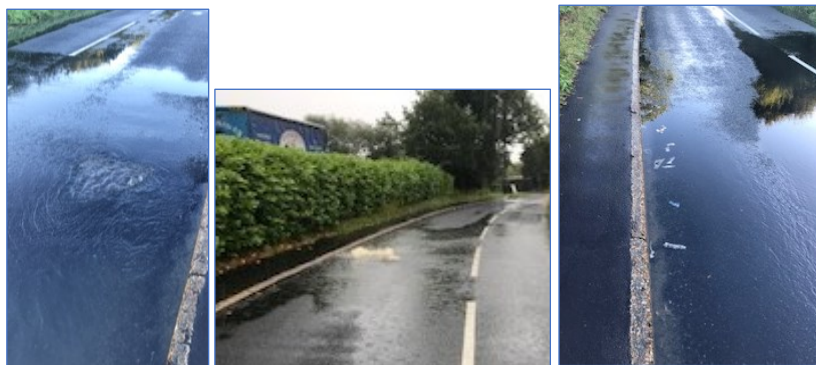
Action: Keith Witham to take this additional non-flooding item forward for resolution.

Agenda Item 9 - Location: 4 Gravetts Lane

Issue: Multiple issues – sewage has flooded the garden of the property and manhole covers in the road keep lifting.



2021 Comments/Action: The resident highlighted that sewage has covered her back garden twice in the last two weeks. SCC have already been out to site, but Thames Water took two weeks to visit, and still haven't cleared the sewage. Number 4 has a problem, but the adjoining property does not. Three drains in the road surge during heavy rainfall events (these are in the vicinity of Frosburys).



This has been a long-standing issue at this location (noted on previous Flood Forum agendas), which has previously been reported to Thames Water. The last time this affected the resident was 11 years ago, but had occurred three times in 2021 alone.

November 2022: Gaynor White read the update provided by Carley Mason (Thames Water): Our Engineer had attended on the 21 November and had spoken to a resident. It was stated in the notes that the surface water manhole in the road often over spills, this isn't showing as a Thames Water Asset, we do not have any surface water on our mapping at this location. I have asked our specialist to review the Foul footage and to ensure there are no further works required, as we had removed roots previously from the line.

The resident stated that in the three and a half weeks before this Flood Forum meeting, she'd had to call Thames Water out three times to clear up the sewage. Her own drains won't even drain after rainfall so the resident is unable to use her washing machine, wash dishes, or bathe. The sewage also covers the footpath which affects young children walking to and from the local primary school.

11:02 David Snipp joined the meeting virtually

Angela Richardson stated that the lack of action is not acceptable, and the responses, so far, have been insufficient.

It was noted that water isn't leaving some of the ditches near this location, whereas others are empty. Additionally, some of the full ditches have overtopped along Gravetts Lane, which is increasingly dangerous in the Winter during freezing temperatures.

It was agreed that a site visit be organised by Angela Richardson and Diana Brown to get everyone together onsite so that responsibility can be taken. The first site visit to be undertaken as soon as the Flood Forum meeting concludes today (25.11.22).

Action: Angela Richardson MP to arrange a full site meeting as soon as possible to include representatives from the EA, GBC Environmental Health, Merrist Wood College (due to ditch maintenance in the area), SCC Estates, SCC Flooding, SCC Highways, and Thames Water.

11:18 Resident Angie Adams left the meeting

Jacobs Well



Map showing area around Jacobs Well Recreation Ground

Agenda Item 10 - Location: Fallen tree across brook, off Jacobs Well Recreation Ground



Issue: 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.



Photos showing how the trunk has further collapsed into the watercourse, and these show the debris accumulated during storms (left), and once the debris was removed by Mr Trevena (right)

November 2022: This item to be removed from future agenda after Worplesdon Parish Council paid to have the tree debris removed.

11:23 Clive Kunkler left the meeting

Action: Remove from future agendas.



Agenda Item 11 - Location: Treebys/Queenhythe



Issue: To establish land ownership/responsibility for maintenance of this ditch.

Comments: The removal of a garden fence by a resident has caused a trip hazard adjacent to an alleyway. The alleyway is well used by local residents, some of whom have mobility issues. Due to the lack of street lighting in the area, this presents a significant danger.

November 2022: Steve Knight (JWRA) explains that this is becoming increasingly dangerous, particularly at night. Gaynor White read an update from Jason Lewis (SCC): Due to staff absence this has been left. I will request a quote and see about funds.

