

MICKLEHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of PC Meeting held on Tues 8th March 2016 in the Ranmore Room.
Cllrs present: J.Brown (JB), G.Clark (GC), W.Dennis (WD), D.Ireland (DI - Chair),
J.Kinloch (JK), A.McNaughton (AM), D. Ottridge (D.O).
In attendance: T.Haylett (Clerk).

1) Formalities

Apologies for absence – none.

Declarations of interest – none.

(424) Minutes of January meeting agreed as correct. Proposed by AM, seconded by GC.

2) Community Police Report

(425) 2 reported crimes - 1 sheep death following dog attack, 1 assault.

3) Open Forum

(426) DO reported that the 'i' in the Mickleham sign by the Burford Bridge Hotel has fallen off and gone missing.

Action: JK will ask Richard Roberts-Miller about the origins of the sign with a view to getting a replacement 'i'.

4) Cow Parade

(427) The Parish Council received a presentation from Roger Roberts of Surrey Hills Enterprises about CowParade, the world's largest public art event, which is coming to the Surrey Hills over the summer months. Full-size cows are being designed by different artists with the idea that they will be sponsored and then stood in different locations in the area, culminating in a parade on 21 August. The cows eventually get auctioned off with half the proceeds going to the Surrey Hills Trust Fund for local community projects. Box Hill School have already purchased a cow and St Michaels Nursery is seeking a sponsor for a mini cow.

5) Matters arising from the Minutes

(428) DI explained that a contract is being signed between the directors of Rose's Stores and Christie estate agents to market the shop and residential accommodation.

(429) DI spoke to Box Hill School about their bus parking outside Frascati Restaurant and causing potential problems. It would appear drivers are now parking further back.

(430) DI read out an email from District Councillor Duncan Irvine offering to set up and manage a Facebook page for Mickleham PC. Once established it could reach out to Mickleham residents and provide the means to spread information such as road closures, flooding etc. It was agreed to thank Mr Irvine for his proposal and to welcome his initiative.

(431) AM raised the matter of the maps issued by MVDC detailing verge cutting and it was agreed they were not sufficiently clear.

Action: The Clerk will go back to MVDC and seek clarification.

6) Broadband

(432) WD reported that the Running Horses had told him the brewery Brakspear had done a deal with BT to have superfast broadband in all their public houses. They had been told by BT that the box outside the church was suitable for broadband – contrary to what BT had previously told the PC. There have been problems connecting the supply and it was agreed that any action by the PC would wait until the broadband was working.

Planning

(433) The application for an additional dwelling and two double garages at Ilex Trees on London Road provoked much discussion. It was agreed that the PC would not formally support or oppose the application but would write to MVDC setting out a number of requirements should the proposal win planning approval, ensuring the development be carried out exactly in accordance with the submitted plans.

In particular, care should be taken with ridge heights, which should remain subservient to Ilex Trees to provide a transition between that and Abbotts Cottage. The PC says further conditions in relation to materials should be applied, including handcrafted clay tiles and bricks. In addition all other aspects relating to the Conservation Area should be applied, in order to maintain the character of the village.

8) Finance & Formalities

(434) Two retrospective payments were agreed – a payment of £416 to the Dorking Advertiser for a formal notice outlining the new Playground lease, and one of £54 for JK to attend a SCC meeting. The following payments were approved: £15.40 to HMRC for income tax on the Clerk's salary and £336 to Hedleys Solicitors for assistance with the Playground lease. The bank reconciliation was agreed – proposed by JK, seconded by JB.

(435) A procedure was agreed to process payments in between meetings. Two signatories are needed for each cheque and it was agreed that DO would send round an email with the details. Agreement from four Councillors would be sufficient to process the payment.

9) Defibrillator

(436) The Clerk explained that the defibrillator had been delivered by the British Heart Foundation and passed on to Ben Tatham who will install it on an outside wall of the Village Hall.

10) Queen's 90th birthday celebrations

(437) DI outlined plans for a joint venture with Westhumble Residents Association to commemorate the Queen's birthday: presenting those children under the age of 13 and resident in the community with a commemorative mug and those under 13 attending St Michaels Infant School or Nursery who are not resident in the community with a commemorative thimble. The cost to the PC would be around £200 and it was agreed to go ahead with the proposal.

11) Village Fete

(438) A request to use the Playing Field for overflow parking for the Village Fete on July 9th was agreed subject to receiving the appropriate booking form. It was also agreed to allow parking there for Mickleham Choral Society's 90th Birthday Celebration Concert on June 11th.

12) Children's Recreation Ground

(439) DI explained that a local donor had decided to give £10,000 to the Playground Association, £1,500 of which will cover the PC's legal bills for the work in drawing up the new lease. The other £8,500 will be put in an endowment fund which will go towards meeting the Playground Association's insurance and maintenance costs.

AOB

(440) JB said the Recreation Ground had received its first grass-cut but this appeared to be before the details of the new contract had been agreed.

Action: JB would contact the contractor and request a detailed quotation for the coming season's grass cutting.

14) **Future meeting dates and agendas**

(441) The next meeting will be in the Ranmore Room at 7:30 on Wednesday 11th May.

The meeting closed at 9:35 pm.