

# Mickleham Parish Council

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### 2.1 Liaison with Surrey Police and Mickleham Parish Council

Wednesday 12 November 2025

Inspector James Green (JG) attended the MPC meeting.

Details of the Police Report for 11<sup>th</sup> September to 07<sup>th</sup> November 2025, from the Mole Valley Safer Neighbourhood Police Team were discussed:

Incidents reported:

- Traffic items, which was the main reason for Inspector JG attending.
- A number of traffic stops recorded in the area.
- One theft of a parcel.
- Act of damage and graffiti reported. Graffiti issue may be an overspill from the Dorking Town centre and the Police have intelligence round a particular party involved.
- A tree blown down and a cyclist coming off their bike.
- Report of a vehicle being banged on, and threats being made. A suspect has been identified and the incident is under investigation, so no details will be release in the meantime.

Will Dennis (WD) stated:

- Referred to JG's open letter, written together with Cllr Joseph, detailing why he didn't think acoustic cameras were appropriate. The MPC wrote back replying that the cameras have not been tried so questioned how the police would know that they would not be useful.
- On 21st September, there was a big biker event. There was a presence of 5 police officers, they were there all day during which they ticketed a number of people, but they were verbally abused by some in the crowd.
- The bike noise disturbance was previously a summer thing, but actually Mickleham residents are finding it is occurring through into the autumn as well, and this issue happened again last Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November as well as tonight, being Wednesday 12 November.
- Asked JG how they would police the situation with their limited resources and without the assistance of technology.

JG stated:

- That the police are aware that resources are tight given the area they need to cover and the police appreciate that the incidents are mainly in the summer but are carrying over into other days of the week, like Wednesday evening, when there is good weather, as well as occurrences over some weekends.
- Their local team consists of neighbour specialist officers and police support officers and occasionally a Reduction Officer.
- The wider team includes the neighbourhood policing teams, where the responders cover 24 hours a day and respond to jobs all around Mole Valley.
- Teams are extremely busy but also respond within the M25 corridor and the Mickleham area, and deal with the speeding bikers and antisocial behaviour.

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- There is also the Roads Policing team, which is a joint operation between Surrey and Sussex. Under that what there is Operation Downsway, a collaboration of Surrey and Sussex offices that targets sites across the 2 counties that have similar traffic problems.
- It has been noted that over the last 18 months since this service has gone to a joint operation, the service is not the same as when it was managed locally, hence it has been raised as an issue.
- Over the last 6 to 9 months Mole Valley have taken back control of the service.
- Ops Downsway will continue and resources can still be called upon.
- The Casualty Reduction Officer have been tasked at key times to measure speed and to be a visible presence, making interventions on key dates when they are able to, as well as ticketing where needed.
- Referring back to the technology, the acoustic cameras have proved very effective in other areas of the country, but for traffic issues, the vast majority of them have been used around cars and the noise of cars, and at the car meets.
- An example of its use is the high-profile case around Kensington and Chelsea, where the supercars weren't even going fast effectively, they were just traveling down the road revving their engines.
- The main issue with the acoustic cameras is weighing up the costs verses reward. The cost for a single camera starts from installation at around £35k.
- With a single acoustic camera, the Police need enforcement around legislation, and that could be provided by the public space protection order (PSPO).
- If motorbikes are captured through the acoustic camera, the PSPO can allow for fines to be issued. However, there is a difference in legislation under the road traffic act as opposed to the PSPO as to the end result.
- Another issue is identifying the bike through the acoustic camera at the time. The acoustic camera measures a certain decibel level, and then a picture is taken. Although some bikes have been known to travel in a 3-pack, others will drive individually. Driving in packs significantly increased the noise level. The camera takes a picture of the pack of motorbikes. It does not identify which bike in the pack.
- There are a lot of the motorbikes, that do speed and do have un baffled exhausts.
- Some bikes may also have a flipped number plate. The only means of identifying that bike is when the registration is flipped up. To possess a flipped number plate is not illegal. To use it on a road is illegal.
- There is a request with the local MP to table a motion to make flip number plates illegal but this may take some time to be heard.
- When people are intercepted at e.g. Rykas car park the Police can clearly identify who has a flipped number plate on their bike, however as the bike is not on a public highway and not riding at the time no action can be taken. The registration is noted, together with the make, model and colour, and submitted for intelligence, but they cannot be fined in a car park at that time.

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#### **Questions were raised to Inspector JG:**

- *WD stated that the issue of ticketing could be covered by appropriate wording of the PSPO, e.g. to make possession of flipped or obscured number plates unlawful*

JG suggested this issue is included in the wording of the PSPO, and the consultation for this has now come to an end.

The PSPO will have some really positive uses, but for the Police it's the cost versus the rewards for one single acoustic camera, bearing in mind the A24 is a long stretch, and trying to position the camera where issues occur e.g. through Mickleham, and understanding where it would make the best use of the money spent.

