



Minutes of the Planning/General Purposes and Finance Committee meeting held in the Council Chamber, Unit 2 Saxton, Parklands, Railton Road, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 9JX at 7.30pm on Thursday 8 June 2023

215-2023 - Present

Councillors:

Cllr G Adam (Chairman), Cllr B Ahier, Cllr D Bird, Cllr P Cragg, Cllr J Messinger, Cllr N Mitchell, Cllr B Nagle (arrived at 20.10).

Officers of the Council:

Mrs G White – Clerk to the Council
Mrs V Fear – Assistant Clerk

Members of the public:

Mr R Bower and two other members of the public were present (one arrived at 19:34, the other at 19:52).

216-2023 - To appoint a Chairman of the Planning/General Purposes and Finance Committee for the municipal year 2023/2024

It was proposed by Cllr P Cragg, seconded by Cllr J Messinger that Cllr G Adam be appointed as Chairman of the Planning/General Purposes and Finance Committee for the municipal year 2023/2024.

No other nominations being made, Cllr G Adam was duly elected Chairman of the Planning/General Purposes and Finance Committee for the municipal year 2023/2024.

217-2023 - To accept apologies and reason for absence in accordance with the LGA 1972, Sch 1, para 40

Cllr M Price had tendered his apologies and the reason for absence. Apologies and reason for absence accepted. Cllr B Nagle substituted for Cllr M Price.

Cllr T Wright was absent from the meeting.

218-2023 - Public participation session – 10 minutes

One member of the public addressed the Council raising their concerns about the following agenda items:

1. The planning application for a solar farm at Blackwell Farm.
2. The planning application for Rudge Cottage, Perry Hill, Worplesdon.
3. The proposed increase in flights and potentially a second runway at Farnborough Airport.

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The Chairman thanked the member of the public for addressing the Council.

219-2023 - Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPIs) by councillors in accordance with The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012. (SI 2012 No. 1464)

No declarations were made.

220-2023 - Amendments to the Register of Interests

No declarations were made.

221-2023 - To receive and consider written requests for new DPI dispensations, if any

No requests were received.

222-2023 - Declaration of Non-pecuniary Interests

No declarations were made.

223-2023 - Declaration of gifts or hospitality over £50

No declarations were made.

224-2023 - Planning Applications for consideration:

Planning Application No: [23/P/00533](#) - Willow Brook Cottage, Ashbrook, White Hart Lane, Wood Street Village, Guildford, GU3 3EA - Construction of a new 2 x bedroom bungalow following demolition of existing dwelling.

It was **RESOLVED**: that the Parish Council comment on this planning application, as follows:

1. The Design and Access Statement contains incorrect information. The planning history is incomplete, and reference is still being made to the proposed 5-bedroomed house, not the proposed 2-bedroomed bungalow referred to in this Planning Application.
2. Access to this property is via a privately owned section of the track (running alongside the properties known as Roundabout and Round Oak) - see What3Word location [///burst.benched.imperious](#) - does the applicant have a legal right of access over this section of White Hart Lane?

In the event this planning application is approved, the Parish Council wishes to request the following:

1. Permitted Development Rights to be removed.
2. A pre-commencement condition survey of the bridge situated over the watercourse (What3Words location [///outfitter.signs.curated](#)) must be carried out, together with a post condition survey - this bridge is an asset belonging to Surrey County Council. The bridge to be brought back to its pre-commencement condition at the cost of the planning applicant.
3. Due to the location of this dwelling, a Construction Method Statement should be required.

Planning Application No: [23/P/00681](#) - 17 Keens Lane, Guildford, GU3 3JS - Erection of two storey rear extension.

It was **RESOLVED**: leave to planners.

Planning Application No: [23/P/00451](#) - 53 Liddington New Road, Guildford, GU3 3AH - Erection of single storey rear extension and first floor side extension.

It was **RESOLVED**: leave to planners.

19:52 – A member of the public arrived.

