

# Mickleham Parish Council

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Draft Minutes of the Meeting held at 8:00pm on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2019

<b>Venue</b>	Ranmore Room
<b>Chair</b>	David Ireland (DI)
<b>Councillors</b>	Jane Brown (JB), Judy Kinloch (JK), David Ottridge (DO), Graham Clark (GC), Andrew McNaughton (AM), Will Dennis (WD)
<b>Clerk</b>	Trevor Haylett
<b>Attending</b>	New District Councillor Elsie Rosam , James Cartwright (JC), Kayleigh Brake
<b>No.</b>	
1	<p><b>Opening Formalities</b></p> <p>(776) Apologies – None.</p> <p>(777) Declaration of Interest/Requests for dispensation – None</p> <p>(778) Will Dennis proposed - seconded by Graham Clark - that the Council resolve to permit those Councillors who had not yet signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form to do so at this evening’s meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.</p> <p>(779) The Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 15 May 2019 were approved and signed. Proposed by Jane Brown, seconded by Judy Kinloch.</p> <p>(780) Chairman’s Comments – (i) David Ireland reported that the <b>defibrillator training</b> in June had been very well supported. The first aiders are happy to repeat the exercise in six months time. (ii) DI had spoken to Box Hill School about doing some improvements to one or two areas of tarmac in <b>Swanworth Lane</b> which had been repaired earlier in the year but which needed further attention because of the amount of traffic. It was hoped the work could be carried out in September. (iii) DI had met Mark Dawson, the National Trust lead ranger on Box Hill, who had apologised for the lack of information relating to the <b>closure of the Zig Zag Road</b> during one of the bank holidays – he had been emailing the former chairman by mistake. DI explained their method of communicating road closures to motorists on the day – via a radio mike and officials stationed at the top and bottom of the hill – and Andrew McNaughton said it would be better if the notification to motorists occurred before they were at the junction of the Zig Zag Road because it resulted in serious congestion at that point. (iv) DI had attended the <b>Children’s Playground agm</b> on 6<sup>th</sup> June. There was encouragement both in the fact that the finances were healthy and because of the new members who have agreed to join the management committee. The annual inspection of the equipment had received a clean bill of health.</p>
2	<p><b>Finance &amp; Formalities</b></p> <p>(781) David Ottridge explained that two payments had been made in June which had been approved at the time: Mulberry &amp; Co (Internal Audit) - £123.66 and Andrew Clark (Path maintenance and hedge trimming) - £390. He asked for approval for two payment to Kings Landscapes (April mowing) - £124.80 and (May mowing) - £374.40. <b>These were agreed.</b> DO added that there had been another fraudulent payment on the account but it was</p>

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	<p>difficult to make the necessary changes to the bank details when there were cheques outstanding. Hopefully that could happen in the next couple of months.</p> <p>(782) The bank reconciliation to 12<sup>th</sup> June 2019 was agreed – the bank balance at that date was £9,881.26. After the payments made at this meeting had gone through there would be a balance in the account of £8,551.46.</p>
3	<p><b>Open Forum</b></p> <p>(783) DI said questions had been posed by three different members of the public and first invited James Cartwright to address the meeting. It was in relation to a matter that WD had raised at the May meeting concerning an area on Juniper Hill around an old reservoir over which local residents had access for a number of years. The estate owners had decided to fence off the paths and were enforcing this vigorously having hired a new estate manager - JC. It had been left that DI would try to contact the estate owners but that hadn't happened because one of the owners was ill. JC first of all explained that he had been looking for the old Minutes on the Parish Council website but could not find anything more recent than 2017. It transpired he was trying to access it on his mobile phone which didn't give him access to the more recent Minutes. As regards Juniper Hill, JC said he had started in the post last September and one of his first tasks was to secure the borders round land at the back of the house, improving fences and signage. This was because of a variety of reasons including public safety, vandalism and privacy. There have been instances when the lights from motorcyclists were shining into Mr and Mrs Murray's bedroom. Some drug and alcohol use had also been discovered on their land. WD said there were two key issues from his point of view – would the Murrays allow limited access over these paths under some kind of agreement? JC said 'no'. And was it their view that none of these paths had a public right of way by virtue of 20-year use? JC replied that only one was a recognised public right of way – the one known as Downs Road. There then followed a discussion about installing barriers at either end of Downs Road to prevent vehicles but allowing walkers and cyclists to continue to pass through. However the National Trust have asked the owners not to install barriers because they require vehicular access. GC said it was part of the same problem that he had referred to before: activity by 4x4's and scramble bikes on the Downs. GC had spoken to Surrey County Councillor Hazel Watson about the problem and she had suggested that the PC make an official letter of complaint to SCC. DI said what was needed with the Juniper Hill issue was more understanding of why the Murrays had taken the action they had and suggested that the PC website could be used - that way residents could make up their mind accordingly. At the same time it wouldn't stop WD and fellow walkers from pursuing their claim of prescriptive rights to walk in the area. WD concluded by saying that he would like to bring the matter back on the Agenda for the September meeting.</p> <p>(784) A resident on the Zig Zag Road had written to draw attention to a serious accident that had recently occurred outside his property and highlight the problems of speeding motorcyclists and dangerous driving. He had written to Surrey Police to try and get some action and awaited their reply. Both GC and AM said the only way to solve the problems on that road was to close it to vehicles – AM said there had</p>

