



Mickleham Parish Council

May 2025 Report

The Annual Parish Meeting held in St Michael's Church was well attended and Nicola Davidson gave a very helpful summary of the purpose of the Housing Survey which households in Mickleham had been asked to complete. She also outlined some of the responses to the survey and the overall summary was that there is a shortage both of smaller properties to which members of this community can downsize and a complete lack of affordable properties, either to rent or purchase. The results of the survey can be used to inform developers should the opportunity arise to build new properties in Mickleham.

The Chairman then gave his Annual Report which was included in the May edition of the Parish Magazine.

The important issue of the future of St Michael's Infant School was raised and attention was drawn to the fact that it will now be offering flexi- schooling in the coming year.

Other issues raised included the ongoing issue of the traffic noise and speed especially on the Old London Road and A24.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

It was followed by the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council, which began with the election of Councillor Will Dennis as Chair, following the retirement of David Ireland. Unfortunately, Will Dennis had been detained in hospital and so was unable to Chair the meeting David Ireland agreed to do so in his absence.

The usual report was received from the police liaison officer Dave Sadler which highlighted several minor traffic incidents. The accounts for the past year were received and it was noted that the council had balanced its books in that period.

Councillor John Lowes reported on the last meeting of the Norbury Park Forum and concerned was expressed about the uncertainty surrounding a number of tenancies of Surrey County Council properties, including Swanworth Farm where the tenant Nick Bullen has been served notice to the end of September.

Four quotes were received for the continuing maintenance of the grass verges and hedges on the footpaths around the recreation ground and the Burmester field and it was agreed that Andrew Clark should continue as the contractor for the coming year.

The new Wednesday meet at Ryka's was discussed and the increased noise it has created as a result of a minority of noisy motorbikes. It was agreed to contact Ryka's asking them to

include a paragraph on their website asking those attending to show some consideration to those living in the surrounding neighbourhood.

County Councillor Hazel Watson reported that new signage was to be installed at the junction of the Old London Road and the A24 at the Box Hill school end of the village in response to concern expressed about two motorists turning immediately right into the ongoing traffic on the southbound carriageway. She also mentioned that the new Unitary Authorities would come into being in 2027 and would be an East West division of the County into two Authorities. It would have little effect on the future role or importance of Parish Councils.

The meeting ended with a presentation to the retiring Chairman, David Ireland, after 10 years in the role. He expressed his sincere thanks to all who had contributed to the presentation and for the support given to him in the past 10 years as chairman. He wished Will Dennis every good wish for a speedy recovery and in his new role as Chairman.

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Please note: Full details of the Housing Needs Survey can be viewed on the website under Housing Needs Survey.

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