Planning Application No: [23/P/00723](#) - 15 Douglas Close, Jacobs Well, Guildford, GU4 7PB - Proposed two storey detached dwelling following demolition of existing single storey detached bungalow

It was **RESOLVED**: that the Parish Council object to this planning application on the following grounds:

Ref	Policy Number	Policy Name	Reason
1	D4 (1a, b, c),	Achieving High Quality Design and Respecting Local Distinctiveness	The bulk, scale, size, and height of the proposed building is out of keeping with the adjacent street scene.
2	D4 (3c, e)	Achieving High Quality Design and Respecting Local Distinctiveness	The proposed building is inappropriate as it would overly dominate the plot representing overdevelopment of the site.
3	H4 (1a)	Housing Extension and Alterations	The replacement building fails to take into account the form, scale, height, character, and proportions of the neighbouring bungalows.
4	H4 (1b)	Housing Extension and Alterations	The bulk, scale, size, and height of the proposed building is likely to result in a loss of sunlight and daylight to the neighbouring bungalows.
5	ID10 (5a)	Parking standards	It appears the driveway will fail to comply with the minimum parking space requirements, resulting in cars overhanging the pavement.

Planning Application No: [23/P/00736](#) - Norton Farm Cottage, Rickford, Worplesdon, Guildford, GU3 3PJ - Demolition of the existing stable blocks and construction of a single storey ancillary residential building with storage areas and attached two bay carport; enclosure of three bays in the open store front elevation of the adjoining single storey annexe and replacement access from main driveway to new carport.

It was **RESOLVED**: that whilst Worplesdon Parish Council has no objection, in principle, to planning application numbers 23/P/00736 and 23/P/00737; by the very nature of their current design, it is highly likely that these outbuildings may be used as bat roosts, or by birds, etc.

The Parish Council therefore wishes to request the submission of an Ecological Report and Biodiversity Action Plan in accordance with planning policies P6 and P7. What action will the applicant take to protect and enhance the biodiversity at this location?

Planning Application No: [23/P/00737](#) - Norton Farm Cottage, Rickford, Worplesdon, Guildford, GU3 3PJ - Demolition of the existing stable blocks and construction of a single storey ancillary residential building with storage areas and attached two bay carport; enclosure of three bays in the open store front elevation of the adjoining single storey annexe and replacement access from main driveway to new carport.

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The Parish Council therefore wishes to request the submission of an Ecological Report and Biodiversity Action Plan in accordance with planning policies P6 and P7. What action will the applicant take to protect and enhance the biodiversity at this location?

Planning Application no: [23/T/00127](#) - 112 Broadacres, Guildford, GU3 3AY - Birch (T1) - fell (Tree Preservation Order P1/201/106).

It was **RESOLVED**: leave to tree officer.

Planning Application no: [23/P/00743](#) - Norton Farm, Rickford, Worplesdon, Guildford, GU3 3PJ - Planning application for a swimming pool at the property.

It was **RESOLVED**: that the Parish Council request the following conditions be applied, should planning permission for the swimming pool be granted:

1. Submission of a Landscaping and Construction Method Statement.
2. The hedge species, height, and maintenance arrangements to be clearly defined.

Planning Application no: [23/P/00793](#) - The Folly, Backside Common, Wood Street Village, Guildford, GU3 3EB - Rebuild existing dwelling destroyed by arson.

It was **RESOLVED**: that the Parish Council request the following conditions be applied, should permission for the replacement building be granted:

1. Removal of the Permitted Development rights.
2. Given the location of this property adjacent to the AONB Candidate Area for the Hogs Back, a Construction Method Statement be submitted.
3. The Contractors to be required to abide by the Considerate Constructor Scheme.

Cllr B Nagle arrived at 20:10.

Planning Application no: [23/P/00749](#) - 61 St Michaels Avenue, Fairlands, Guildford, GU3 3LZ - First floor extension together with a rear extension.

It was **RESOLVED**: that the Parish Council object to this planning application on the following grounds:

Ref	Policy Number	Policy Name	Reason
1	D4 (1a, b, c),	Achieving High Quality Design and Respecting Local Distinctiveness	The bulk, scale, size, and poor design of the proposed extension, in particular the roof line, is out of keeping with the adjacent street scene.

Ref	Policy Number	Policy Name	Reason
3	H4 (1a)	Housing Extension and Alterations	The replacement building fails to take into account the form, scale, and character, of the neighbouring bungalows.

Planning Application no: [23/P/00750](#) - 61 St Michaels Avenue, Fairlands, Guildford, GU3 3LZ - Addition of a Garden room/home office.

