



Mickleham Parish Council

January 2024 – Report

At its recent meeting on 10th January 2024 a number of issues were discussed, including the budget and Precept for 2024/25. Councillors agreed that the Precept be raised by 4.06%, a sum which is included in the Council Tax charged to local residents. The increase is prompted by rising costs which include the maintenance of the Recreation Ground and footpaths in the surrounding area, as well as the Council's other assets, such as notice boards, benches and the bus shelter. The damage to the bus shelter has still not been repaired, despite numerous attempts to get the work done under an insurance claim. Reassurances have been received that the repair will be carried out later this week.

There was considerable discussion about the properties in Norbury Park which belong to Surrey County Council and are rented by long-term local residents. Terms and conditions have recently been amended and leases shortened, which has caused considerable anxiety and distress to those living in these properties. An email has now been sent to the bodies involved, expressing concern and requesting that the tenants involved be offered full security of tenure or the option to buy their properties under the same terms as those that previously existed under the 'right to buy' legislation.

The issue of parking on double yellow lines, particularly in the area around the Running Horses on the Old London Road was raised and the matter is being reported to the Traffic Enforcement Department for urgent action at the weekends.

Other matters discussed included the news that the Dog Waste Dispensers in the Recreation Ground have been installed and a new picnic bench installed to commemorate the King's coronation. There was also agreement that Councillors would like to purchase a tree to commemorate the considerable contribution made by the late Judy Kinloch to the community in general and to the Parish Council in particular; also to provide £500 to cover some of the costs of the Summer Fair, to be held in the Rectory garden on Saturday July 6th in order to raise funds for community charities.

The next meeting of Mickleham Parish Council will be on **Wednesday 13th March at 7.30pm.**

David Ireland (Chair)