Keith Witham/WPC to communicate to residents when it will be installed, together with an explanation regarding its design. Keith Witham to copy Gaynor White into emails to allow Gaynor White to liaise directly with the residents.

Action: This item is to remain on the agenda until a fence/barrier has been installed by SCC.

Agenda Item 12 - Location: Woking Road/Salt Box Road roundabout – Spring 2020



Photograph showing Woking Road/Salt Box Road flooding – Spring 2020

Issue: Severe flooding during heavy rainfall caused major traffic issues on this main arterial route.

Comments: 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.**

November 2022: Gaynor White read out the SCC update provided by Jason Lewis: We told them about the road being closed down by police, and we go onsite in November to repair and put some new connections in. BUT Note: To MP and Members, with cost of living and materials spiralling this project started at £50,000 and most recent it was costed at £65,000. If this goes up further we will be unable to proceed but that would be absolutely last option.

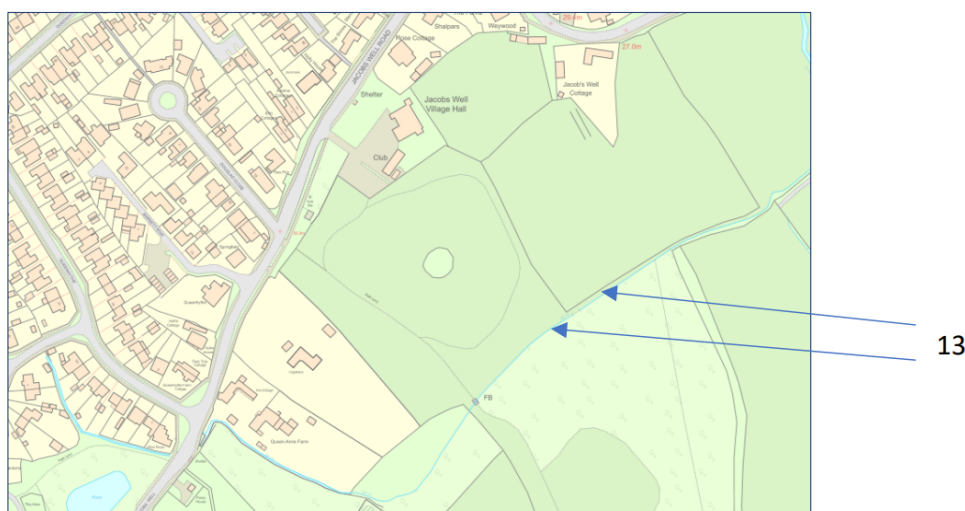
Between receipt of Jason Lewis' comments and the meeting, works had commenced on the roundabout.

Steve Knight commented thanking all parties involved, but highlighted that the current roadworks are causing chaos. Andy Treasure explained that it was scheduled to take 10 days, and the works will cease when the job is completed.

Action: Monitor this location to ascertain if the remedial works have been successful.

It was noted that recent flooding observed on Clay Lane should be formally reported to Surrey County Council.

Agenda Item 13 - Location: Harry's Meadow, Jacobs Well



Map showing Harry's Meadow, Jacobs Well

Issue: 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.

November 2022: Cllr Mike Price highlighted that the bridge was impassable in recent rain, meaning that the new Slyfield allotments were inaccessible on foot from Jacobs Well. The path is overgrown. No-one could walk safely along the Right of Way. The landowner is failing to maintain the watercourse, so water cannot effectively flow away. Andy Treasure (SCC) stated that the flooding should be reported using the SCC online reporting system.

Action: All flooding to be re-reported to SCC.

