



Mickleham Parish Council

March 2025 – Report

At the meeting on Wednesday, March 12th Mickleham Parish Council discussed a range of issues. The meeting was attended by five of the seven Councillors and they were joined for the open forum by local resident Maggie Lamberth and Troy Cox, the business owner of Rykas Cafe.

Troy spoke of his pride at improving the facilities of Rykas and of his efforts to maintain good relationships with the local community. He acknowledged that there were fringe elements of the users whose behaviour is antisocial but spoke of his team's efforts to manage the challenges they can present. Troy is clearly keen to work alongside local neighbours and has provided contact details should there be a need to call for assistance if clients fail to show respect to the community which surrounds Rykas. Maggie Lamberth raised the issue of the substantial rise in the Parish Council element of the council tax and the Chair explained that this was in large part due to a need to move our website and email addresses to a Government.UK site to improve security and communication. In addition, a sum had also been added to enable the Parish Council to support the playground and a community event such as a fete.

A report was received from the Norbury Park forum meeting and it was noted that support was given from the community to enable Mark Frost to provide fencing around his grazing herd, in an attempt to address the issues caused by the spread of Neospora which may be passed onto the cattle by dogs fouling in the area. The results of the local housing needs survey are not yet available, but it was noted that there had been an encouraging above-average response from local residents. It was hoped to give a full report of the findings at the main meeting of the Parish Council. A number of planning applications were noted and Councillors' concerns and support were noted.

The community speed watch team reported the encouraging news that they had two new members of the team. Two speed watch sessions, one on a weekday and the other at the weekend had recorded no motorists exceeding the new speed limits. It was noted that the local elections due to be held in May have been cancelled in Surrey, awaiting the results of the interim Unitary Authority proposals due to be submitted by Surrey County Council to central government in May. As yet there is no clarity as to how the existing County will be divided into two Unitary bodies or what the role of Parish Councils will be in the future.

Finally, the Chair asked for the Parish Council's support for a community event to celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE day on Sunday, May 4. A suggestion was that there would be a service at Saint Michael's Church for the community at 10 am followed by a picnic, possibly in the Rectory Garden.

The next meeting is the Annual Parish meeting on Wednesday, the 21st of May followed by the Annual Mickleham Parish Council meeting the same evening.

David Ireland (Chair)