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Minutes of the Mickleham Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on 13 September 2023

Venue	St Michael's Church	
Chair	David Ireland (DI)	
Councillors Present	Graham Clark (GC) David Ottridge (DO) Andrew McNaughton (AM)	John Lowes (JL) Gill Wilson (GW)
Clerk	Feena Graham (FG)	
Attending	District Cllr Leah Mursaleen-Plank District Cllr Abhiram Magesh Angela Ireland (Speedwatch Group)	PC Stephen Grout PC Gabriella D'Ademo
Members of the Community	David Allbeury David Light Sue Light	Gary Lloyd Val Selwood Kirsten Johnson

Item No		Action:
1	<p>(1/09/23) Opening Formalities</p> <p>DI welcomed everyone present to the council meeting.</p> <p>1.1 Apologies for absence: Cllr Will Dennis (Hols) County Cllr Hazel Watson (Meeting) District Cllr Chris Budleigh (Hols) Sgt David Sadler (unavailable)</p> <p>1.2 Declarations of Interest/Requests for Dispensations None declared for this meeting.</p> <p>1.3 Agree the Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 July 2023 Minutes were approved by Councillors present and duly signed by the Chair.</p> <p>1.4 Chair's Comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A letter was sent to SCC regarding cutting of the verges. A reply was received responding that the verge will be cut in areas either side of junctions to allow view of oncoming traffic. 3-Day Road Closure planned for 10-12th July did not take place. Work carried out overnight on 12th July and white lines completed on 6th September. 	
2	<p>(2/9/23) Open Forum</p> <p>2.1 Public Questions See attached Appendix 1 Notes.</p> <p>2.2 Liaison between Surrey Police and Mickleham Parish Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dave Sadler was unable to attend. PC Stephen Grout and PC Gabriella D'Ademo attended. See Appendix 1 Notes. Periodic Police Report –12 July to 13 September was circulated in advance. DI ran through the details in report received. 	

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3	<p>(3/09/23) Finance & Formalities</p> <p>3.1 Approve Accounts for Payments Retrospective payments are: £54.00 - Mulberry & Co New Councillor Training £424.80 - NJL BoxGreen for Recreational Grounds Mowing in July. New Payments £283.20 - NJL BoxGreen for Recreational Grounds Mowing in August All Councillors present agreed and one cheque was signed for payment.</p> <p>3.2 Agree Bank Reconciliation The bank reconciliation up to the 03 August 2023 had been circulated and was approved by all Councillors present and signed by the Chair.</p> <p>DO confirmed the second instalment of the precept payment of £5016.50 had been received. The current bank balance after all agreed payments is: £9995.69.</p> <p>3.3 Annual Governance Review DO had forwarded documents in advance of today's meeting. The readoption of the following documents were agreed by all Councillors present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3.3.1 Financial Regulations 3.3.2 Standing Orders 3.3.3 Code of Conduct 3.3.4 Risk Register 	
4	<p>(4/9/23) Planning</p> <p>AM reported on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning for Mole Cottage and Swallows Hill approved. • No updates to Local Plan. • Following the community discussion AM recommended a line of communication between Ryka's and the MPC. <p>District Cllr's Leah Mursaleen-Plank and Abhiram Magesh detailed that there was an expectation of an update about levelling up and the local plan by Autumn ahead of the King's Speech.</p>	
5	<p>(5/09/23) Reports from Working Group</p> <p>5.1 Norbury Park Working Group Cllr Chris Budleigh had attended the last meeting on 13th July, and had forwarded his summary, which had been circulated in advance.</p> <p>Discussion on the following items took place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCC are selling property to raise capital. • Lilac Cottage in Norbury Park has now been sold. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following MPC's communication with SCC, Mr & Mrs Powers lease has been extended. Updates on other properties within Norbury Park. <p>Cllr Leah Mursaleen-Plank confirmed SCC are looking into work required for the bridge into Norbury Park at the Cowslip end.</p> <p>Next Forum is scheduled for the coming Thursday 21 September, and includes a walk around looking at the issue of ash dieback.</p>	
6	<p>(6/9/23) Council Purchase.</p> <p>6.1 Dog Waste Bag Dispenser The dispensers and associated signs have been ordered and notification of delivery is pending.</p> <p>6.2 Picnic Bench Quotes are being obtained to replace the dilapidated bench adjacent to the Children's Play area in the Recreation Ground.</p>	Clerk
7	<p>(7/9/23) Traffic & Parking & Noise</p> <p>7.1 Speedwatch Group Update Angela Ireland had forward details of the group's recent work since the start of Box Hill School's term:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two Speed Watch sessions conducted. On 08th September five vehicles were registered driving at over 35mph Two vehicles were motorbikes, one of which was identified as untaxed and details given to the police for follow up. On 11th September, on an early morning session two vehicles were registered travelling at over 35mph. The Speed Watch volunteers commented that there had been less traffic than was expected for this time. <p>Further sessions will be carried out on Wednesday evenings as well as before and after school for the next few weeks until the evenings become too dark for the group to operate.</p> <p>7.2 VAS Readings VAS Reading from SCC were received and forwarded earlier to the Councillors.</p>	
8	<p>(8/9/23) Chair/Clerk's Forum Updates</p> <p>No Forums attended since July's MPC meeting.</p>	

