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Minutes of the MPC Meeting held at 6.30pm on 10 July 2024

Venue	Ranmore Room
Chair	David Ireland (DI)
Councillors Present	Graham Clark (GC) John Lowes (JL)
	Andrew McNaughton (AM) Gill Wilson (GW)
	Will Dennis (WD) Emma Flynn (EF)
Clerk	Feena Graham
Attending	District Cllr Chris Budleigh PC Andrew Whiteley, Safer Neighbourhood Team
Members of the Community	-

Item No		Action:
1	<p>(1/07/24) Opening Formalities</p> <p>1.1 Apologies for absence County Cllr Hazel Watson (Meeting) District Cllr Leah Mursaleen-Plank (leave)</p> <p>1.2 Declarations of Interest/Requests for Dispensations None.</p> <p>1.3 Agree the Minutes of the Meeting held on 23rd May 2024 Minutes were approved by Parish Councillors present and duly signed by the Chair.</p> <p>1.4 Chair's Comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The tree for Judy Kinloch was dedicated on 31st May. A mention was made in the Mickleham Magazine accompanied by photos of the tree and plaque. The picnic bench has been installed now and is being used. The proposal for the speed limit to be reduced to 30mph and a 20mph in the central area of Old London Road outside the entrance to Box Hill School, will go to public consultation later this year. No exact date has yet been fixed. David Ottridge(DO), previous MPC Councillor who looked after the RFO area, resigned for health reasons. DO is in the process of handing over to the Clerk and has prepared today's finance information. DI forwarded his thanks to DO for compiling the relevant RFO documents for approval later in the meeting. In reference to DI liaising with Box Hill School to review the number of spaces used for parking in Old London Road a meeting was arranged for tomorrow, but due to the recent traffic issues, this has now been arranged for the following week. A Husting event was held on Friday 28th June in collaboration with Westhumble Resident Association (WRA) and was greatly received. The event was the first Husting to be recorded in the local area and our thanks go out to those involved including Kelvin Pritchard for organising the live streaming and recording. The recording had over 450 hits. DI expressed his thanks to the Clerk for her involvement with the Village Fair on behalf of the MPC. A very successful event considering the unpredictable weather on the day. The Village Fair raised in excess of £2k but the final total has yet to be confirmed with accounting not completed. 	

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	<p>(2/7/24) Open Forum</p> <p>2.1 Liaison between Surrey Police and Mickleham Parish Council</p> <p>Periodic Police Report for 8th May to 10th July 20204 received from Andy Reid, Office Manager, Mole Valley Safer Neighbourhood Police Team, was accepted by MPC.</p> <p>DI introduced PC Andrew Whiteley from the Safer Neighbourhood Team in Mole Valley. PC Andrew Whiteley reported on the recent police events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mainly consisting of burglary. Over sixty incidents have occurred. Investigations look at various CCTV to identify suspects and PC Whiteley advocates the use on ring tone bell to support cases.• Fly tipping is also a key issue in this area and work is being undertaken with the farmers in the local area to get more ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) cameras to look at traffic coming in and out. The National Trust are also looking to install these cameras as a deterrent in their car parks.• Rural areas are not heavily manned so a key area to target with easy access to the M25.• Discussion were held on the use of ring tone door bells to support cases and to put out a recommendation to the local community.• Motorcycling speeding was raised as detailed from the regular incident report supplied by Andy Reid and speeding along Stane Street and Old London Road was discussed. <p>DI thanked PC Whiteley for his time. PC Whiteley left the meeting at 6.55pm.</p> <p>2.2 Public Questions</p> <p>DI detailed the issues raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DI reported on the current road works taking place on the A24 due to the oil spillage. Work is scheduled to be completed by Friday afternoon.• A new bus company has taken over the route 465 and timing seemed to have changed causing an inconvenience to local users. Some have reported as having to wait up to one hour for a bus.• The security of our MPC website has been raised. The Clerk detailed the recommendation to move to gov.uk domain is currently being progressed.	
<p>3</p>	<p>(3/7/24) Finance & Formalities</p> <p>3.1 Approve Accounts for Payments</p> <p>Retrospective payments are :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">£50.00 - To the Mickleham PCC for use of the Ranmore Room during the year 2024-25, as agreed last year.£22.00 - To Mulberry and Co for the Internal Audit.£295.20 - To Nigel Jeffries for two grass cuts in May for the Recreation ground.£540.00 - To Andrew Clark for Recreation Ground path maintenance.	

