



MICKLEHAM PARISH COUNCIL

November 2022 Report

Amongst the matters which arose from the minutes of the previous meeting was the fact that the defibrillator has been serviced and is now back in action, sited at the Village Hall. The traffic hazard caused by the temporary bollards erected following the van fire on the Old London Road has finally been removed, following considerable lobbying by the Parish Council and Councillor Hazel Watson. The yellow lines which were not originally completed by the entrance to Fredley Park and outside Old House have now been finished; and as a result of the Mole Valley Boundary Review Working Group the new ward name for this area will include Mickleham, Westcott and Oakwood with the result that Mickleham will now find itself at the northern end of the ward.

Speeding through the village on the Old London Road remains an issue and readings from the VAS camera indicated a considerable number of vehicles which exceeded the 30mph speed limit. Angela Ireland, coordinator of the Community Speed Watch Group presented a report showing that a number of vehicles also exceeded 35mph and had been caught on camera and reported to the police. It was agreed that Community Speed Watch does have a valuable deterrent effect, as drivers tend to be more cautious on stretches of road where they have encountered Speed Watch in the past. The group currently operates approximately once a month and an appeal was made for additional volunteers in order to facilitate the aim of operating at least once a fortnight.

PC Sadler, Police Community Support Officer, attended the meeting and informed us of a few regrettable offences which had taken place recently in or near Mickleham. Traffic noise is a continuing issue, but he confirmed that an attempt to get one of the new Noise Monitoring cameras trialled seems to have failed. One thing that was highlighted is how useful a ring doorbell is for added security.

This meeting was preceded by a meeting of the Mickleham Parish Council as Corporate Trustees for the Children's Recreation Ground Trust. Sarah Parfitt, Chair of the Mickleham Playground Committee attended and gave a report on the playground. The equipment remains in good condition thanks to the continuing efforts of the committee which includes a number of parents of children who enjoy the excellent facilities. There is an urgent need for a new trustee for the committee and for someone prepared to act as Secretary, following the retirement of Heather Bourne. If you feel you could play your part in ensuring the future of this excellent facility, do please contact Sarah Parfitt on sarah@sarahparfitt.com. Please do not assume that someone else will volunteer but step up yourself. The committee only meets 3 or 4 times a year and meetings take place in the Running Horses. Sarah and her committee were thanked for the incredible job they do in maintaining our first class playground, which is the envy of other much larger communities.