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	<p>recently been three similar accidents outside his house on the Zig Zag Road. DI said something needed to be done and the PC was keen to be involved in the discussions: a joint agency approach was required.</p> <p>(785) Several residents had commented on the grass-cutting that had taken place in the middle of roads, particularly the A24, and questioned why it could not be left to allow wild flowers to grow. AM said that it was to do with visibility and safety and sometimes that meant the grass needed cutting a long way back from a junction or turning.</p>
4	<p><b>Speed Survey in Old London Road</b></p> <p>(786) This matter continued to be debated between the PC and the Highways Authority. The PC had suggested that a location between Fredley and the Zig Zag Road was the best to take a speed survey but then the SCC admitted that the last survey there was when there was a 60mph restriction in place (it was now 40mph) so the results would not be comparable.</p> <p>GC suggested that a location between Juniper Hill and Juniper Hall would be best, halfway between the brow of the hill and Headley Lane. There wouldn't be a similar survey to compare at that point but at least it would give an indication of how bad the speeding was.</p> <p><b>Action</b> <b>It was agreed to inform SCC that the PC wanted the survey to be carried out at the above location.</b></p>
5	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p>(787) AM said the only recent applications under consideration by MVDC concerned Norbury Park and no objections had been raised.</p>
6	<p><b>Emergency Plan</b></p> <p>(788) WD explained that he was trying to draw up an Emergency Plan, to help the community in the event of a serious situation whether that was flooding, a serious road accident, a widespread power cut or even a light aircraft accident. WD asked for responses from Councillors and said he had drawn up a provisional list of people who could be contacted and ways in which they could help. <b>He asked that Councillors contact him before the next meeting to confirm what they can provide, and if they couldn't provide, to suggest someone who could.</b></p> <p>WD asked for two volunteers to help him complete the plan and DI and AM said they would.</p>
7	<p><b>Bus Shelter</b></p> <p>(789) WD said SCC had eventually given their agreement to the bus shelter proposed for the stop opposite The Running Horses but added that the legal department wanted to draft a licence giving permission for it. WD said that whatever was sent would be passed on to the prospective donor and added that the two quotes received for the work were now out of date and would need renewing.</p>

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8	<p><b>Ride London</b></p> <p>(790 ) The Clerk said it had been confirmed by the race organisers that Mickleham would take centrestage for the Classic event on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August with the professional riders going through the village four times in a loop that will take them up the Zig Zag Road and along to Box Hill.</p>
9	<p><b>Juniper Hill</b></p> <p>This had been covered earlier.</p>
10	<p><b>Heritage Week Update</b></p> <p>(791) The Clerk had contacted James Riches for an update on the Heritage Week planning. He replied that he had secured the agreement of most of the key people to participate including The Running Horses and Box Hill School. DI said that the PC were happy to give support to the event but for the moment there was nothing specific asked of them.</p>
11	<p><b>Additional Matters</b></p> <p>(792) Mac reported that he had been in contact with the MVDC Planners and Future Mole Valley (Green Belt Review), originally intended to go out to consultation in June, had been put back because of a number of factors. It was now likely to take place in October with a view to going to the Planning Inspectorate in the Spring of 2020.</p> <p>(793) DI said he had received an email of thanks from Alison Wood for enabling the organisers of the Village Fete and Horticultural Society to use the Recreation Ground for the event on 6<sup>th</sup> July. He added that the Fete takings were up by 48%.</p>
	<p><b>Future Meetings</b></p> <p>The dates of the other meetings in 2019 are (Wednesdays) : September 11<sup>th</sup> ; November 13<sup>th</sup></p>

**The meeting closed at 20:57pm**