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NOTICE OF MEETING

3 February 2023

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 24 February 2023 at 10.00am** for the purpose of transacting the following business. The meeting will also be hosted on Microsoft Teams - please contact me for joining details.

Signed:

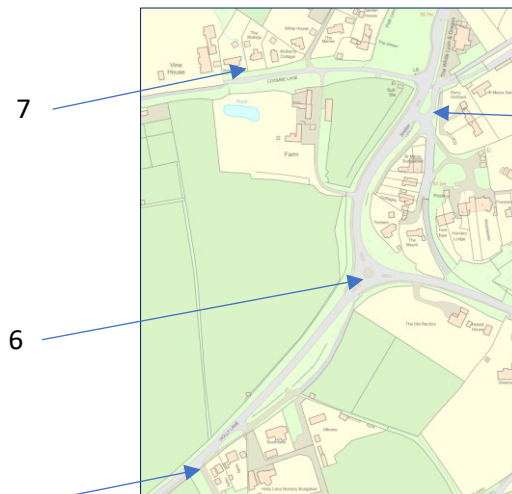
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Mrs G F White PSLCC
Clerk to the Council

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 – 25 November 2022
3. **Presentation by Andy Treasure SCC: Reporting Flooding**
4. **Review of effectiveness of SCC's Reporting System and SCC's ability to resolve long-standing issues**

Worplesdon



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Map: A322 roundabout junction with Holly Lane, Perry Hill

5. White Lyon and Dragon public house/St Mary's – the large puddle is continuing to collect on the service road during heavy rain [SCC Ref. 2406135 – case closed by SCC but issue remains].

2023: To receive an update from Mr Kunkler regarding the provision of a video showing waterflow, and the potential for installing two sleeping policemen on the residential access road. To receive an update from Ms Ashton regarding the resident volunteers who have been sweeping up the silt and pine needles from the kerb.



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

6. Holly Lane roundabout continues to flood – Repeatedly reported to SCC [SCC Ref. 2406145 – case closed by SCC but issue remains].

2023: To receive an update from Surrey County Council [this item to be included with item 4* because SCC Highways advised they are to be linked].

- 6*. Surface water drain blocked with soil/grass, Holly Lane (between top roundabout and Pitmore Farm) – Reported to SCC [SCC Ref. 2406152 – case closed by SCC but issue remains].

2023: To be included with Agenda item 4.

7. Decking structure built over a watercourse, Coombe Lane – Reported to SCC [SCC Ref. 2437475 – 28-day response deadline missed].

2023: To receive an update from SCC.

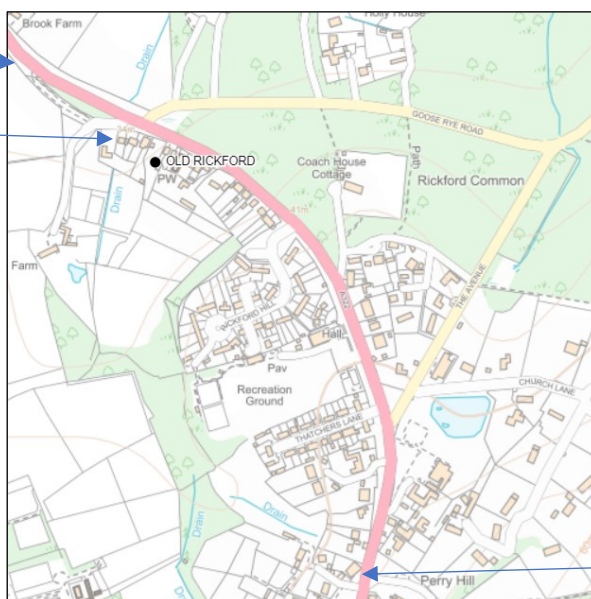
8. Service Road, Rokers – Reported to SCC [SCC Ref. 2485565].

2023: To receive an update from SCC.