It was **RESOLVED**: that the Parish Council request the following condition be applied should permission for the replacement building be granted:

1. That the home office must remain ancillary to the main dwelling in accordance with policy H4(3).

Planning Application no: [23/P/00811](#) - 15 St Michaels Avenue, Fairlands, Guildford, GU3 3LY - Erection of 2 storey side extension and changes to fenestration following demolition of detached garage

It was **RESOLVED**: that whilst the Parish Council has no objections to the proposed extension, the Parish Council wished to request a condition, should planning permission be granted, that details of the off-street parking details be submitted to Guildford Borough Council to ensure they comply with policy ID10 (5a).

Planning Application no: [23/P/00676](#) - Rudge Cottage, Perry Hill, Worplesdon, Guildford, GU3 3RE - Proposed two storey front extension with roof amendment following chimney demolition on west elevation also two storey front garage extension to form a gym and self-contained annex following demolition of side lean-to.

It was **RESOLVED**: that the Parish Council object on the following grounds:

Ref	Policy Number	Policy Name	Reason
1	P2	Green Belt	<p>No very special circumstances have been demonstrated for the conversion of the garage to an independent dwelling. (See reference 6 below).</p> <p>The proposed additional extensions represent an increase of over 100% of the original size of the dwelling (P2a).</p> <p>The calculations submitted with the plans are inaccurate, as they include the outbuildings for which planning permission has not been granted.</p> <p>The Parish Council cannot find planning consent for the lean-to, the first floor of the garage, or the Velux window in the garage.</p>
2	D1 (1) and (2)	Place Shaping	The proposed garage conversion is of a poor design.
3	D3 (1) and (2)	Historic Environment	The proposed extension and conversion of the garage represents a further

			degradation of the Conservation Area and does not enhance the neighbouring Grade 1 listed building (St Mary's Church).
4	ID4 (2)	Green and Blue Infrastructure	This site is adjacent to Whitmoor common SPA/SSSI/LNR/BOA – there is no mention of biodiversity improvements as a result of the proposed extension and conversion of the garage attic to an independent dwelling.
5	H1 (4) and D1 (3)	Homes For All (Accessible Homes) Place Shaping	The "Annexe" is not accessible. The design of the garage conversion is not inclusive.
6	H4 (3b) and (3c)	Housing Extensions and Alterations including Annexes	The proposed conversion of the garage does not meet the definitions of an annexe. This would be a standalone building.
Ref	Policy Number	Policy Name	Reason
7	P6 (5)	Protecting Important Habitats and Species	Insufficient information has been submitted regarding how the existing trees, and their root structures, will be protected.
8	P6 (6b)	Protecting Important Habitats and Species	This site is situated within the Habitat Networks Enhancement Zone 1. The application is silent on how it would contribute towards the Local Nature Recovery Strategy given its proximity to Whitmoor Common.
9	D4 (3), (5c) (5d), (6a) and (6c)	Achieving High Quality Design and Respecting local Distinctiveness	The design fails to comply with Policy D4 (3), (5c) (5d), (6a) and (6c)
10	D18 (1), (2) and (3)	Designated Heritage Assets	The Heritage Statement is insufficient. The deciduous trees will not provide cover during the winter months, therefore there will be an impact on the views into and out of St Mary's Church – a Grade 1 listed building.
11	D19 (1)	Listed Buildings	The proposed conversion of the garage to a separate dwelling (as defined by policy H4) fails to enhance or better reveal the significance of St Mary's Church.
12	D20 (1), (2c), (2d) and (3)	Conservation Areas	The design and appearance of the proposed building conversion fails to enhance the Conservation Area.

To assist members, the Clerk had provided a précis of the Local Plan policies and the Management Development Policies as the Council can only comment on planning applications using material planning considerations.

Planning Application No: [22/P/02178](#) - Land west of Blackwell Farm, Hogs Back, Guildford, GU3 1DG - The installation of a solar facility comprising ground mounted solar photovoltaic panels and associated infrastructure including inverters, transformers, a GRP switchgear enclosure, fencing, infrared cameras, motion detection system, underground cable connections, access works including new tracks, and landscape planting.

A lengthy discussion took place, following which it was **RESOLVED**: that Worplesdon Parish Council would submit the following comments:

1. The Parish Council strongly supports Natural England’s response to this planning application, given these fields have been included in the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Boundary Review Candidate Area for the Hogs Back (see map Fig 14 - attached), as part of Natural England’s ongoing review of the Surrey Hills AONB boundary, which is drawing to a conclusion.
2. The Parish Council strenuously urged Guildford Borough Council to take Natural England’s comments into account as part of the planning process.
3. Worplesdon Parish Council also recommended that all members of the planning committee (including the substitute members) should be required to undertake a site visit prior to the planning committee considering this planning application.

