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Draft Minutes of the Meeting held at 8:00pm on 11th September 2019

Venue	Ranmore Room
Chair	David Ireland (DI)
Councillors	Jane Brown (JB), Judy Kinloch (JK), David Ottridge (DO), Graham Clark (GC), Andrew McNaughton (AM), Will Dennis (WD)
Clerk	Trevor Haylett
Attending	District Councillor Elsie Rosam (ER), James Cartwright (JC), Alison Vernon (AV)
Item No.	
1	<p>Opening Formalities</p> <p>(794) Apologies – David Ottridge (DO) and County Councillor Hazel Watson (HW). (795) Declaration of Interest/Requests for dispensation – None. (796) The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10th July 2019 were approved and duly signed. (797) Chairman’s Comments – David Ireland had received two emails about the continuing problem of speeding motorcyclists in the village; one of which had provided details of a recent incident which could have easily have led to a fatality. He said the Parish Council (PC) were looking at the possibility of using volunteers with hand-held speed cameras under the Speed Watch scheme. At the same time the PC was trying to initiate a meeting of the different agencies involved in tackling the issue of speeding motorcyclists and dangerous driving on the Zig Zag Road. Then there was the ongoing issue of installing speed monitors along Old London Road. The PC had identified a stretch of the road between Juniper Hall and Juniper Hill; Surrey County Council (SCC) had said there was no obvious place to attach the monitors and had asked the PC for help.</p> <p>Action AM and GC Andrew McNaughton and Graham Clark said they would look at the area and suggest somewhere suitable for the equipment.</p>
2	<p>Finance & Formalities</p> <p>(798) DO was not at the Meeting but had sent in a report listing two payments which had been approved retrospectively: King's Landscapes (July mowing and hedge trimming) £731.76 Andrew Clark (Strimming, hedge trimming etc) £390</p> <p>The cash book showed a balance of £10,792.63 following the second instalment of the precept from Mole Valley District Council (MVDC). The bank reconciliation was approved and signed by the chair.</p>
3	<p>Open Forum</p> <p>(799) The Meeting was addressed by Alison Vernon, Director of Communications and Development at Box Hill School, who outlined plans to build a new Creative Hub in the old Arts Centre, offering opportunities to the wider community outside school hours. It was intended to have an Artist in Residence and exhibition space for pupils at St Michaels School, for example. AV said the building was planned within the same footprint of two existing buildings which were now badly in need of refurbishment. Planning approval had been granted but the project could only go ahead if the School could raise the necessary funds through community help. A total of £2million was</p>

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	<p>being sought and AV appealed to anyone who wanted to support the venture, through a donation or a legacy, to make contact via alison.vernon@boxhillschool.com. AV concluded by inviting any interested Councillors to visit the site to put the plans in context.</p>
4	<p>Planning</p> <p>(800) AM explained that MVDC had decided the possibility of a General Election later in the year meant that they would have to postpone the planned consultation on Future Mole Valley (Green Belt Review). He said this was a disappointment because there were “massive” problems in terms of building stock that needed to be overcome and the MV Local Plan was already 4 or 5 years overdue.</p> <p>(801) The issue to do with 2 Thorn Cottages had gone to Appeal and a resident had asked the PC if their original comments would be made known. The Clerk replied that he would see if the letter setting out the PC’s objections needed re-sending.</p>
5	<p>Emergency Plan</p> <p>(802) This had progressed and Will Dennis had produced a document listing the different areas that would be tackled and who would be able to assist. WD, who was thanked for his efforts, said what was needed now was a base for any emergency operation and suggested that St Michael’s Church should be the hub, and failing that, the Village Hall. The question of where emergency supplies would be stored, and the related financial considerations, needed to be tackled.</p> <p>WD would talk to Box Hill School who have their own plan to deal with major incidents and were willing to share information.</p>
6	<p>Bus Shelter</p> <p>(803) WD said that constant attempts to prise an update from SCC had gone unanswered. He had enlisted Hazel Watson’s help and that had produced an instant response. The legal department were apparently extremely under-resourced but were working towards drafting a licence for the bus shelter.</p>
7	<p>Juniper Hill</p> <p>(804) There had been a long discussion at the last meeting about the access to the land owned by the owners of Juniper Hill. DI and WD met with James Cartwright, the Estate Manager, for further discussions and the outcome was that an impasse had been reached and no real progress would happen. DI said it was important that one thing was made clear: there had been reference to a walker being confronted by JC with a shotgun and JC pointed out that it couldn’t have happened because he doesn’t possess either a shotgun or a shotgun licence. A final step in the saga was to put an article in the parish magazine explaining what has happened as an aid to walkers who find themselves unable to walk where they did before. DI and WD will draft it and run it past JC. A suggestion that the owners draw up something themselves produced an assurance from JC that he would put it to them but said he didn’t think they would feel it necessary to have to explain their position on how they make use of their private</p>

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8	<p>Heritage Week Update</p> <p>(805) A number of events were taking place in the village over the weekend of 21st and 22nd September and the PC had been asked to underwrite any financial loss. DI said one of the biggest expenses, the Morris Dancing, wasn't going ahead so the maximum the PC would be asked for was £150. Judy Kinloch felt that some of the events were nothing to do with the Heritage Week and questioned why the underwriting request had not gone to the Parochial Church Council instead. GC said it was a village event for which some people had put in a lot of effort and the PC should support it; it would be churlish not to for the sake of £150, he said. GC's proposal to underwrite the event was seconded by AM and was carried in a subsequent vote.</p> <p>JK asked about parking for those attending the Village School exhibition. Cars could use the Village Hall for parking as nothing appeared to be organised there on the day. Otherwise permission was granted for cars to use the Recreation Ground.</p>
9	<p>Frascati</p> <p>(806) The PC had been approached by a member of the public who was planning to purchase the Frascati Restaurant and turn it into a breakfast and brunch bar. DI had met the prospective new owner along with GC and AM and all had been impressed with him and his approach; he had similar business interests in America. He hoped to complete due diligence by the end of October with a view to opening in the Spring.</p>
10	<p>Operation Bridge</p> <p>(807) The Clerk explained that this was the code name given to advanced planning for the funeral of a senior member of the Royal family. Hopefully a long way ahead, it will happen one day and at that point parishes will have to adopt certain protocols such as a central place for people to leave their flowers, a book of condolence and official messages on the website etc.</p>
11	<p>Additional Matters</p> <p>(808) The Clerk mentioned a new initiative from MVDC aimed at reducing single-use plastic by calling on local businesses and shops – anywhere where there is a tap – to join the 'Refill Mole Valley' scheme where walkers or cyclists could refill their water bottles free of charge. Councillors felt that The Running Horses and the Burford Bridge could be asked to join the scheme.</p> <p>(809) Another proposed MVDC scheme, colourfully labelled 'Don't Be A Tossler', was aimed at motorists who discard litter from a vehicle with the warning that they could face a fine. The motion to be considered by the District Council in October identified Parish Councils as possible partners in the campaign. Mickleham had been asked if they would actively support the scheme if it comes about and Councillors said they would.</p> <p>(810) DI had received a letter from Neighbourhood Watch asking if Councillors wanted Mickleham to be included in the scheme; Westhumble already takes part. Councillors expressed interest in learning more about it and thought it was a possible topic for a speaker at the Annual Parish Meeting in May.</p>
12	<p>Future Meetings</p> <p>The date of the last meeting in 2019 is Wednesday November 13th</p>

The meeting closed at 21:04pm