

# Worplesdon Parish Council Newsletter



SPRING 2026

## Worplesdon Parish Council Minutes – 1894

I recently joined Worplesdon Parish Council as one of its Councillors and was delighted to be asked to take on the role of Parish Historian.

While looking into the early history of the Parish Council, I was thrilled – and pleasantly surprised – to discover a personal connection. When Parish Councils were first established under the Local Government Act of 1894, my Great Uncle, Samuel Burch, was one of the founder members. Also elected at that time was Frederick Lewis Philips.

Mr Philips and his wife Amelia were the original owners of Sunnyside, the house where my wife Pauline and I have lived for the past 57 years – which feels like quite an extraordinary coincidence.

The first meeting of the Parish Council took place at Perry Hill Schoolroom (which I also attended as a child) on Tuesday, 4 December 1894.

### 100 Years Ago:

1. The Annual Parish Meeting was held at Perry Hill School on March 25th 1926 at 7.30pm.
2. A letter was read from the Rev Owens that the posts on the footpath leading from Crown Cottage to the Memorial Hall and asking that the one post in the centre of the footpath could be removed or the post should be painted white as this would be very dangerous on a dark night. It was proposed to write to the Rural District Council asking that the single post might be replaced by two posts and that the posts be painted white and that same posts should be placed at both ends of the footpath at Rickford to keep the traffic off the path.



The footpath referred to in the archived minutes [near the Memorial Hall]

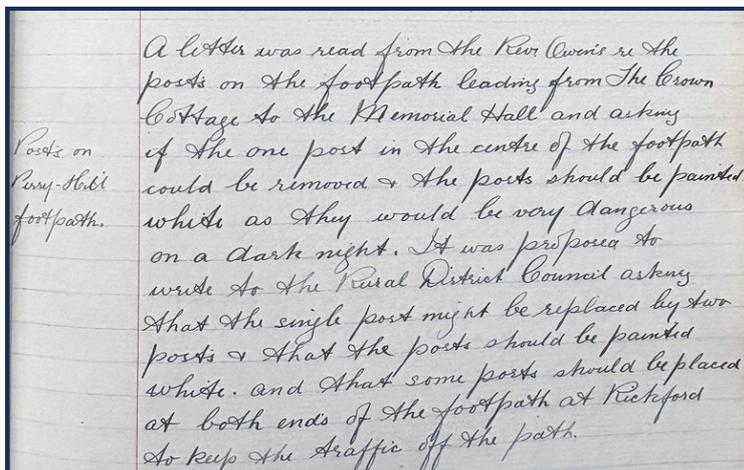
One of my aims is to issue a monthly bulletin on what items on the agenda were discussed 100 years ago as a comparison to today, and also to continue to update the

history pages of the website.

**Cllr Geoff Burch**



The footpath referred to in the archived minutes [near Crown Cottage]



The beautiful copperplate handwritten minutes from 1926 referring to the footpath

## REPORTING ISSUES

**If you notice any issues, such as potholes, flooding or leaks, don't leave it to someone else ... please report it!**

Potholes, pavements, blocked and broken drains, flooding, fallen trees and overgrown vegetation can be reported  **directly to Surrey County Council** ([www.surreycc.gov.uk](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk)).

This can be done **online**, or if you consider a problem to be an immediate threat to life or limb, or do not have internet access, call the Contact Centre on **0300 200 1003**.

To report **crimes** or **anti-social behaviour** do this directly to **Surrey Police** on **101** or via their **website** (if non-urgent) and **999** (if urgent).

**Thames Water** can be contacted on **0800 316 9800** for **sewage** flooding.

**Flooding** on highways and footpaths should be reported to Surrey County Council on **0300 200 1003** or using  <https://tellus.surreycc.gov.uk/>.

Fly-tipping on public highways or council land will be dealt with by **Guildford Borough Council**: [www.guildford.gov.uk/reportflytipping](http://www.guildford.gov.uk/reportflytipping).



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# Volunteer #MakeADifference

## Phyllis Tuckwell's Colourful Dash Returns for 2026!



Phyllis Tuckwell's Dash of Colour is back! This hugely popular fun run is returning for 2026, so sign up now and get ready for some colourful fun in aid of local hospice care. Dash of Colour will take place on **Saturday 4th July** at 1pm, at Frimley Lodge Park. It's open to participants of all ages and offers both a 2.5k and a 5k route, which you can walk, jog or run at your own pace. Along the route, you will be showered with colourful powder paint, to celebrate the opening of your amazing new Hospice this spring and the colour that Phyllis Tuckwell's compassionate care brings to the lives of its patients and their families.

You can register with family, friends or work colleagues, and may like to take part in memory of a loved one that Phyllis Tuckwell cared for. Registration will include a Dash of Colour t-shirt and a powder paint sachet, which you can use on the day to get the event off to a colourful start! By getting sponsored to take part, you'll raise much-needed funds for Phyllis Tuckwell. With your new Hospice opening this spring, it's so important that this vital local charity has the money it needs to be able to continue providing its specialist care to local patients and families who are living with an advanced or terminal illness.

For more information and to register, visit [www.pth.org.uk/dash-of-colour](http://www.pth.org.uk/dash-of-colour)



## Fostering with Surrey County Council

Discover a truly rewarding role with Surrey County Council's Fostering Service. Could you help change the life of a vulnerable child or young person in your community?