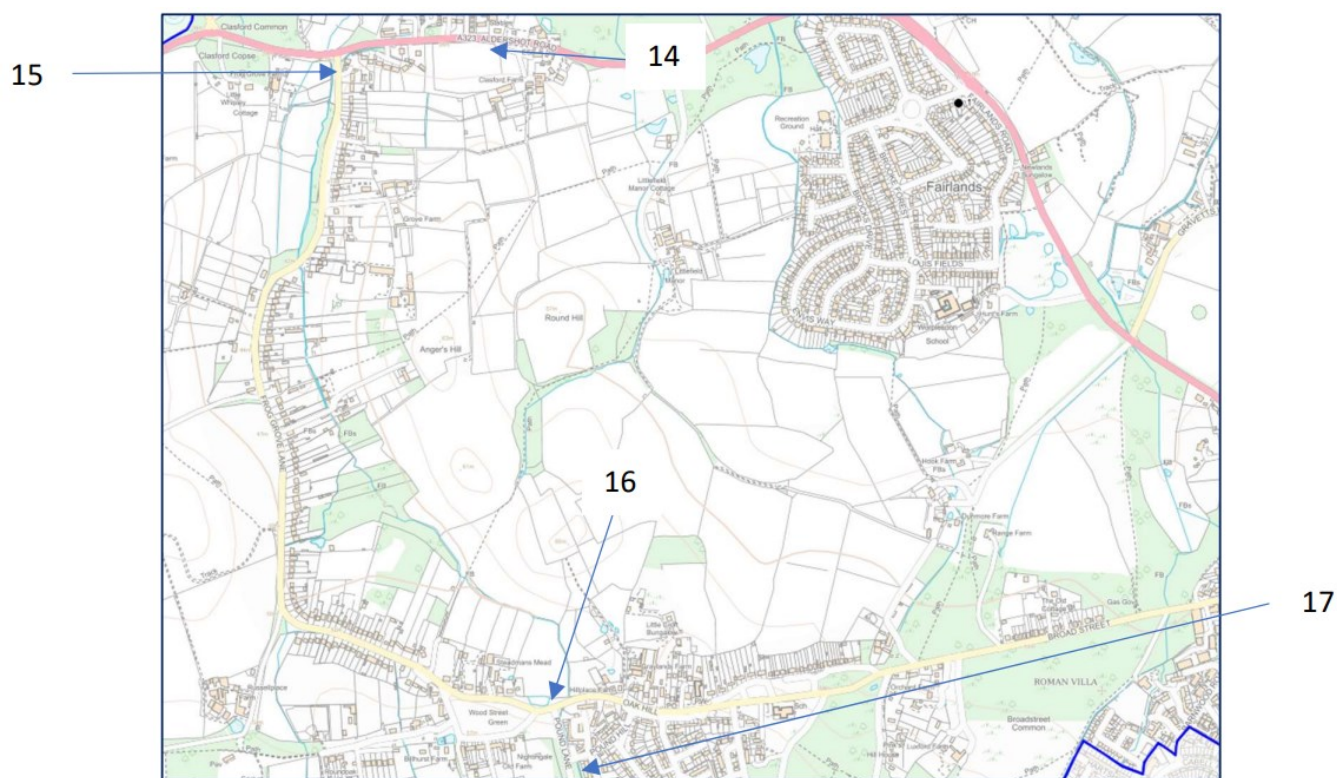
Post-meeting note: This issue is to be resolved by GBC as part of the Burpham Court Farm SANG works.

Agenda Item 13* - Location: Blocked drain, Jacobs Well [between Jacobs Well Road and Clay Lane Bus Depot]

November 2022: It was confirmed that this drain still remains blocked.

Via Gaynor White, Jason Lewis (SCC) replied as follows: As stated on list but house flooding has tied up resources.

Wood Street Village/Broad Street



Map showing Wood Street Village, Aldershot Road, and Fairlands

Agenda Item 14 - Location: Aldershot Road, outside Vivid Homes building site/glasshouses

Issue: 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.

2021 Comments/Action: This has not been an issue for the last four years. Jason Lewis (SCC) explained that there was a ditch below a hedge which was culverted, but disappears somewhere through the park homes. Peter Trevena (WPC) states that water now gathers on the greenhouses side

of the road – and that there's no ditch evident there now. Jason Lewis (SCC) states that this location is on the jetting list. The amount of silt on the highway was noted, and Helen Barnsley (GBC) agreed to pass this on to Planning Enforcement because vehicles from John Gunner Waste Management should be going through wheel wash procedures, which may not be being adhered to. SCC's Waste Management Team and the Environment Agency also need to ensure that all licence conditions are being adhered to.

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

Mr Trevena highlighted that he asked the landowner of the glasshouses to re-dig the ditch on that side of Aldershot Road some years ago, but no action has been taken. As a result of the ditch silting up the drains on that side of the road have nowhere to drain to.

Mrs White explained that she had historically highlighted to GBC and SCC that the drains in this area need linking together.

November 2022: Gaynor White read out the following response from Jason Lewis (SCC): 'There has not been an issue since, they were cleaned on cyclical on 14 /3/2022. Will monitor.'

It was suggested that a site visit be arranged for all stakeholders after Xmas.

Action: This item to be kept on the agenda, and to be expanded to cover the wider issues at this location. Site visit to be organised [to be included in the Flood Forum Walkabout scheduled for Friday 14th July 2023].

11:30 Ivan Parr (EA) left the meeting

Agenda Item 15 - Location: Frog Grove Lane/junction with Aldershot Road



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.