Worplesdon and Rickford

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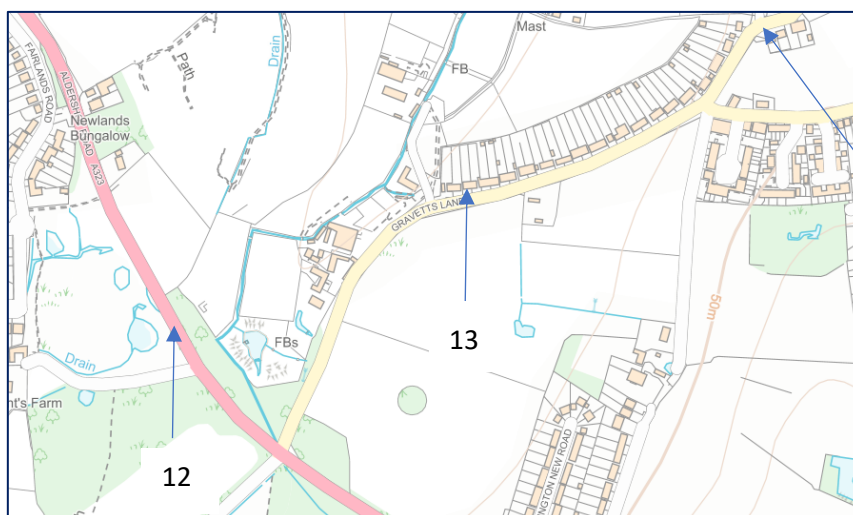


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Map showing Fox Corner, Rickford, up to Perry Hill

9. 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.
2023: To receive an update from Diana Brown (Angela Richardson MP's office) regarding progress following the letter issued to the landowner opposite. To receive an update from SCC regarding ditch clearance in the area.
10. Rickford – Right of Way access compromised during wet weather periods. Reported to SCC [SCC Ref. IC 30859/31025].
2023: To receive an update from SCC.
11. Perry Hill Antiques – Resident has reported repeated flooding of the property, forcing the closure of the business on multiple occasions. Reported to SCC [SCC Ref. 2040264 – case closed by SCC].
2023: To receive an update to establish whether any further reports of flooding to the premises been reported to either SCC directly or WPC verbally? If not, remove from next agenda.

Fairlands



Map showing junction of Gravetts Lane with Aldershot Lane

12. 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) [SCC Ref. 1591440, 240620 and 81591440 – case closed by SCC but issue remains].



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.

2023: To receive an update from SCC.

13. 4 Gravetts Lane – Multiple issues at this location – Sewage had flooded the garden of the property and multiple manhole covers in the road keep lifting. Both SCC and Thames Water dispute the ownership of manholes at this location.

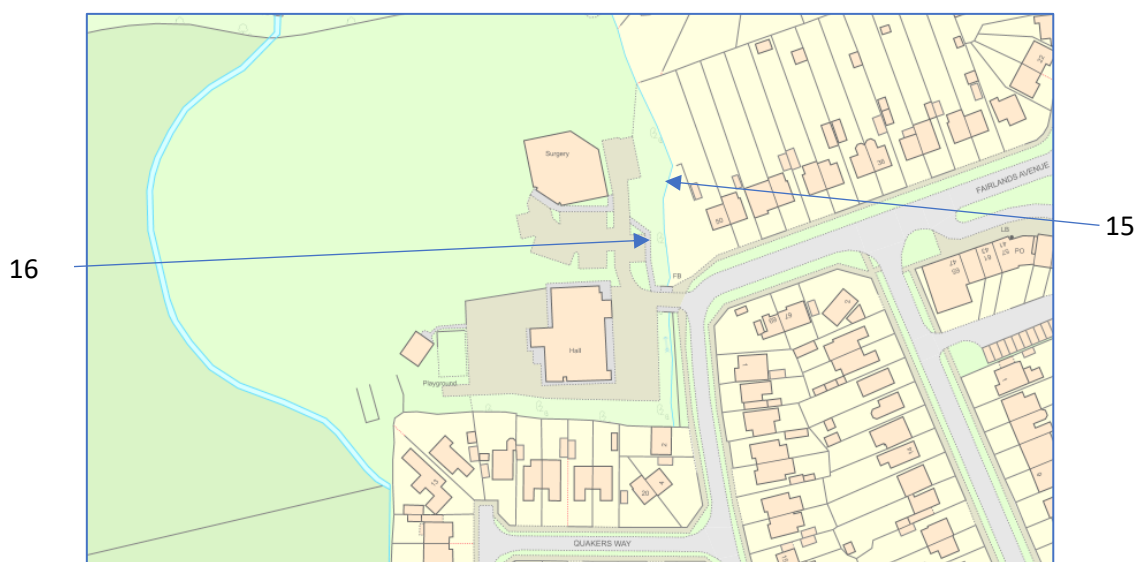
2023: To receive an update from Angela Richardson MP regarding progress following the site meeting held 25.11.22.

