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Minutes of the Mickleham Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on 08 November 2023

Venue	Ranmore Room, St Michael's Church	
Chair	David Ireland (DI)	
Councillors Present	Graham Clark (GC) David Ottridge (DO) Will Dennis (WD)	John Lowes (JL) Gill Wilson (GW)
Clerk	Feena Graham (FG)	
Attending	County Cllr Hazel Watson District Cllr Leah Mursaleen-Plank District Cllr Chris Budleigh	
Members of the Community	--	

Item No		Action:
1	<p>(1/11/23) Opening Formalities</p> <p>DI welcomed everyone present to the council meeting.</p> <p>1.1 Apologies for absence: Andrew McNaughton (unwell) Sgt David Sadler (unavailable)</p> <p>1.2 Declarations of Interest/Requests for Dispensations None declared for this meeting.</p> <p>1.3 Agree the Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 Sept. 2023 Minutes were approved by Parish Councillors present and duly signed by the Chair. <i>FG/kalk.</i></p> <p>1.4 Chair's Comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ryka's Owners had been invited to MPC meetings but have failed to attend or let us know. District Cllr's Leah Mursaleen-Plank informed the meeting that there was no update about levelling up or the Local Plan, ahead of the King's Speech. Elsie Rosam has passed on the details of bins being cleared in the recreational area onto Cllr Leah Mursaleen-Plank, should another issue arise. 	
2	<p>(2/11/23) Open Forum</p> <p>2.1 Liaison between Surrey Police and Mickleham Parish Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dave Sadler was unable to attend. No report had been received. <p>2.2 Public Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DI was asked to raise the recent article reported in the 'Surrey Live' on 4/11/23 detailing that Beaverbrook has confirmed it will launch its new collection of cottages and restaurant as 'Mickleham Village'. Councillors felt this may cause some confusion as Mickleham Village exists and has done for centuries. DI had tried to contact Beaverbrook to no avail. After some discussion DI agree to follow up with Tim Edwards at Beaverbrook, and report back. 	Action/ DI