Issue: Several issues: (a) ongoing landgrab (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.

November 2022: In early February 2022, SCC 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 has been re-dug and graded.

Issues surrounding the drains in this area have been on the Flood Forum's agenda since 2005, and have been an issue for the residents of Wood Street Village for decades.

A multi-agency meeting should be arranged to address this issue specifically.

Ms Longman (Environment Agency) stated that the watercourse is not on their maintenance program (despite it being designated a main river at this point) so maintenance falls to riparian owners. Ms Longman agreed to take the issue back to her supervisor to see if their permissive powers can be utilised to desilt the ditch.

Worplesdon Parish Council (on behalf of the Worplesdon Flood Forum) are to follow up with John Hockley regarding the land grab.

Jason Lewis's response (SCC) was as follows: The pipe from the kerb inlets on west side discharges into the main river, and, at times, the river back flows into the road - I believe they are blocked due to silt at this time, and will be added to jetting list. At times, the level of the main river is higher than the road. The ditch between the 2 dashed lines is in the process of being priced up.



Janice Longman (EA) states that colleagues have attended but the EA will not prioritise desilting the main river at this location.

Action: It was agreed that Victoria Fear (WPC) will email the photos and description of the ongoing issue to Janice again.

Peter Sutton (resident) suggested that storm debris had blocked the watercourse given the differing water level between those behind the residential properties mid-way along Frog Grove Lane, and the level seen when it overtops the road further along (significantly higher). Angela Richardson asked if any agencies present had access to a drone. SCC confirmed that they can enforce if blockages were found in the watercourse due to a lack of maintenance.

Action: Gaynor White will follow up with John Hockley regarding the land grab. Ideally a site meeting to be arranged at this location in early 2023. Peter Trevena (WPC) to try to establish if there is a blockage. [This location has been added to the Flood Forum Walkabout]

Agenda Item 16 - Location: Wood Street Village Pond



Photographs show toilet paper debris from multiple events

Issue: Sewage discharge during 27 August 2020, in response to significant rainfall event. Manhole lifted onto grass verge.

November 2022: Gaynor White read out the reply issued by Carley Morgan (Thames Water): Our planning team have arranged for another attendance to this area, this is raised under Ref- SA-525236- What3words has been included, to prevent further delay - Am I able to have a contact from somebody to possibly meet our team out on site to show the exact area?

Action: Worplesdon Parish Council to revert back to Carley Mason directly.

Agenda Item 17 - Location: Wood Street Village (in the vicinity of Baird Drive/The Oval)



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.



Issue: Flooding caused to residential properties in October 2021.

Comments: Mr Trevena checks these grilles on a weekly basis, and sometime more often in periods of high rainfall. One of these grilles is locked and cannot be properly dug out by Mr Trevena without full access. To discuss if an alternative approach to reducing significant and problematic fly-tipping could be trialled in this location.

November 2022: Helen Barnsley spoke to Operational Services. She highlighted the importance of constantly reporting dumping. Stuart Craggs (JET GBC) agreed that a well monitored community skip might be a good idea at this location. Keith Witham asked about CCTV and the provision of fines for offenders. This is a continual issue. How can it be addressed? Even with regard to the arisings which Peter Trevena (Head Groundsman – WPC) removes from grilles, GBC no longer seem to collect the arisings often enough.

Action: Angela Richardson to write to Stuart Craggs, Richard Holmwood (Head of Services GBC), and copy to Surrey Police. WPC to determine how Surrey Heath effectively deployed their community skip scheme to see if the scheme would be likely to be a success in Wood Street Village.

