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Minutes of the MPC Meeting held at 7:30pm on 09 March 2022

Venue	Ranmore Room, St Michael's Church
Chair	David Ireland (DI)
Councillors	Graham Clark (GC) David Ottridge (DO) Andrew McNaughton (AM) Jane Brown (JB) Kayleigh Hunter (KH), Will Dennis (WD)
Clerk	Feena Graham (FG)
Attending	District Cllr Elsie Rosam Chris Livett, Estate Manager Juniper Hill
Members of the Community	Ben Tatham Wyn Griffiths Kent Waterhouse Val Selwood Anne Storey Alison Wood Adnana Travers

Item No.	DI welcomed everyone to the meeting. A minute's silence was observed for the people of Ukraine.
1	<p>Opening Formalities</p> <p>(1071) Apologies received. John Lowe (Self-isolating) County Cllr Hazel Watson</p> <p>(1072) Declarations of Interest/Requests for Dispensations. None.</p> <p>(1073) The Minutes of the Meeting held 12 January 2022. Proposed by JB and seconded by GC – minutes were approved and duly signed by the Chair.</p> <p>(1074) Chair's Comments. None.</p>
2	<p>Open Forum</p> <p>(1075) See APPENDIX 1 of issues raised by members of the community.</p> <p>DI thanked everyone who had attended and agreed that the MPC would facilitate a feasibility study into the possibility of extending the current parking spaces in front of 51 Degrees North building, north of the bus stop.</p>
3	<p>Finance & Formalities</p> <p>DO had circulated the accounts and details of payments in advance.</p> <p>(1076) Payments are: £ 68.64 - to the Clerk for backpay relating to NALC salary increase. £508.80 - to NJL BoxGreen for hedge cutting in September 2021. All Councillors agreed and one cheque signed for payment.</p>

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	<p>(1077) Outstanding payment of £371.96 to Alamy for copyright breach, pending contracts agreed.</p> <p>(1078) Ratification of payment of £150 towards the tree planting for the Jubilee event was agreed by vote of 6 to 1.</p> <p>(1079) Details of increase of charges by NJL BoxGreen were agreed by all Councillors.</p> <p>The current bank balance after all agreed payments is: £6251.08</p> <p>(1080) The bank reconciliation up to the 4th February 2022 had been circulated and was approved by all and signed by the Chair.</p> <p>(1081) DO confirmed the next Internal audit is scheduled for the 4th May 2022.</p> <p>DI thanked DO for compiling the relevant RFO documents for approval.</p>
4	<p>Planning</p> <p>(1082) AM reported on two applications in London Road and Dell Close. No objections were made.</p>
5	<p>Reports from Working Groups</p> <p>(1083) Norbury Park Working Group. No updates received. DI read out an email sent by Jenny DeSoutter regarding the SCC operations in Young Street.</p> <p>(1084) Community Project Fund Working Group. KH reported that the request for playground funding had been unsuccessful due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lack of external funding. Having reviewed many applications SCC now have an expectation that 50% of the overall cost of the project will come from own fundraising efforts. Therefore, MPC needed to raise minimum of £7k. This was never mentioned before.• The application was for under £20k of funding. Due to the volume of applications, it has now been decided not to support anything under £20k apart from exceptional circumstances and our application doesn't come under their 'exceptional circumstances'. It was decided that any project that costs under £20k will not have a big enough impact on a community to make it worthwhile.• The demographics/average income etc of the area. Based on that (and above point) SCC made their decision not to support. When asked why our demographics etc played a part in the decision, their answer was that if a similar proposal was submitted in an area that services a much larger population, where a higher proportion of the population didn't have access to a gym for example then it may have been considered.• The application only had 42 votes on the website. Applications with a minimum of 500 supporters were being considered. <p>DI thanked KH for her input with this project.</p>

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	<p>WD confirmed that request for funds for signage had been withdrawn as per last meetings update.</p> <p>(1085) Local Plan Working Group Plans are now with the Inspectorate. AM has offered to speak at the planning examination into the Mole Valley Local Plan. A date has not been confirmed for this.</p> <p>(1086) Mole Valley Boundary Review Working Group No updates yet.</p> <p>(1087) Mickleham Sign Renovations GC reported that having the metal cleaned and painted would cost no more than £500. Expenditure of this cost was agreed unanimously and proposed by AM, seconded by JB.</p>	
6	<p>Coronavirus Update</p> <p>(1088) General Updates. AM asked for the Emergency WhatsApp to revert to the core group as over the last two years it has evolved into a community discussion/selling group. WD agree to consider setting up a new Emergency WhatsApp group.</p> <p>St Michael's Church Community Group / Skittles & Sausages evening on 19th February went well and the MPC team came last, but much fun was had. Proceeds would go to the Church (50%) and various local charities (50%).</p> <p>(1089) Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2-5th June 2022 DI updated the meeting on the events to be held by the Jubilee Steering Group, which include events across Westhumble and Mickleham. The main event being on Sunday 5th with a Church Service followed by tree planting and the big lunch.</p> <p>All details will be advertised in the Mickleham Parish Magazine.</p>	
7	<p>Traffic Issues including Parking and Noise</p> <p>(1090) Traffic Proposal Submitted Nov 2020 – Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No further updates. A decision due before the end of the financial year. <p>Vehicle Activated Speed (VAS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Latest reading due, will be emailed asap.• Purchase of padlocks requested, but not yet received. <p>Speed Watch Group - update DI updated the meeting on behalf of the Speed Watch Group. Their observation rota is due to start again, and the group had engaged two more volunteers to support. Box Hill School are pursuing an application to support a 20-mile speed restriction along Old London Road in line with their school entrance.</p>	

