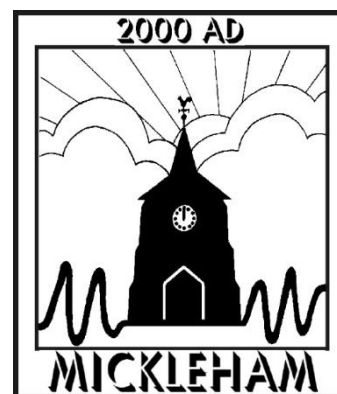


Mickleham Parish Council

May 2023 Report



Your Parish Council – Reflections and Responsibilities

As we look ahead to another year, the local elections are behind us and those representing Mickleham have been returned un-opposed.

This means that your local Councillors are John Lowes, Graham Clark, Will Dennis, David Ireland, Andrew McNaughton and David Ottridge. We have one vacancy as a result of Kayleigh Hunter's move from the village and we hope that this will have been filled by the time you read this article. It is a privilege to serve Mickleham in this capacity and to work for the well-being of its residents and their environment.

Some of the on-going issues which will need to be addressed in the coming period include the thorny problem of traffic and, in particular, the speed and noise of motorbikes and some cars, which choose to ignore the speed limits through the village along the Old London Road. The problem seems to have become more evident since the introduction of Average Speed Cameras on the A24, which have served to drive those wishing to avoid being caught on camera to drive through Mickleham. Our Community Speed Watch team works hard to monitor traffic and to report those who exceed the 30mph speed limit. They depend on volunteers and would welcome additional help. Please contact Angela Ireland on angela.ireland60@btinternet.com if you are able to assist. Efforts are also being made to reduce the speed limit to 20mph outside Box Hill School and approaches have also been made to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey to allow the use of acoustic cameras on the Old London Road.

The Parish Council is responsible for the installation and maintenance of the Defibrillator outside the Village Hall and the various notice boards which are much used to advertise local events. The Village Signs are currently being re-vamped, thanks to the generous effort of Tim Garbett and friends. It is hoped that they will be back in place to mark this year of the King's Coronation.

The playground plays such an important part in so many young children's lives in Mickleham, thanks to the considerable efforts of the Playground Trustees, in particular Sarah Parfitt and more recently Carolyn Moore. The Parish Council maintains the surrounding Recreation Ground in order to extend the opportunities for recreational activities for families.

The Boundary Commission's review of District Council Ward boundaries means that Mickleham and Westhumble are now within the 'Mickleham, Westcott and Okewood ward, which stretches south and includes Westcott, Wotton, Abinger, Ockley and Okewood.

We are very fortunate to be well supported by our County Councillor Hazel Watson and all of you who play such vital roles in so many ways within the village. The recent Civic occasions of the late Queen's Jubilee and the King's Coronation have brought St Michael's Church and the Parish Council together in a very strong and effective partnership, for which we are all grateful.

The coming years will be challenging but exciting ones for us all and your Parish Councillors are proud to represent the community of Mickleham.

David Ireland (Chair - Mickleham Parish Council)