Rydes Hill



Map of Liddington Hall Drive and A323 Aldershot Road

Agenda Item 18 - Location: Liddington Hall Drive

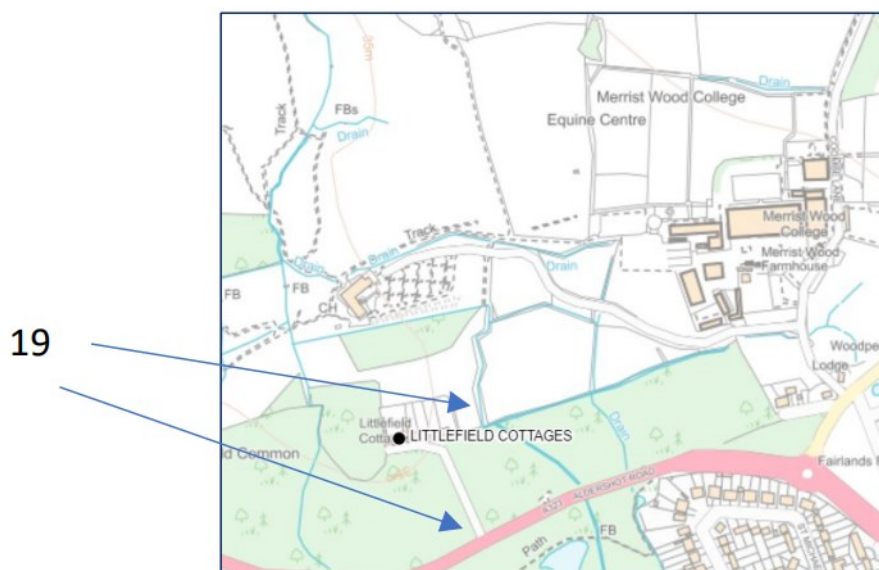


Issue: Blocked ditch and enlargement of access road has increased run-off, causing flooding to the front of a property. SCC engineer has been out to assess, and recommended a replacement kerb, but the blocked ditch issue remains, as does the increased hard-standing on the enlarged access road.

November 2022: Worplesdon Parish Council are to follow up this issue with Paul Manwaring (SCC), but no further contact has been received from the resident. Jason Lewis (SCC) commented as follows (via Gaynor White): The gulley o/s 13 runs across the road to the ditch line. This had a break but is now repaired, so it critical that this ditch is maintained.

Action: WPC to approach Paul Manwaring for an update.

Littlefield Common



Map: Littlefield Common/Aldershot Road

Agenda Item 19 – Location: Littlefield Cottages, Littlefield Common

Issue: 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.

November 2022: Tim Gamble (Merrist Wood) stated that they had cleared all the scrub at this location last year. Andy Treasure (SCC) repeated the importance of formally reporting to SCC all issues – particularly those which could result in increasing the risk of flooding to property. The ditch that runs to the main road is on the list, but has a low priority. Residents **MUST** report it, and sadly are expected to **keep** reporting it.

Action: Worplesdon Parish Council to report this issue again to SCC due to the risk of flooding to property. WPC to encourage resident to report directly however this elderly resident does not have internet access.

Additional Matters Arising

Bramble Close - Has the recent ditch clearance helped the situation with regard to the garden flooding residents had experienced? The resident was not at home when the Head Groundsman had called at the property. SCC were thanked for clearing the ditch on Broad Street Common.

Action: This item to be added to the next Flood Forum agenda.

Tangley Lane – Gaynor White provided a background to the situation and the significant extent of the recent flooding. Helen Barnsley (GBC) agreed that this was a planning enforcement issue. Andy Treasure (SCC) asked about SUDs at the Taylor Wimpey site, to take back to the SCC Planning Consent Team. If SUDs isn't working at this location, why not?

Action: This item to be added to the next Flood Forum agenda.

Angela Richardson expressed her disappointment at the lack of representation at this meeting by Guildford Borough Council councillors.

Oak Hill/Pinks Hill – The flooding at this location caused a vehicle to leave the road and required police attendance in November 2022.

Action: This item to be added to the next Flood Forum agenda.

Keens Lane (near Pitch Place) – Flooding has occurred across the road where the pond has overtopped due to a blockage beneath the road/footpath. This presents a significant issue in winter months when the flood water freezes. The pond is essentially no man's land so needs to be adopted but by whom?

Action: This item to be added to the next Flood Forum agenda.

Coombe Lane – This item was discussed earlier in the meeting. The installation of a decked area over the top of a watercourse (which has caused flooding to properties in the past) poses a threat of flooding to neighbouring residential properties. Gaynor White to report the issue to SCC.

Action: This item to be added to the next Flood Forum agenda.

Date of next meeting:

The next formal Flood Forum Meeting will take place on **Friday 24th February 2023** – meeting at 10am at Worplesdon Parish Council office.

Mrs Richardson thanked everyone for taking the time to attend – residents and those from the various organisations - and for their continuing support of the flood forum.

Meeting closed 12.34 pm.

Post-meeting this email was received from Andy Treasure, SCC:

Since late August this year across Surrey there has been a great deal of flooding involving main rivers and ordinary watercourses. And of course surface water. While Worplesdon is not immune from flooding I do believe that the work carried out by Peter Trevena and Jason Lewis, often unseen and unsavoury is something that greatly influences this. In my interactions with various flood groups across the county I can honestly say that the level of work undertaken by both Peter and Jason is unsurpassed.