



Mickleham Parish Council

March 2023 Report

At the last meeting before the local elections in May, Councillors considered a number of ongoing issues.

These include the fact that the Parish Clerk, Feena Graham, has been asked to be a Trustee of the Mickleham Almshouses, as well as Brendan Crossan, who brings a wealth of knowledge, having worked with Housing Associations in the past. The complex issue of data protection was raised once more and Councillor Will Dennis reported that the Council did not need to appoint a Data Protection Officer but needed to look more closely at its policy on the matter.

A report was received from Councillor John Lowes on the recent Norbury Park Forum meeting when, amongst other things, it was reported that a number of new trails would be created, using existing footpaths and a Sensory Area was to be installed.

The Local Plan was mentioned, as a letter had been sent since the last Council meeting opposing Mole Valley's request to the Planning Inspectorate to remove all Green Belt sites from the Local Plan, as the effect would be to create social divisions, based on the ability of future generations to own affordable property in the area.

A meeting about the proposed Surrey Hills Boundary Extension was attended by Councillor Kayleigh, who informed the Council that this would not affect the area within the Parish.

The Mickleham Village signs are being renovated, thanks to the excellent work of Tim Garbett. It is hoped that they will be in place to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III.

The procedure for the Local Elections due to be held in May was outlined by our Parish Clerk, Feena Graham and Councillors who intend to stand for election were reminded that they will need to complete the necessary paperwork later this month.

Plans for the celebration of the King's Coronation in Mickleham and Westhumble were outlined, with a Civil Service at 10.00am on Sunday May 7th, followed by a Celebratory Tea in the Village Hall at 3.00pm. The response from the Community to date has been very encouraging.

Finally Councillors expressed their most sincere thanks to Councillor Kayleigh Hunter for all that she has contributed in recent times, as she announced that she would not be standing for re-election as she and Jacob will be moving out of the area.

The first meeting of the new Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 23rd May** and will include the Annual Parish Council Meeting. Further details to follow.

David Ireland (Chair, Mickleham Parish Council)