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8	Chair/Clerk's Forum Updates (1091) Chair's Forum update - 08 th March 2022 DI reported back on various issues discussed: Levelling up agenda; Views of the Parish Council in planning will be given more weight; Climate change targets; Walking/cycling and Bus projects to be given highest funding; 1.5% pay rise for Clerks finally agreed; Video meetings still not agreed; A new Code of Conduct policy to be finalised. (1092) Clerk's Forum update. No update – next meeting 14 th March 2022.	
9	Urgent Items received by the Chair (1093) DI updated the meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Playground had had two incidents of vandalism in 2 weeks.• Hedge planting has taken place along the central reserve of the A24 between Burford Bridge roundabout and Mickleham.	
10.	Future Meetings (1094) Next 3 meetings: All Wednesdays. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 25th May (and includes Annual Parish Council Meeting)• 13th July• 14th September Venues to be confirmed. DI thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.	

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm

Signed :  Date : 25.05.22

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Appendix 1

(1075) Open Forum

Present

Council	Other	Community
David Ireland (DI) Graham Clark (GC) David Ottridge (DO) Andrew McNaughton (AM) Jane Brown (JB) Kayleigh Hunter (KH) Will Dennis (WD) Feena Graham (FG)	District Cllr Elsie Rosam Chris Livett (CL)	Ben Tatham (BT) Wyn Griffiths Kent Waterhouse Val Selwood Anne Storey (AS) Alison Wood Adnana Travers(AT)

Summary of Discussion Points.

Car Parking.

- An email had been forwarded to MPC prior to the meeting for discussion.
- Parking in Mickleham had been challenging as there are no designated parking areas on land adjacent to A24 heading south; 51 Degrees North using the spaces in front of their building for refurbishment; residences living in Byttom Hill having more cars; school drops/picks in front of 51 Degrees North.
- The dis-used area across the A24 from Byttom Hill on the edge of Norbury Park, once used as a carpark was raised as a viable solution.
GC stated that this had been raised before and rejected by SCC for reasons of safety of cars pulling out on to the A24, where there is a bend in the road.
AM confirmed this area in question had been closed for over 30 years ago and over time there have been various changes to Highways' policies. Approving a car park where occupants had to cross a busy road with speeds of up to 50 miles per hour would not be forthcoming.
- A footbridge over the A24 was discussed but rejected due to costs implications.
- A request to use spaces in Mickleham Village Hall (MVH) car park for staff working at the King William IV Pub was declined.
BT confirmed that it had been previously agreed with the school that the MVH car park can be used for school drop/pick up traffic as it was deemed to be safer than the area in front of School Lane/A24. This would continue and has been communicated by the school to the parents.
General parking at the Hall is restricted to hirers/users of the Hall only.
- AS ran through spaces where parking is available today in relation to their trade at the King William.
- AT raised the issue of residents being unable to park outside their houses in Byttom Hill.
GC confirmed the road is owned by Beaverbrook and there are no prescriptive parking rights.

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- DI confirmed it was not the responsibility of the MPC to provide parking spaces to homes and businesses but would facilitate an investigation into current spaces along the A24/51 North Degrees.

51 Degree North – New Business

- A question was raised as to whether planning permission had been obtained for the signs and the style of the signs.
- On the first evening they were turned on, they were left on overnight and the illuminated left side sign disturbed the occupant of property facing into the sign.
- FG stated, that considering the issues raised the owners of 51 Degrees North have agreed not to turn on the illuminations of the two side signs. Any complaints sent to SCC would be followed up by the owners.

Box Hill School / Car parking Old London Road.

- Concern was raised regarding parking in Old London Road and traffic exiting from the school and causing a gridlock.
- DI confirmed he is in constant contact with Box Hill School regarding on-going issues including this one.

Chris Livett, Estate Manager Juniper Hill

- CL introduced himself to the meeting as he had been recently appointed to the role.
- CL raised issues regarding vandals damaging the boundary fences of the Juniper Hill property, also the movement of the concrete blocks that had been put in place to prevent cars going on to Stane Street from Headley Lane.
- CL asked if all would communicate, generally, to members of the public that they should not trespass on Juniper Hill property.