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9	<p>(9/9/23) Urgent Items received by the Chair.</p> <p>9.1 Council approval to attend SALC AGM & Conference 19/10/2023. DO and the Clerk will be attending the above AGM. Approval is required by the MPC for both to attend, and to approve the Council's voting representative for SALC in order that DO will be able to vote at the SALC AGM section on the day. All Councillors present agreed.</p> <p>9.2 Bus Shelter The Bus Shelter had suffered further damage. WD has agreed to follow up and has been in contact with the Running Horses Pub to establish video evidence.</p> <p>DI reported on other event/issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Literary fundraising event by St Michael's Nursery on 22nd September "There's a Child in Us All". • Skittles evening being run by St Michael's Community Group on 14th October. • Summer Fete being revived for next year by St Michael's PCC, who have asked for support from the MPC. All Councillors agreed to the idea in principle. • DI asked Cllr's Leah Mursaleen-Plank and Abhiram Magesh to copy in any emails to copy MPC into any relevant correspondence resulting from matters raised at Parish Council meetings. <p>Cllr Leah Mursaleen-Plank agreed to pick up details from Elsie Rosam on the issue of the bins in the recreational area being emptied on a regular basis.</p>	WD
10	<p>(10/9/23) Next Meetings:</p> <p>Wednesday 08 November (inc. Children's Recreation Ground Trust Meeting) Wednesday 10 January 2024 Wednesday 13 March 2024</p>	

DI thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.59pm

Signed:  Date: 8 November 2023

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Appendix 1

(2/9/23) Open Forum

2.1 Public Questions

Present:

Council	Other	Community
David Ireland (DI) Graham Clark (GC) David Ottridge (DO) Andrew McNaughton (AM) John Lowes (JL) Gill Wilson (GW) Feena Graham (Clerk)	District Cllr Leah Mursaleen-Plank District Cllr Abhiram Magesh Angela Ireland (Speedwatch Group) PC Stephen Grout PC Gabriella D'Ademo	David Allbeury (DA) David Light (DL) Sue Light (SL) Gary Lloyd (GL) Val Selwood Kirsten Johnson (KJ)

Summary of Discussion Points.

- Today's meeting welcomes any members of the community to the PC meeting to raise concerns with Police Liaison.
- Ryka's Café has recently changed ownership.
- Sunset Rally events started on Wednesday evenings from 5pm to 9pm.
- Noise levels of racing bikes and engine revving has increased.
- Members of the community have raised concerns both via emails and the Community WhatsApp.
- The MPC had invited the new owners of Ryka's Café to come tonight's meeting. Unfortunately, although the invitation had initially been accepted, no one attended tonight's meeting.
- AM reported that an alcohol licence has been issued on 10 August to Ryka's. Concerns were raised regarding alcohol availability at events which were largely attended by drivers and bikers.
It was noted there are already three public houses in close vicinity and the Burford Bridge Hotel opposite, that sell alcohol.
PC Grout was not aware of the licence being granted and would follow up.
- DL reported high levels of noise on a Wednesday night; engines revving at pull away spots on the A24 past Denbies toward Burford Bridge roundabout.
- PC Grout reported that on one of their surveillance periods about one hundred bikes had passed and due to staffing levels, it was hard to control that many vehicles.
- AM asked about noise camera being installed to cover high incidents of vehicles exceeding noise levels.
PC Grout reported that the issue of new cameras would need to be taken up with SCC.
- GL noted that the increase in noise levels were due to the speed the bikes are travelling at, coupled with the dry weather and dry roads.



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- PC Grout reported that some bike users flip their number plate to avoid camera detection.
- KJ detailed that this issue of bikers' noise and nuisance had been addressed during the covid/lockdown period, where a group representing the Police/SCC/MVDC and MPC met to discuss this problem.
KJ asked if this group could be revived again.
- Concerns were raised about phoning the police line to complain and no one picking up.
PC Grout detailed how to report and advised that online reporting would be a better option as the details are logged and used as part of an ongoing review.
KJ reported that she had sent details of how to report via the Community WhatsApp.
- PC Grout confirmed two mobile police bikes are monitoring the evenings.
- GL asked if the carpark hours have changed as they would normally be closed after 6pm (sunset).
- SL asked if the Burford Bridge Hotel have raised any concerns.
PC Grout was not aware, and so unable to comment.

DI thanked both PC Grout and PC D'Ademo for attending this meeting in addition to policing the evening's bike event.

Both PC's left the Meeting at 8.20pm

DI asked the Parish Council for any other suggestions:

- KJ asked for the previous working group to be revived.
- JL had had discussions with an ex environmental consultant and suggested a community questionnaire to understand what the base line noise level is in relation to increased levels of noise occurring following events.
JL volunteered to draft a questionnaire for approval by fellow Councillors and to follow up by visiting homes near to Ryka's and on the Old London Road and collecting information via the questionnaire.
Cllr Leah Mursaleen-Plank agreed to support any correspondence sent to SCC from MPC.
- KJ detailed the response she had received via email from Cllr Hazel Watson regarding the lease given to the new owners of Ryka's in relation to general street trading regulations.
KJ asked Cllr Leah Mursaleen-Plank for clarification.
- It was noted that SCC is raising capital by selling off property/leases.
- The community members raised concerns on the approval of the alcohol licence.
AM reported that such licenses do not come up for consultation with the community.

DI thanked the members of the community for attending and raising their concerns.

Members of the Community left the meeting at 8.34pm.