

MICKLEHAM PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES

Draft Minutes of PC Meeting held on Weds 13th January 2016 in the Ranmore Room.

Cllrs present: J.Brown, G.Clark, W.Dennis, D.Ireland (Chair), J.Kinloch, A.McNaughton, D. Ottridge.

In attendance: D.Irvine (MVDC Cllr), PCSO Sadler, T.Haylett (Clerk).

1. Formalities

Apologies for absence – none.

Declarations of interest – none.

(406) Minutes of November meeting agreed as correct. Proposed by GC and seconded by JK.

2. Community Police Report

(407) 3 reported crimes - 1 burglary, 1 attempted break-in, 1 dog biting incident.

(408) AM raised the question of what the Police's response would be to a request to the National Trust to close the Zig Zag road at night as a way of preventing drivers using it as a racetrack, posing a danger to other drivers, cyclists and pedestrians. PCSO Sadler said he would investigate.

Action: AM will speak to David Kennington of the National Trust about the matter.

3. Open Forum – none

4. Matters arising from the minutes

(409) There has been no progress on the proposed sale of the Rose's Stores. The shop directors have extended the lease for a maximum of six months. There will be a change to a commercial agent.

(410) JB raised the matter of the Box Hill School Bus parking outside the Frascati Restaurant and suggested that if it parked 50 yards further back it would remove potential problems.

Action: DI will raise the matter at his next meeting with the School.

(411) DI said he had had discussions with Surrey County Council about a potential 20mph speed limit on Old London Road, following representations by Box Hill School to County Councillor Hazel Watson. SCC noted that additional warning signs had been installed on the approaches to the School but felt unable to progress with further measures, citing a small budget for safety works and more pressing priorities. The request from the School is retained on a list for future consideration but this is not scheduled until late 2016.

(412) JB also raised the matter of parking along Old London Road causing increasing congestion.

Action: DI will speak to Hazel Watson about the matter.

(413) Andy Bullen has carried out the necessary improvements to the gate from the Recreation Ground into Dell Close so it cannot now be lifted off its hinges.

Action: JK to write to Andy Bullen and thank him on behalf of the PC.

5. Broadband

(414) WD said that he had asked Surrey County Council to confirm that Mickleham had been accurately recorded in their submission to Broadband Delivery UK (the organisation responsible for state aided broadband) as having speeds of less than 15 mbps. Previously they had claimed the village had been upgraded to superfast with speeds of more than 15 mbps.

6. Finance & Formalities

(415) DO presented the draft budget for 2016/17 and explained that if the precept was left unchanged, at the current figure of £4,600, it would produce a projected shortfall of

£1,913. It was pointed out that the precept had gone up only once in the preceding 20 years. GC proposed a 50% increase, seconded by JK, and it was agreed unanimously.

(416) Payments approved as follows: Hedleys Solicitors – £312 (assistance with Playground lease); SSALC - £60 (Chairmans' briefing); Childrens Playground Association - £816 (Insurance). The bank balance is currently £6806.31.

7. Defibrillator

(417) The Clerk explained that the Parish Council had been awarded a defibrillator by the British Heart Foundation. It will be sited on an outside wall of Mickleham Village Hall and will be accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week in the event of a person suffering a cardiac arrest. The BHF's funding includes a number of mannequins and training aids which residents can use to practice on.

8. Planning

(418) No opposition was expressed in regard to planning applications.

9. Traffic, Road Safety

(419) DI reported on his discussions with SCC about Box Hill School's request to extend the 20mph speed limit outside the School. SCC are unable to take any further measures, citing a small budget for safety works. The request is retained on a list for future consideration but this is not scheduled until late 2016.

10. Public footpath

(420) Mole Valley District Council's local committee has made a map modification order in respect of the public footpath between BOAT No.15 and Bridleway No.16. Anyone with objections has six weeks to register their complaint.

11. Children's Recreation Ground

(421) The Parish Council have negotiated a new 20-year lease of the Recreation Ground with the Children's Playground Association. Meanwhile the CPA is seeking additional funding from Mole Valley District Council and the London Marathon Trust – on top of the £15,000 grant awarded by Surrey County Council and a £5,000 development grant - to help replace the existing equipment.

12. AOB

(422) There was discussion about how to make public information more accessible for people and it was agreed that communication channels needed to be improved.

Action – As part of this month's article in the Mickleham Parish Magazine, the Clerk will ask residents what channels the Parish Council can use to make people better informed, whether that is via the website or, possibly, a facebook page.

13. Future meeting dates and agendas

(422) The next meeting will be in the Ranmore Room at 7:30 on **Tuesday 8th March**. Dates for the other 2016 PC meetings are: **(Wednesdays) 11th May, 13th July, 14th Sept, 9th Nov.**

The meeting closed at 8:55 pm.