At 21:00 the Chairman called a short comfort break.

Mr Bower thanked the Committee for their thoroughness and left the meeting at 21:00. Another member of the public left the meeting at 21:10. The meeting was reconvened at 21:20.

225-2023 - Finance:

a) Proposed list of payments to be tabled at the meeting for approval

The payment list was presented to the meeting. It was proposed by Cllr N Mitchell, seconded by Cllr P Cragg, and unanimously **RESOLVED** that payments to the value of £2,365.88 be approved. The payment list was then signed by the Chairman of the meeting.

Table 1: Payment list of approval 8 June 2023

Code	Date	Description	Supplier	Net	VAT	Total
IT budget	17/05/2023	Subscription - May 2023	Adobe	12.64	2.53	15.17
Land Management	18/05/2023	Fuel for lawnmower	MFG Woodbridge Hill	6.92	1.39	8.31
Establishment Charges	20/05/2023	Supplies for office	Sainsburys	4.30	0.00	4.30
IT budget	23/05/2023	Halo for business 1 - ultrafast 2 & value line	BT PLC	48.95	9.79	58.74
Staff Costs	24/05/2023	Salaries/ PAYE/ NI/ Mileage/ Pension Conts Ee's & Er's	Staff Costs	11,442.13	0.00	11,442.13
Staff mileage	24/05/2023	Mileage	Mrs V C Fear	28.60	0.00	28.60
Staff mileage	24/05/2023	Mileage	Mrs G F White	42.90	0.00	42.90
PC Grant Aid to Wards	24/05/2023	Grant - Sweatshirts for Maypole Dancers	Janet Sutton	176.00	0.00	176.00
Concurrent Functions Grant Aid	24/05/2023	Noticeboards for Fairlands, Pitch Place Green & Wood Street Village Green	Greenbarnes Ltd	5,148.87	1,029.77	6,178.64
Revenue Costs Works Vehicle	23/05/2023	Fuel for works van	Waitrose Shell	41.84	8.37	50.21
Land Management	25/05/2023	Materials	B&Q	5.50	1.10	6.60
Revenue Costs Works Vehicle	25/05/2023	Car wash	Guildford Car Wash	28.00	0.00	28.00
Training	25/05/2023	Training - Various	Mulberry & Co	325.00	65.00	390.00
Parish office - Unit 2 Saxton	29/05/2023	Water and sewerage charge - Unit 2 Saxton - June 2023	Castle Water	22.63	1.13	23.76

Code	Date	Description	Supplier	Net	VAT	Total
Community Car Park	31/05/2023	Business rates - Community Car Park	Guildford Borough Council	101.00	0.00	101.00
Parish office - Unit 2 Saxton	31/05/2023	Business rates - Parish Office	Guildford Borough Council	887.00	0.00	887.00
Parish office - Unit 2 Saxton	19/05/2023	Gas - Unit 2 Saxton - 01.04.23 - 28.04.23	British Gas	115.16	5.76	120.92
Parish office - Unit 2 Saxton	31/05/2023	Fitting of Air Admittance Valves in Pipework - Unit 2 Saxton	CJB Plumbing & Heating (Cranleigh) Ltd	185.00	37.00	222.00
Revenue Costs Works Vehicle	01/06/2023	Service plan - 32nd instalment of 36	PlanMyService LLP	27.55	0.00	27.55
IT budget	01/06/2023	BT Business Mobile Broadband	BT PLC	7.16	1.43	8.59
Land Management	01/06/2023	Hire of storage container MW - June 2023	Activate Learning	75.00	0.00	75.00
Grass Cutting	01/06/2023	Grass cutting - Month 4 2023	Holly Landscape and Training	1,376.93	275.39	1,652.32
Land Management	01/06/2023	Materials	Wickes	15.67	3.13	18.80
Parish office - Unit 2 Saxton	05/06/2023	Electricity - 2 Saxton - June 2023	EDF Energy Ltd	236.00	0.00	236.00
IT budget	06/06/2023	External back-up - June 2023	RISC IT	38.00	7.60	45.60
Total				20,398.75	1,449.39	21,848.14

b) Littlethorpe bus shelter - Jacobs Well Road

The bus shelter is leaning, and remedial works will be required. Initial quotation to excavate, jack up the shelter and provide a new extra-large concrete foundation (excluding the road opening licence and disconnection and recommissioning of the RTP1 system) = £2,000 & VAT.