14. Tangley Lane (near cottages) – Severe flooding has affected motorists and pedestrians at this location [SCC Ref. 2485651, ME921160, 2403922, and 2404862].

2023: To receive an update from SCC/GBC regarding this issue.



Tangley Lane flooding (January 2023) – Photo provided by a resident



Map showing Fairlands Village Hall, Doctors' Surgery, and parade of shops

15. Ditch between 52 Fairlands Avenue and the Doctors' Surgery, Fairlands – Lack of maintenance – overgrown with vegetation and significant debris (including a shopping trolley). Reported to SCC [SCC Ref. ME-50096925].



2023: To receive an update from SCC.

16. **Doctors' Surgery car park, Fairlands – car park showing signs of flooding.**



2023: To determine appropriate action.

Jacobs Well



Map showing Jacobs Well

17. **Open ditch – Treebys/Queenhythe – To establish land ownership/responsibility for maintenance of this ditch [SCC Ref. 2406226].**

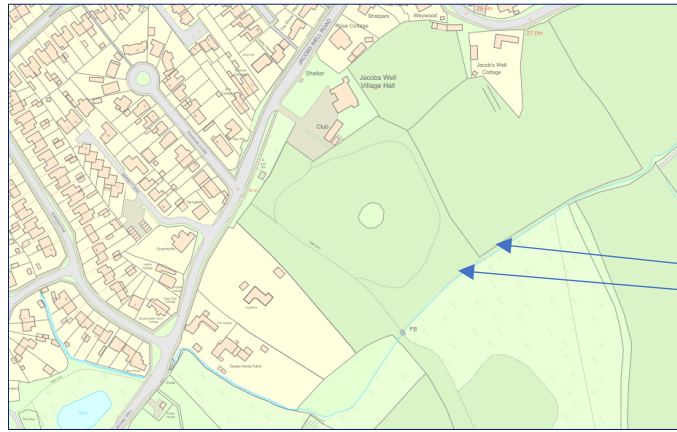
2023: Surrey County Council to provide an update regarding installation of the promised fence rail.

18. **Rain Garden – Woking Road/Salt Box Road roundabout [SCC Ref. 2360959] - 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

