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Minutes of the Mickleham Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on 10 January 2024

Venue	Ranmore Room, St Michael's Church		
Chair	David Ireland (DI)		
Councillors Present	Graham Clark (GC)	John Lowes (JL)	
	David Ottridge (DO)	Gill Wilson (GW)	
	Andrew McNaughton (AM)		
Clerk	Feena Graham (FG)		
Attending	County Cllr Hazel Watson	District Cllr Leah Mursaleen-Plank	
-		District Cllr Chris Budleigh	
Members of the Community	Helen Woods	Paul Powers	

Item No		Action
1	(1/01/24) Opening Formalities	
	DI welcomed everyone present to the council meeting.	
	1.1 Apologies for absence:	
	Will Dennis (Hols)	
	Sgt David Sadler (unavailable)	
	County Cllr Hazel Watson will be attending late due to a previous meeting.	
	1.2 Declarations of Interest/Requests for Dispensations  None declared for this meeting.	
	1.3 Agree the Minutes of the Meeting held on 08 November 2023	
	Minutes were approved by Parish Councillors present and duly signed by the Chair.	
	1.4 Chair's Comments	
	1.4 District Cllr's Leah Musaleen-Plank reported that MVDC was not eligible	
	for National Planning Policy Framework funding. MVDC also received one of	
	the lowest settlement figures in the country under the Local Government	
	Settlement Scheme. An extraordinary meeting is taking place on 25 <sup>th</sup> January	
	and an update will be available for the next MPC meeting.	
	2.2 Development at Beaverbrook will now be known as Beaverbrook Village.	
	10.1 MPC dates were checked against MVDC meeting dates to allow the Surrey  AND	
	and District Councillors to attend MPC Meeting. There are no clashes at this	
	stage.	
2	(2/01/24) Open Forum	
	2.1 Liaison between Surrey Police and Mickleham Parish Council	
	Dave Sadler was unable to attend.	
	The Clerk had forwarded the Mole Valley Neighbourhood Team - List of Names,	
	sent through from Sergeant Whatham via the MVDC Clerk meeting.	
	DI read through the incidents report forwarded by the Liaison team.	
	No questions raised.	
	2.2 Public Questions	
	DI welcomed Helen Woods and Paul Powers, residents from Norbury Park to the meeting.	
	<ul> <li>It was agreed to cover issues from point 5.1 Norbury Park Working Group at</li> </ul>	

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this stage in the meeting.

- DI reported that a letter had been written, by WD on behalf of the MPC, regarding the tenants of Norbury Park who have had the terms and conditions of their leases changed.
- Paul Powers detailed that in July 23 his family were issued with a two-month eviction notice after they had already signed a new lease in March 23. After support from the MPC their lease was extended for another year.
- Helen Woods detailed her family has also had an eviction notice and that she had over the years, repeatedly asked to buy the property. The Woods have no intention of leaving as they have a young family and have spent money on minor refurbishment of the property. They would like to buy the property but are confused by being told it is not for sale when other properties in the area are being sold. Helen Woods has taken CAB advice and was told that there seems to be a loop held with the lease belonging to Halsey Garton and the property belonging to SCC.
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  - GW detailed that this had also happened to her family back in March 23 when they were given notice. They decided to move, but in the process did not return the keys on time. They were asked to attend a meeting at Hasley Garton Offices in October but refused.
  - DI read out the proposed draft of the letter to be sent from the MPC to various people concerned.
  - All MPC Councillors present agreed to the draft.
  - Helen Woods asked if the break clause in her lease could be included in the letter. DI asked for details to be forwarded.
  - Both Helen Woods and Paul Powers expressed their thanks to the MPC and were grateful for any support provided.
  - DI agreed to keep them informed of any progress.

Helen Woods and Paul Powers left the meeting @ 8.03pm.

County Cllr Hazel Watson joined the meeting @8.03pm.

### 3 (3/01/24) Finance & Formalities

### 3.1 Approve Accounts for Payments

New Payments detailed by DO:

£270.00 - Refund to DO for direct payment to Andrew Clark for grass cutting in December 2023.

£380.00 - Refund to DO for direct payment to Andrew Clark for hedge cutting in December 2023.

£424.80 - NJL BoxGreen for hedge trimming in the Recreational Grounds in December 2023.

All Parish Councillors present agreed and three cheques were signed for payment.

### 3.2 Agree Bank Reconciliation

The bank reconciliation up to the 05 December 2023 had been circulated and was approved by all Parish Councillors present and signed by the Chair.