The Clerk had also approached another bus shelter repair company for a quotation, but they required £280 & VAT to carry out a site visit.

Following discussion, it was agreed that Cllr N Mitchell would carry out a site visit and this item would be further discussed at the next Full Council meeting.

c) Grant Aid request from Challengers

A grant aid request for £500 towards the annual Jazz Festival at Wood Street Village had been received from Challengers. This had been circulated to all Members via email in advance of the meeting. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr N Mitchell, seconded by Cllr B Ahier, and unanimously **RESOLVED** that a grant of £500 be approved with the caveat that all publicity must contain Worplesdon Parish Council's logo.

226-2023 - Stringer's Common – Applications for (1) the deregistration and exchange of common land under section 16 of the Commons Act 2006; and (2) consent to carry out restricted works on common land under section 38 of the Commons Act 2006

The Clerk had downloaded and reviewed the application pack, which comprised of 54 documents, and advised that whilst 60 trees are due to be removed in order to widen the Woking Road to facilitate the Weyside Urban Village development, these will be replaced with 119 trees. The strip of common land beside the Woking Road is not used by the public, and there are existing issues with drainage/flooding at this location. The replacement land is larger than the common land proposed to be deregistered, will enable pedestrian and equestrian access, which will link to public right of way no. 66, and improvements will be made to the exchange land that will provide biodiversity improvements.

Cllr B Ahier confirmed that at the public consultation held 7 December 2023, none of the attendees appeared to have any concerns about the exchange of common land, albeit there were reservations about the suitability of the proposed highway works, though these do not form part of the S16 and S38 applications.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr G Adam, seconded by Cllr N Mitchell, and unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council had no objections to the proposals and would respond to DEFRA¹ accordingly.

227-2023 - Wood Street Knoll – SANG (Site of Natural Green Space)

Cllr J Messinger had raised concern that the SANG has still not be formally opened to the public. Whilst the car park is still closed, motorists are parking in the approach road, or on Frog Grove Lane, which is posing a danger to other motorists.

The site is not being maintained as had been promised, dog mess, poor path repairs, and litter are also issues that are concerning local residents.

The Clerk advised that there is a legal issue which has delayed the opening.

It was agreed that the Parish Council write to the Head of Legal Services at Guildford Borough Council as soon as practicable to enquire what can be done to resolve that issue to ensure the SANG is opened to the public ASAP.

228-2023 - Memorial bench – the late John Gunner

The revised design for the memorial bench had been circulated to all Members, as well as the WSV (Wood Street Village Association). No negative feedback had been received.

The manufacturer had confirmed that, for various technical reasons, it would not be possible to create a larger tree onto which additional plaques could be placed, in any case it is inadvisable to add plaques to a metal bench once manufactured, as this can lead to issues that can never be resolved.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr G Adam, seconded by Cllr D Bird, and unanimously **RESOLVED** that the revised design be approved. The position for the bench to be agreed in due course but is most likely to be on the triangular section of the Village Green, in a position that will not interfere with the Summer Show, or the ability to hold children's fun fairs at this location.

Power to spend: PCA 1957, s1

229-2023 - Request from the WSV for permission to have an inflatable ride at this year's Summer Show

A request had been received from the WSV for permission to have an inflatable slide at this year's summer show.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr N Mitchell, seconded by Cllr G Adam, and unanimously **RESOLVED** that approval could not be granted until the fairground ride owners had provided a copy of their Public Liability Certificate confirming cover of £10m.

This item is to be reconsidered at the next Full Council meeting.

The show organisers to be reminded of the need to submit requests in good time to fit in with the Council's annual meeting schedule.

230-2023 - Street Trading Licence – Whitmoor Common Car Park – Deadline for comments 14 June 2023

A Street Trading Licence for permission to operate a mobile coffee shop (converted horse box) had been submitted to Guildford Borough Council.