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	<p>£380.00 - To Andrew Clark for Maintenance of footpaths near to the recreation ground.</p> <p>New Payments are:</p> <p>£295.00 - To Nigel Jeffries for two grass cuts in June for the Recreation ground.</p> <p>£500.00 - Donation towards the cost of holding the Village Fair as agreed at the MPC meeting in January 2024.</p> <p>All Parish Councillors present agreed and two cheques were signed for payment.</p> <p>3.2 Agree Bank Reconciliation</p> <p>The bank reconciliation up to the 05 June 2024 had been circulated and was approved by all Parish Councillors present and signed by the Chair. The current bank balance after all agreed payments is: £3923.87.</p> <p>3.3 To approve the Internal Audit reports.</p> <p>The audit report and the audit findings were circulated prior to the meeting. Recommendations made were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supporting documentation as outlined to be published.• All Councillors need to sign a formal acceptance to receive information by electronic means.• Draft minutes to remain on the website for accessibility. <p>WD detailed that Councillors had previously signed a form regarding a formal acceptance to receive information by electronic means. A review and update will be progressed</p> <p>The internal Audit reports were approved by all Councillors present.</p>	<p>Action / Clerk</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>(4/7/24) Planning</p> <p>None reported.</p> <p>GW confirmed that their planning application has been resubmitted after recommendations made following a Refusal decision made on their application of 11 April 2024.</p>	
<p>5</p>	<p>(5/7/24) Reports from Working Groups</p> <p>5.1 Norbury Park Working Group</p> <p>JL reported a meeting did take place whilst he was away, but no further updates had been received as yet.</p> <p>i. Tenancy</p> <p>WD reported that following all the communications both the Power and Wood families have been given a 2-year extension on their lease. The Wood family have asked to buy their property and have been turned down. Sean Harrison, who has been a tenant for some twenty years in Swanworth Cottages, has been given notice to quit and a break clause entered. Following assistance by WD the clause has been removed.</p>	

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<p>6</p>	<p>(6/7/24) Council Purchase /Assets</p> <p>6.1 Bus Shelter WD has received an estimate for the recent damage the Bus Shelter, to replace a couple of tiles and fix a L-shape 'bracket' to avoid further damage. Estimate was too high and Councillors agreed to get another quote.</p> <p>6.2 Notice Board – Recreation Ground Councillors agreed at the last minute in May to go with the quote from J Wilson. No further communications received as to a start and completion date. DI asked GW to follow up.</p>	<p>Action/ Clerk</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>(7/7/24) Traffic & Parking & Noise</p> <p>7.1 Speedwatch Group Update Angela Ireland had forwarded details of the group's recent watch in June/July. DI read out their report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Since the May MPC meeting the group have succeeded in covering a range of different times of the week when problems tend to occur.• During a morning session from 8.00 to 9.00am, there were roadworks at the time, which naturally reduced the speed of southbound traffic, however a van was caught travelling at 38mph in the northbound direction.• It was noted that no obvious Box Hill School parents were exceeding the speed limit.• A session was conducted on a Wednesday evening to deter those heading for Rykas' Sunset Ride from using the Old London Road. There was a noticeable reduction in traffic, maybe due to the Euros tournament being televised, however a few cars speeding were caught.• Another session conducted on a Saturday afternoon was fairly quiet however a few cars were caught speeding. <p>The Clerk reported that no VAS Readings were received from SCC, and that this is being chased.</p> <p>WD asked about the Parking Enforcement mentioned at the previous meeting. DI was asked to speak to Box Hill School regarding the increased parking in Old London Road. This is to be followed up.</p> <p>DI also reported that Simon Powell who was the Deputy Headmaster at Box Hill School until two years ago, had passed away last week at the Princess Alice Hospice, after a four-year battle with Motor Neuron Disease. DI asked the Councillors to remember his family in their thoughts. The funeral has been arranged for 25th July.</p>	<p>Action/ Clerk</p> <p>Action / David Ireland</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>Elections July 2024 Update</p> <p>DI briefly summarised the results of the recent General Election which took place on 4th July where the Liberal Democrat Party had won in Surrey and Cllr Chris Coghlan was elected as the Member of Parliament for Dorking and Horley.</p>	

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<p>9</p>	<p>(9/7/24) Urgent Items Received by The Chair</p> <p>9.1 Recreation Bins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DI had been alerted to the fact the waste bins in the Recreation had not been emptied for a while and that members of the community have been emptying them as a last resort. • DI detailed that Kirsten Johnston (KJ) had agreed to follow this up, on behalf of the MPC, with John McIntosh, Parks & Environmental Office. • DI read out KJ's letter. • GC detailed that MV Council are paying for the collection but are not doing it. • Cllr Chris Budleigh agreed to follow up. • GW agreed to keep an eye out on the collection dates. <p>9.2 Children Recreation Ground Trust Extraordinary Meeting</p> <p>DI reported back on the meeting held on 18th June:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting was held to discuss the rewilding in the ground protecting the wild Orchids. • DI was asked to draft a letter which he had not followed up on due to waiting for further information from the Councillors. • The Councillors talked through the history of the rewilding and whether a crime had been committed. • WD had drafted a letter on behalf of the MPC and JL had updated details. • DI summarised the process agreed by the Trustee on 18th June, that would be followed. • The draft letter, with amendments was agreed by the Councillors and to be sent from DI on behalf of the Trustees. <p>WD confirmed that he will be updating the Emergency Plan and asked for information via emails</p>	<p>Action/ Cllr Chris Budleigh</p> <p>Action/ Clerk & DI</p> <p>Action/ Will Dennis</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>(10/7/24) Next Meetings:</p> <p>Wednesday 11 September 2024 Wednesday 13 November 2024 (inc. Children's Recreation Ground Trust Meeting) Wednesday 08 January 2025 Wednesday 12 March 2025</p>	

DI thanked everyone for attending. The meeting closed at 7.39pm

Signed as a true record of the meeting, and approved at the Full Parish Council Meeting on the 10 July 2024:

Signed:

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