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Draft Minutes of Ordinary Meeting on 19th July 2017

Venue	Ranmore Room
Chair	David Ireland (DI)
Councillors	Jane Brown (JB), Judy Kinloch (JK), David Ottridge (DO), Graham Clark (GC), Will Dennis (WD)
Clerk	Trevor Haylett
Attending	Duncan Irvine (DIrv), Mole Valley District Councillor
No.	Item
1	<p>Opening Formalities</p> <p>(576) Apologies – Andrew McNaughton (AM) (577) Declaration of Interest – None (578) The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 10th May 2017 were agreed and signed. In respect of item 562, DI said he had raised the matter with the Box Hill school bursar and they were seeking a meeting with their solicitor. There was now only one vehicle in Swanworth Lane which appeared to be abandoned.</p> <p>In respect of item 574, DI said AM had drawn a map with suggested double yellow lines in Old London Road just before the junction with the Zig-Zag Road. It was supported by the Surrey Hills Society and also the National Trust and it seems as though the double lines will be put in place although the date is not known.</p> <p>In relation to the Children’s Recreation Ground, DI reported that an undesirable had started five fires in the playground on Friday 7th July, targeting the plastic areas and causing a lot of damage. DI said there was evidence pointing to the culprit and he would be visiting local schools at the start of the new term, showing them the evidence.</p>
2	<p>Verge-cutting</p> <p>(579) There was concern about Surrey County Council’s intention to reduce the funding it gives Mole Valley District Council to cut roadside verges. This is likely to reduce the number of cuts a year from three to two and GC said with three cuts there was already a dangerous situation with grass getting too long, affecting visibility on sightlines and corners. The Clerk mentioned that an estimation by MVDC put the spend for Mickleham parish for a single round of rural cutting at £2,000, considerably more than most other parishes. MVDC were asking parish councils if they were willing to take on the cost of the cuts themselves or, alternatively, to pay a portion if MVDC also paid a portion.</p> <p>Councillors wanted to express their concern about any reduction in cuts and also wanted to know more about what was involved in the £2,000 cost. The Clerk said he would find out.</p>
3	<p>Finance & Formalities</p> <p>(580) DO mentioned a retrospective payment of £105.66 to Mark Mulberry, the Internal Auditor. Other payments to be authorised were Kings Landscapes - £240 (May mowing) and £360 (June mowing) and SSALC - £24 for a Social Media seminar. These</p>

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	<p>were approved.</p> <p>There was no bank reconciliation in order to preserve the anonymity of those who had donated to the broadband fund. DO explained that there was £8500-43 in the MPC bank account of which £7936.93 belonged to the PC. The remainder was broadband money being held for contingencies.</p>
4	<p>Open Forum</p> <p>(581) JK explained that when the southbound A24 was closed recently due to a water leak, some people had complained that no information had been put on the website and she wondered if the system could be improved for similar emergencies. DlrV said that he had posted something on the village facebook page but that he was limited in what he could say.</p> <p>WD said he felt the system worked quite well in normal situations – but there might be shortcomings in emergencies. It was agreed that in an emergency Councillors should contact Richard Roberts-Miller (RR-M) either by phone or email to ensure information is put on the website. In addition the Clerk would ask RR-M that in such a situation would it be possible for someone else to have access to the website to input information.</p>
5	<p>Broadband</p> <p>(582) WD explained that the contract with BT had been signed and the money paid. It was noticed that JK's house had not been included in the contract but this was felt to be an administrative mistake; it was not thought that her property was deliberately excluded from the scheme. WD said he wanted to avoid drawing up a new contract because that would involve a new date for BT to work from.</p> <p>There was a residual amount of around £600 which WD suggested should sit there for a year in case BT demanded further payment and this was agreed. The PC would then have to decide how to divide the money up.</p>
6	<p>Planning</p> <p>(583) Village Shop – The sale of the shop to a Headley resident who was going to develop it as a shop-cum-home had fallen through. A developer had then stepped in with an offer that looks like it will be accepted – their plan is to turn it into two residential properties.</p> <p>DI said he was concerned that two houses will produce four cars when the parking situation in Old London Road was already difficult. GC said there were two or three spaces designated for parking behind the building; what concerned him the most is the conversion, he was worried about the quality of the facade at the front of the building. A motion was then put to the meeting to oppose the planning application but not to object to the principle of the application. That was carried: five votes in favour with one abstention.</p> <p>(584) Reference was also made to an application to add a dormer window in the roof</p>