¹ Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Following discussion, it was agreed that, in principle, the Parish Council has no objections to the converted horsebox trailer/mobile coffee shop facility being operated from the Whitmoor Common Car Park (off Salt Box Road). Members did, however, have concerns about the potential impact on, and safety of, people using the car park during operational hours.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council request further details about the proposed location for the converted horsebox, whether this would result in the loss of parking spaces within the car park (which is very popular) and the impact on pedestrians wishing to use the facility, as well as the car park. A photo of the proposed horse box to also be requested.

231-2023 - Farnborough Airport - The Post-Implementation Review (PIR) data has now been received from the sponsor and published

A further communication had been received from the action group Farnborough Noise advising that the Farnborough Airport Airspace Change Post Implementation Review had now been published and encouraged local councils to respond to the consultation by the deadline of 26 June 2023. This communication had been circulated to all Members of the Council by email on 31 May 2023.

The Clerk advised that due the current workload she had not reviewed the paperwork; additionally the Clerk lacked the technical expertise and time to be able to précis the report and appendices in readiness for the Planning/General Purposes and Finance Committee meeting and could not, therefore, advise the Council on this matter.

Cllr N Mitchell advised there are eight local airports which have flight paths over the Parish.

Cllr G Adam advised that he too lacked the technical expertise to evaluate the potential impact of the Post Implementation Review.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr N Mitchell, seconded by Cllr D Bird, and unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council would not respond to the PIR consultation due to a lack of technical expertise.

22:04 – Resident left the meeting.

232-2023 - Quarterly Playground Inspections

On 1 June 2023 Inspector Richard Randall from Dick Randall Services inspected all five play areas within Worpleston parish. Below is a summary of the findings from all five reports:

Fairlands Play Area

Surfaces – where the rubber meets the path at the field end of the play area, the rubber is shrinking back which could cause a trip hazard. **(Low Risk)**

White House Lane, Jacobs Well Play Area

HAGS Multi-play Unit – The edge of the platform (by the fireman's pole) has eroded and left a rough edge which could graze or splinter. Either rub down and treat or replace the timber. **(Low to Medium Risk)**

Rubber mulch – This has a significant problem of weeds growing through the surfacing beneath the basket swing, seesaw, toddler swing, and multi-play unit. The advice of the inspector is that a good weed killer is applied to the affected surfaces and the play area closed off for the 2 days. Failure to utilise weedkiller could lead to the rubber breaking up by it being forced apart. **(Low Risk)**

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Rubber mulch – A distinct dip has appeared beneath the cradle seat. This is most likely due to the proximity to the pond and the stone/soil sub-base being washed away. **(Low Risk – Monitor for further subsidence)**

Wood Street Green Play Seat Area

No areas of concern – all in good order.

Worplesdon Play Area

Worplesdon Junior/Teen Area

The bearing on the yellow whizzer barely works at times – consider replacing. **(Low to Medium Risk)**

The bearing on the green whizzer barely works at times – consider replacing. **(Medium Risk)**

The edges of the wet pour underneath both whizzers (spinney poles) have shrunk further. **(Monitor - Low Risk)**

Wet pour rubber around the centre pole of the Typhoon has split apart on the graphics, and there are two patches of damage on the black surfacing. **(Monitor - Low Risk)**

Wet pour rubber around edge of the basket seat swing has shrunk back to the point of causing a trip hazard. Weeds are now forcing the rubber wet pour further apart. **(Consider repairing to seal the edges – Medium Risk)**

Worplesdon Toddler Area

Double swing bay – The left stanchion is loose and rattles when the swing is in use. Tighten to alleviate the rattle. There is also rust showing on the crossbar joints – and whilst insignificant at present, it will only deteriorate. Consider a rub down and a repaint of the whole frame. **(Low Risk)** The 21-metre-long edge of the wet pour around the roundabout has shrunk further. **(Medium Risk)**

It was proposed by Cllr B Ahier, seconded by Cllr D Bird, and unanimously **RESOLVED** that the report be approved and accepted.

The Clerk advised that the Parks and Open Spaces budget would need to be increased considerably in the 2024/2025 budget due to the significant increase in the cost of materials and the RPI. The playground and bus shelter repair budgets are no longer sufficient to cover the anticipated annual repair costs.

233-2023 - Date of next Planning/General Purposes and Finance Committee meeting – 20 July 2023.

Meeting closed 22:07

Signed:
Chairman of the Council
Date: 29.6.2023