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	<p>DI asked the County and District Councillors if they wished to raise anything at this stage. Nothing was raised.</p>	
3	<p>(3/11/23) Finance & Formalities</p> <p>3.1 Approve Accounts for Payments New Payments One cheque had been returned, unsigned, for payment to NJL BoxGreen. This has now been reissued. £283.20 - NJL BoxGreen for Recreational Grounds Mowing in October. £283.20 - X 2 cheques. Refund to DO for direct payment to NJL BoxGreen for Recreational Grounds Mowing in September and the re issue of payment for August. All Councillors present agreed and three cheques were signed for payment. DI asked GC to follow up the cutting of the hedges usually due around this time.</p> <p>3.2 Agree Bank Reconciliation The bank reconciliation up to the 05 October 2023 had been circulated and was approved by all Parish Councillors present and signed by the Chair. DO confirmed that there is a monthly payment of £23.00 to Hugo Fox set up as the free service had been withdrawn. The current bank balance after all agreed payments is: £7446.91.</p>	Action / GC
4	<p>(4/11/23) Planning</p> <p>None to report.</p>	
5	<p>(5/11/23) Reports from Working Group</p> <p>5.1 Norbury Park Working Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JL reported that he had not been able to attend the last Forum Meeting on Thursday 21 September, but it had consisted of a walkaround Norbury Park to determine which trees needed removing ash die back. Cllr Chris Budleigh had attended the previous meeting on 13th July, and had forwarded his summary, which had been circulated in advance. DI confirmed that repairs had been authorised to go ahead, by the side of Cowslip Bridge, that supplies Norbury House. <p>Discussions were held on the tenancy issues experienced by tenants in Norbury Park:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further updates on other properties within Norbury Park. SCC initially transferred ownership to Surrey Wildlife Trust, who now have transferred to Halsey Garton Residential Ltd as named landlords on the leases. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Halsey Garton is a subsidiary of SCC and its Chief Executive has a SCC email address. All the tenants received new terms and conditions under their lease from Halsey Garton. New tenancy contracts include a clause to evict at short notice. Curchods Estate Agents are dealing with the sale of properties and are the main point of contact. Following the change of TOR's two tenants, the Powers and the Woods have asked MPC for help/support. As detailed at September's meeting, following MPC's communication with SCC, Mr & Mrs Power's lease had been extended for a year. Many of the tenants have been in their properties for 10 to 20 years. MPC asked for the support of Councillor Hazel Watson and the District Councillors present to act on the tenants' behalf. Councillor Hazel Watson detailed that she was not permitted to get involved in the negotiations between SCC and its tenants. Advice had been sort by CAB. MPC to write to SCC on behalf of the tenants involved. 	
6	<p>(6/11/23) Council Purchase.</p> <p>6.1 Dog Waste Bag Dispenser The dispensers would be erected on Friday 10th November and in operation after that date. GW has agreed to look after the refill of bags and a bag order needs to be raised for a regular delivery of poo bags.</p> <p>6.2 Picnic Bench The clerk had forwarded a quote for a wooden bench prior to the meeting. After discussion the Parish Councillors agreed to go ahead with an order for the larger bench without the concrete fixing.</p> <p>6.3 Bus Shelter WD had obtained CCTV from the Running Horses Pub and contacted the company whose truck had caused the damage to the bus shelter. There has not been any response in the last 3 months. WD proposed to wait another week and then obtain quotes for the repairs and send them to the Company in question. All Parish Councillors present agreed.</p>	<p>Action /GW & Clerk</p> <p>Action / Clerk</p> <p>Action / WD</p>
7	<p>(7/11/23) Traffic & Parking & Noise</p> <p>7.1 Speedwatch Group Update Angela Ireland had forward details of the group's recent work since the last parish meeting. DI read out their report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two sessions carried out: one on an afternoon before the clocks changed and another early morning session. During the early morning session eight vehicles were caught driving at 36mph or above. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most of the vehicles were heading towards Box Hill School, and it was hoped the Speedwatch Group's presence acted as a deterrent for some of the parents rushing to deliver their children to school and, act as an awareness that they are driving in a 30mph zone. During the afternoon session four vehicles were caught, one of which was a motorbike. The driver made an abusive gesture towards the Group, which was subsequently reported to the police. <p>VAS Readings were received from the SCC but were not taken at regular intervals to see any pattern. Details will be forwarded to the Councillors after the meeting. The SCC Agent had also cut back at any overgrown foliage obscuring the camera at the time of the last reading.</p> <p>7.2 Noise Survey JL summarised his finding from the survey he undertook in September on behalf of the MPC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The was a level of antisocial behaviour reported. Residents surveyed felt that 80% of their normal activities were interrupted. Very few residents complained to the Police. JL confirmed only the Police can enforce any sanctions. Police were aware of the situation at Ryka's and were in contact with them. <p>A summary of the survey will be in the December issue of the Mickleham Magazine and is on the MPC website.</p>	Action / Clerk
8	<p>(8/11/23) SALC AGM & Conference 19/10/2023 Meeting – Update</p> <p>DO summarised the AGM & Autum Conference recently attended on 19 October. The following items were on the day's Agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rural & Residential Policing Issues. Family Abuse – presented by the Choose Freedom Charity. Local Resilience Policy. SCC Highways, who had some challenging questions thrown at them. <p>DO confirmed that the MPC is also entitled to 20 minutes free legal service from SALC.</p>	
9	<p>(9/11/23) Urgent Items received by the Chair.</p> <p>9.1 Remembrance Sunday DI has asked any Councillors if anyone would be available to lay the wreath of Poppies on behalf of MPC at the Service on Sunday. GW volunteered.</p> <p>9.2 Summer Fete 2024 DI updated the meeting with details of the fete planned for next year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group called together by Rev Dr Sandra Faccini to organise the fete. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date set for Saturday 6th July 2024. • To be held in the Rectory Garden/grounds. • Various stalls to be arranged, including groups from the Playground, Nursery, School, and the Church. • DI asked for ideas how the MPC might get involved. Ideas to be brought to the next meeting in January 2024. <p>WD asked who the benefactors will be. DI detailed profits will go towards the Parish Priest Discretionary Fund.</p> <p><i>Note Post Meeting: It has been confirmed that the beneficiaries would be St Michael's Church clock appeal, St Michael's Infant School, St Michael's Nursery, and the Playground. Profits will be split equally between the four groups.</i></p> <p>DI reported on an incident in the Playground to which he and Angela Ireland had been witnesses to. A few Box Hill School students were returning to school from 51D Café, via the recreational ground and were seen fooling around in the playground area. When confronted there was an exchange of words. A photo of the students was taken and a complaint made with the school Head.</p> <p>DI read out the letter received from the Head of the Sixth Form in reply.</p> <p>The current Head of Box Hill School will be moving on in December 2023 and the current Deputy will be stepping up until a replacement is found.</p> <p>WD confirmed he had written to MVDC on behalf of the Council as agreed, to ask for an extension of time to submit comments on the MVDC Strategy Plan/Local Plan, but there has been no reply to date.</p> <p>WD to draft the comments in a further letter in, to outline the issues affected by the MPC for approval by the MPC.</p>	<p>Action / ALL</p>
10	<p>(10/11/23) Next Meetings:</p> <p>Wednesday 10 January 2024 Wednesday 13 March 2024</p> <p>10.1 Agree Meeting dates for the year 2024/2025</p> <p>These dates were forwarded in advance for agreement.</p> <p>WD ask the dates to be checked against the MVDC meeting dates to allow the District and Surrey councillors to attend.</p>	<p>Action / Clerk</p>

Signed: Sandy J. Inland Date: 10 January 2024

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