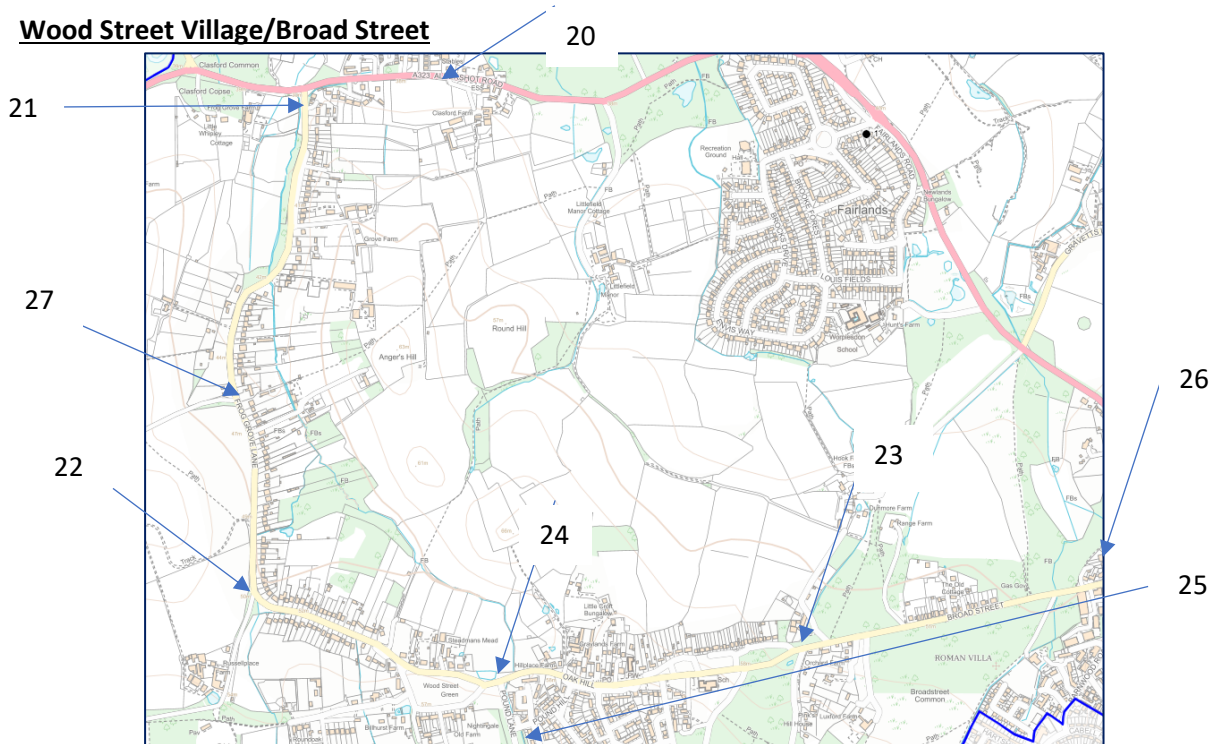
2023: To receive an update from SCC on the effectiveness of the alternative works undertaken in November 2022.



Map showing Harry's Meadow, Jacobs Well

19. **Harry's Meadow, Jacobs Well – Debris in the ditch has been reported to Guildford Borough Council (GBC) on a number of occasions [no reference number provided by GBC].**
2023: To receive an update from GBC regarding the timescale for ditch clearance works at this location.
- 18*. **Blocked drain, Jacobs Well – Reported by resident. [SCC Ref. 2060618]**
2023: To receive an update from SCC.

Wood Street Village/Broad Street



Map showing Wood Street Village, Aldershot Road, and Fairlands

20. **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 [SCC Ref. 2406250 – case closed although issue not resolved].**
2023: This item to be addressed in conjunction with the issues affecting the flooding at Frog Grove Lane/Aldershot Road junction.

21. Frog Grove Lane/junction with Aldershot Road – Ongoing landgrab: issues with ditch maintenance together with significant continuing instances of highway flooding at this location [SCC Ref. 2452233 and 2406258].



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.

2023: In early February 2022, works commenced to 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 was red-dug and graded.

To receive updates from:

- John Hockley (SCC) re the land grab issue.
- Jason Lewis (SCC) regarding the effectiveness of the 2022 works listed immediately above, and the linking up of the ditches and drains in the vicinity and running along Aldershot Road.
- Janice Longman (Environment Agency) regarding the main river ditch being silted up, and potentially having a blockage/multiple blockages.

22. 46 Frog Grove Lane – Property discharging surface water onto the highway across a footpath [SCC Ref. 2485695].

2023: To receive an update from SCC.

23. Oak Hill/Pinks Hill – The flooding at this location caused a vehicle to leave the road and required police attendance in November 2022 [SCC Ref. 2414769].

2023: To receive an update from SCC.

24. Sewage discharge at Wood Street Village Pond - During 27 August 2020 and overnight during October 2021 in response to significant rainfall event. Manhole lifted on grass verge [Thames Water Ref. SA-525236 - GU3 3DU].

2023: To receive an update from Carley Mason, Thames Water.