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	<p>of Lammas Cottage and Councillors supported this application. At this point the Clerk mentioned that he had been emailed by the residents of that property asking when the hedge at the front of their house on the Recreation Ground would be cut. JB said it was due to be cut the following week and she would talk to Kings Landscapes. It was pointed out that the resident concerned was free to cut back the hedge themselves and the Clerk said he would relay that information to them.</p> <p>(585) Following the talk by at the Annual Meeting, the PC had to decide on a Housing Strategy to adopt for the future. At the same time MVDC were asking parish councils to respond to their plan to build 5000 homes in the district over the next 15 years and the options suggested to meet this demand. GC suggested that because of the absence of AM who had driven this discussion initially, further discussion should be postponed until the next meeting. This was agreed although there was nothing to stop individual Councillors from giving their views to MVDC if they wished. DlrV was also asked to give more details of MVDC's Local Plan, to put MPC's discussion in some kind of context.</p>
7	<p>Safety of Norbury bridges</p> <p>(586) JK said that SCC had decided to check the safety of all the bridges at Norbury Park and initially reported that none were fit for purpose. She was most concerned about Lodge Bridge because it served her own property and it was said that at the moment it was only strong enough to take two tons, the weight of an average car. There were plans to widen it and make it strong enough to carry 20 tons.</p> <p>The condemning of Swanworth Bridge will also provide a serious access problem for Nick Bullen who cannot use it for vehicles or livestock making it impossible to move between his farm and the majority of his fields. His only alternative is to use the A24 which obviously creates other problems.</p> <p>DI said there was nothing the PC could do about the situation, only to be aware and monitor it.</p>
8	<p>Additional Matters</p> <p>(587) DI reported that the footpath that runs from Dell Close round the back of Old House was hampered by the growth of stinging nettles and ivy on the wall making it impossible to use the path. DI had contacted the Old House owner who said he would want to be part of any plan to trim the ivy and would only allow it if there was first a site meeting between himself, DI and the caretaker of Box Hill School which had agreed to contribute to the cost of the work.</p> <p>(588) DI read out an email from Alison Wood who had pointed out that since the litter bin at the School Lane end of the Recreation Ground had been taken away people were putting general waste in the dog bin which then overflowed. She wanted to see rubbish bins at both ends of the field, preferably with lids so that foxes and other animals couldn't get into them. The Clerk said he had been looking at the price of waste bins online and there were several options. He had also endeavoured to find out from MVDC who emptied the bins on the Recreation Ground and they had said it wasn't them. DI said it was the same team who also emptied the bins along Old</p>

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	<p>London Road and DlrV said he would try and find out who they were.</p> <p>(589) Jim Evans had emailed to complain about the number of groups using motorbikes and cars in an anti-social manner around the roads of Mickleham and Westhumble often late at night. Specifically they were racing up and down the Zig Zag Road and along the A24 as well as wheel spinning out of the Rykers exit on Old London Road. DI said it seemed sensible to talk to the National Trust about possibly closing the Zig Zag Road at night. At a time when they are taking more money from Ride London they should be investing it in road safety and public relations. It would also be good to engage with SCC, the landlords of the Rykers café. In addition DlrV said he would try and speak to the new MV Neighbourhood Police Inspector Karen Coyne about the problem.</p>
9	<p>Future Meetings</p> <p>The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 13th September in the Ranmore Room at 7:30pm.</p>

The meeting closed at 21:00pm