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4	3.3 Agree Budgets & Precept for 2024-25  DO had circulated the Precept application in advance of this meeting as the submission date was due on 5 <sup>th</sup> January.  All Parish Councillors had agreed the budgets and precept with an increase of 4.56%. This was agreed by email in advance and ratified at the meeting.  DO confirmed that after this month's payment to Hugo Fox, and all agreed payments, the current bank balance is £4993.33.  DI thanked DO for all his hard work in preparing all the paperwork required.  (4/01/24) Planning	
9	AM reported one application submitted for Hall Farm, Swanworth Lane, Mickleham, as a variation on the originally approved plan.  No objections were made.	
5	<ul> <li>(5/11/24) Reports from Working Group</li> <li>JL reported that the last forum meeting consisted of mainly nature and wildlife and not development.</li> <li>DI confirmed that bridge repairs are going ahead for Cowslip Bridge leading to the Kinloch's. Repairs to Swanworth Bridge have yet to be agreed.</li> <li>DI asked if ClIr Hazel Watson would put forward a request to have Cowslip Bridge renamed to 'Kinloch Bridge' in recognition of the support Judy Kinloch had given to Norbury Park.  JL to liaise with Katie MacDonald to follow up this request. Parish Councillors agreed that this was the right approach.</li> <li>Patrick Bisgood had written to DI regarding the closure of the Bridleway 62a for removing ash dieback trees. His concern was the length of time it is closed for access as the bridleway is a very busy walking route.</li> <li>ClIr Hazel Watson detailed that the closure was only temporary and flexible for work to be carried out safely when weather conditions allow.</li> <li>ClIr Hazel Watson agreed to follow up.</li> </ul>	Action/ John Lowes Action/ Cllr Hazel Watson
6	<ul> <li>6.1 Dog Waste Bag Dispenser The dispensers are now in place and GW has volunteered to oversee the dispensers. GW reported that there is still evidence of dog poo left in the Recreation Ground and commented on how many dog walkers there are around when it is dark or at earlier periods from 5.30am when she sets off to work.</li> <li>6.2 Picnic Bench The bench is anticipated to be ready around 22<sup>nd</sup> January and will require transporting from workshop to the Recreation Ground.</li> <li>Wording for the plaque, commemorating the King's Coronation is to be sent to Councillors for approval before an order is placed.</li> </ul>	Action / Clerk

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#### 6.3 Bus Shelter

WD had forwarded details in advance. Repairs are scheduled for this Thursday and Friday.

#### 6.4 Memorial Item

Discussions were held regarding a memorial for Judy Kinloch who passed away last November. Judy had been an active member of the MPC until her retirement in the summer 2018.

The Councillors agreed that a living item would be more appropriate given her involvement with the Horticultural Society.

DI to liaise with Rev Dr Sandra Faccini to purchase a tree and arrange an appropriate spot in the Church grounds for its planting in the spring. Judy Kinloch's Memorial Service is due to be held tomorrow at 1.30pm at St Michael's Church.

Action / David Ireland

### 7 (7/01/24) Traffic & Parking & Noise

### 7.1 Speedwatch Group Update

Angela Ireland had forwarded details of the group's recent work since the last parish meeting.

DI read out their report:

- During the month of December, a combination of the wet weather and Christmas preparations meant that the group did not carry out any Speedwatch sessions.
- On the last Speedwatch session carried out on Saturday 6th January, no motorbikes came past at all, but a good number of cars drove past, all were driving very sedately. No speeding was observed.
- Angela Ireland had forwarded her thanks to Cllr Leah Mursaleen-Plank for arranging for the 'Speedwatch Area' sign, located at the start of Old London Road at the Box Hill School end, to be cleaned.

VAS Readings were received from SCC but were not taken at regular enough intervals to see any pattern.

Details were forwarded to the Councillors in advance of the meeting.

### 7.2 Parking in Swanworth Lane.

WD had forwarded details in advance of the meeting.

DI summarised the issue raised:

- Parking in Swanworth Lane has caused some frustration with the residents who live in the road and need access to the Old London Road.
  - After endless discussions had by WD with the owners and Management of the Running Horses, they have agreed to allow trees in pots to be sited on the yellow lines.
- Both Cllr Hazel Watson and AM explained that this is not permitted under Highways policy.

Cllr Hazel Watson detailed that SCC has taken back control of the Waiting Restrictions Enforcement contract from MVDC. As a result, enforcement officers work will include evenings and weekends.

Cllr Hazel Watson to forward details to the MPC.

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	JL reminded everyone of the 2 websites to report any issues around traffic			
	problems. These were published in the recent Speed Survey:			
	Police: <a href="https://www.surrey.police.uk/ro/report/asb/asb-v3/report-antisocial-behaviour/antisocial-vehicle-use/">https://www.surrey.police.uk/ro/report/asb/asb-v3/report-antisocial-behaviour/antisocial-vehicle-use/</a>			
	Environmental Health: <a href="https://www.molevalley.gov.uk/home/environmental-health/pollution/noise-complaint">https://www.molevalley.gov.uk/home/environmental-health/pollution/noise-complaint</a>			
8	(8/01/24) Councillor & Clerk Forums Updates.			
	<ul> <li>No forums have taken place since the last MPC meeting.</li> <li>The Next Councillor forum is on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 730pm.         Details of the link to join via ZOOM have been sent out.     </li> <li>The Next Clerk Forum is on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 1030am.</li> </ul>			
9.	(9/01/24) Urgent Items received by the Chair.			
	9.1 Summer Fair 2024 DI proposed that to underwrite some of the costs of the Fair and to increase the profit to be made, a donation of £500, as proposed by WD, is to be paid to the Church by the MPC. All Parish Councillors agreed.			
	Mrs C Hobbs had contacted DI regarding the two ash trees on the top end of the Recreation Ground that were inspected by a tree surgeon.  DI asked if GC could find out where these trees lie in relation to the boundary line between the Hobbs' land and the Recreation Ground.	Action/ Graham Clark		
10	(10/01/24) Next Meetings:			
	Wednesday 13 March 2024			
	10.1 Agree Meeting dates for the year 2024/2025 These dates were forwarded in advance and agreed by those present.			
	Wednesday 08 May 2024 – inc. the Annual Parish Meeting Wednesday 10 July 2024 Wednesday 11 September 2024 Wednesday 13 November 2024 inc. Children's Recreation Ground Trust Meeting			
	Wednesday 08 January 2025 Wednesday 12 March 2025			

DI thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.48om

Signed:	Dand A. Inland	Date: 13 M	ach 2024
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