25. Blocked grilles at Wood Street Village – These caused flooding to residential properties at Wildfield Close in October 202. 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. **2023:** To receive an update from Guildford Borough Council regarding the potential provision of portable CCTV at this location and a temporary community skip, through JAG (Helen Barnsley).

26. Bramble Close – Flooding to gardens and garages reported. Ditch clearance took place on the nearby Common in Autumn 2022 [SCC Ref. 2335489].

2023: To receive an update as to whether or not the ditch clearing has alleviated the issues the residents were experiencing.

27. Sandy Lane, Frog Grove Lane – The blocked ditch causes water to flow across the road, and this freezes in winter [SCC Ref. 2440668].
2023: To receive an update from SCC.

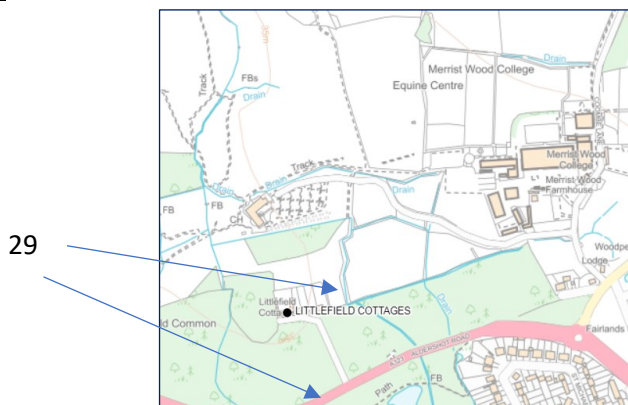
Rydes Hill



Map of Liddington Hall Drive and A323 Aldershot Road

28. Liddington Hall Drive – Blocked ditch and enlargement of access road has increased run-off [SCC Ref. CE004941 and 2487424]. 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.
2023: To receive an update from Surrey County Council Countryside Team regarding progress and potential enforcement for non-conformity.

Littlefield Common

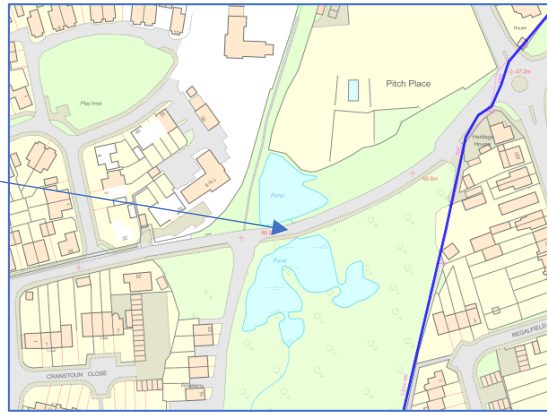


Map: Littlefield Common/Aldershot Road

29. 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.
2023: To receive an update from Andy Treasure (SCC) and Tim Gamble (Merrist Wood College).

Keens Lane

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30. **Keens Lane (near Pitch Place) – Pond overtopping the road, which is exceptionally dangerous in the winter. This has been reported to SCC [SCC Ref. 2415960 and 2062956]. It appears that one pond is on unregistered land and is therefore not being regularly monitored or maintained.**
2023: To receive an update from Jason Lewis (SCC)

For information:

31. **Rosebery Housing Association, Roman Farm Road – vegetation noted to be severely overgrown as a location where a lack of ditch maintenance caused residential flooding previously [SCC Ref. ME-50098979].**



October 2022



January 2023

Rosebery had cut back the offending vegetation in the intervening period between October and January, and sent an email stating that they: 'can't locate any evidence to suggest that flooding from 2017 was as a result of the land in question'. Fortunately, the Flood Forum have Minutes and documents referring to the incident.

32. **Date of Flood Forum Walkabout: Friday 14 July 2023 – Meet at Wood Street Village Green (near the maypole) at 10am prompt. Please wear appropriate footwear to walk 6km during the 2-hour long walkabout.**
33. **Date of next meeting: Friday 17 November 2023 – 10am at Worplesdon Parish Council office.**