



# Mickleham Parish Council

## January 2025 – Report

This report relates to the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025 but a number of the issues discussed have long-term relevance.

One of these issues was the local postal service which has really struggled with lack of resources, especially at times when our regular postmen are on holiday. The matter has been taken up by our local M.P. and we will see whether there are improvements in the service moving forward.

The budget for the year beginning May 2025 was discussed at length, with some concern about rising costs in a number of areas. A proposed budget was agreed and was sent to Mole Valley District Council (MVDC) for approval, as the amount needed will be included as part of the Precept within the Council Tax charged to all households.

Concern was expressed about the problems being faced by Mark Frost and the spread of Neospora among his cattle, which has resulted in loss of livestock and has incurred financial losses. Plans to fence off some of his farmland have met with a very mixed reception from both Surrey County Council officers and local people. MVDC District Councillor Chris Budleigh agreed to pursue the matter.

The Housing Needs Survey being conducted by Surrey Community Action was about to begin and letters were being delivered by Councillors to all properties within the Parish boundary. It is hoped that a large number of households will have completed this survey by the time this report appears, as the information received will be of importance as Councillors consider future planning applications in the light of the findings of this survey.

It was noted that the new speed limits on the Old London Road, particularly the 20-mph zone on the boundary of Box Hill School are soon to come into force and the consultation on the proposed changes of speed limits on Headley Lane/Lodge Bottom Lane has now been completed.

The issue of road safety at the junction between Swanworth Lane and the Old London Road is still being addressed, with additional signage having been installed as a first stage.

The local elections due to be held in May, could yet be postponed whilst the future structure of local government is under review.

**David Ireland (Chair)**