### How we look after our foster carers

Our foster carers benefit from:

- 24/7 support
- A competitive tax-free allowance of up to £570 per week, per child
- Exceptional local training, support, and ongoing development
- A supportive community of experienced foster carers
- Regular social activities and events

### A foster carer could be any of us – could it be you?

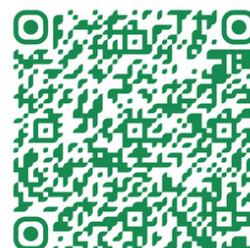
Foster carers come from all walks of life.

There is no such thing as a 'typical' foster carer.

Our foster carers come from a wide range of backgrounds, with lots of different life experiences and skills.

Get in touch to see how it could transform a young person's future:

<https://fosterwithyourcouncil.uk/surrey-county-council-fostering-become-a-foster-carer/>



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## OAKLEAF – Making life work with mental illness

For 28 years Oakleaf has been supporting over 500 adults aged 16+ living in and around Guildford to manage their mental ill health. By "mental ill health" we mean from anxiety and severe depression to living with a diagnosis of schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, or experiencing psychosis.

Our aim is to help clients improve their mental and physical wellbeing, find employment, learn new skills, connect with others, and feel empowered to make positive life choices. We do this by providing four main programmes of support: counselling, a daily wellbeing programme, bespoke employment support and work-related training in IT, and gardening.

Oakleaf is a sanctuary and place for connection. Managing mental ill health can be extremely isolating; the stigma that still exists leads to feelings of shame, causing many individuals to disconnect from family and friends. This struggle can intensify when getting out and about feels more challenging.

All our programmes encourage social interaction, and our wellbeing activity timetable is broad to cater to a diverse range of interests. Support is accessible to everyone, offered free of charge or at a low cost for counselling services; a clinical diagnosis is not required to attend.

If you think we could help you or know of anyone who might benefit from our services, please get in touch via phone or email, as shown in the picture, or go directly to our referral form using the QR code provided. If you are in a position to support us financially, whether big or small, we would also love to hear from you.

Thank you,

The Oakleaf Team

Oakleaf is a mental health charity working to transform the lives of hundreds of individuals across Surrey.

Counselling | Wellbeing Activities | Safe Haven  
Work-Related Training | Employment Support

Do you need help?

Can you help?

Get in touch: 01483 303649 | [info@oakleaf-enterprise.org](mailto:info@oakleaf-enterprise.org)  
[www.oakleaf-enterprise.org](http://www.oakleaf-enterprise.org)

Reg Charity no: 1044524 | 101 Walnut Tree Close, Guildford, GU1 4UQ | Reg Company no: 3388471

## Horse Field – Salt Box Road

Borough Councillor Bilal Akhtar has formally asked Guildford Borough Council the following question: *Given that the Salt Box Road "Horse Field" lies within a Biodiversity Opportunity Area and is adjacent to Whitmoor Common, part of the Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area (SPA) and a designated Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), and noting that the State of Surrey's Nature Report highlights significant biodiversity loss across the county, and further noting the recent sale of approximately 24.5 acres of land at Clay Lane in February 2026, suggesting a value in the region of £14,000 per acre, will Guildford Borough Council reconsider its intention to dispose of this land?*

*Will the Council instead retain the site within its ownership for the benefit of the community and for biodiversity enhancement, consistent with Surrey County Council's Local Nature Recovery Strategy?*

We await the formal response and will provide an update in the next newsletter.

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# Replacement Play Equipment

## Fairlands and Worplesdon

Replacement play equipment was installed at Fairlands before Christmas 2025 to replace the climbing rock, as the rock's fibreglass construction had reached the end of its lifespan. Similarly, in February 2026 the Typhoon at Worplesdon Memorial Grounds was also retired. The replacement parts were increasingly expensive and more difficult to source. Two exciting items of equipment were sourced to fill the space left by the Typhoon, and it's hoped that these will be enjoyed by local children for the foreseeable future.



Left: Equipment at Fairlands  
Above and Right: Equipment at Worplesdon

## Bin Collection Calendar

To check your collection day, find out more about what goes in which bin, or what can and cannot be recycled, please go to [www.guildford.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.guildford.gov.uk/recycling). For bulky waste collections, visit [www.furniturehelpline.co.uk](http://www.furniturehelpline.co.uk).

The Parish Council is anticipating that the stock of Borough Council-provided kerbside food waste caddies will be replenished after May 2026. Please keep an eye out for supply updates via our website and Facebook page.

If you would like a brown bin for garden waste, these should be ordered directly from Guildford Borough Council: [www.guildford.gov.uk/gardenwastepay](http://www.guildford.gov.uk/gardenwastepay).

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### RUBBISH COLLECTION WEEK

### RECYCLING COLLECTION WEEK

<p><b>WORPLESDON PARISH COUNCIL</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.worplesdon-pc.gov.uk">www.worplesdon-pc.gov.uk</a>  <b>facebook</b> @worplesdonpc</p>	 <p>01483 300094</p> <p>Unit 2 - Saxton, Parklands,              Railton Road, Guildford, GU2 9JX</p>
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