- *Cllr CB asked what the range of the camera is?*

The range is the same as for a speeding camera or automatic number plate registration and it is a very defined space. One camera would not get the number of prosecutions to provide an effective service. Realistic visible policing would be the key.

Cllr CB confirmed that there is no budget within the Council to put towards the cost of the camera.

- *GW asked why variable speed cameras cannot be installed in Mickleham as like the ones on the A24?*

There would be a cost implication and it would come under Surrey Highways, a case could be put in.

Discussion were held around how the traffic has changed since it diverts through Mickleham, Old London Road, after the variable speed camera were installed on the A24. The speed is an issue but more so now the noise.

WD has had correspondence from a number of unhappy residents in Mickleham whose houses are directly on the road feeling the impact of unbaffled exhausts on a high-powered motorbike or as detailed likes travelling in packs. It also includes cars racing through the Zig Zag Road. This includes all the comments made on the community WhatsApp. Residents are unable to just sit in and enjoy their gardens due to the noise.

- *GC raised the issue of motorcycles with illegally sized rear number plates and questioned why he has never seen any reports of anyone being fined.*

JG confirmed that they have been recorded issues as there is a defect vehicle registration scheme where a warning is given saying the problem must be resolved within 28 days and provide proof it has been done, but its is not a finable incident, however it is on the Police's radar.

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DI reported reading smaller number plates is always an issue by the Mickleham Speedwatch group.

Cllr CB stated that Kirsten Johnson is organising a meeting with the manufacturers of the camera. He will be attending the meeting with an open mind and asking questions around costs and manpower requirements.

Discussions were held around the location of speed cameras and drivers slowly down where they are located.

WD summarised the discussion by stating that the need was to make it more difficult for illegal modified exhaust riders to be riding around here, whether it's down to being able to fine the drivers or by maybe having acoustic cameras to assist the Police.

JG continued:

- That even if the acoustic cameras are not a way forward, the police fully acknowledge there is a huge issue around the antisocial riding and driving around the A24, in Mickleham and Boxhill.
- The police will continue to target this issue, but they don't want to discriminate against those people who do come here to ride carefully and safely. It's the 5 to 10% of this population that causes the antisocial driving behaviour. The police will attend car/bike events and engage with the public so it is known that the antisocial behaviour is what is being targeted and not all those that ride safely.
- Rykas Cafe will be one of these areas for engagement and the owners are fully onboard with this.
- In the New Year engagement days will be organised, with the casualty reduction representative. A bike that has been involved in traffic incident will be on display, and the police will draw on safety aspects.
- Mickleham volunteers would be welcomed to come down and supported by the police, talk to riders about their account of antisocial driving, to support the case, so riders just don't see uniform people only. There will also be members from the District Council present.
- The first event is looking like post-March.

DI stated that St Michael's Church are doing a similar event, by having a biker service, sometime in the summer. It's a service to which bikers will be invited in the attempt to talk about the issues and create some good will in the biking community.

WD stated:

- A biker had contacted him to provide all sorts of evidence, because he's so appalled about what's being done by other bikers, but he was too frightened to allow his name to go forward. Sergeant Ferris would have already mentioned that the police had a lot of aggression on the 21<sup>st</sup> September, it wasn't fair on them.
- The MPC agree to participate in these engagement events and hope they will be useful.

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- The MPC do not feel Rykas are fully on board, as they have been asked to go back to the original opening hours and have not agreed to do. Rykas have also been asked to comply with the terms of their lease, which does not allow them to have host events in the car park.

JG agreed that the car meets have added to the issues discussed and stated that Rykas do not control the carpark, it is not owned by Rykas. The opening and closing are specified hours set by owner. When there are car meets and the Police get any intelligence, then they will have resources to deny entry.

WD stated that the car park, according to the lease, is required to be used for parking vehicles, and not for corporate events including for car/bike meets.

JG stated that car meets that happened are nothing to do with Rykas themselves. They have no affiliation with the car meets whatsoever. With the bikers it is used for a meeting location, and used for different riding groups to congregate, there is no evidence Rykas are promoting these events.

WD stated Rykas do advertise on their website a weekly event on Wednesday e.g. the Sunset Rally, where it was noted and the council tipped off the police and where officers were sent down on that occasion.

JG stated there is a carpark as part of Rykas but they cannot prevent or restrict access to anyone, so actually they do not have control who comes in and out.

WD thanked Inspector JG for taking time to come to this meeting. The MPC do understand they have a difficult job, and appreciate everything they are doing, but the police must appreciate that the community will get emotional on the subject as people live in this village as their lives are seriously disrupted by the noise and, as parish councillors, we receive constant messages from affected residents.

JG left the meeting at 9pm.