



# Mickleham Parish Council

## November 2023 – Report

Parish Councillors began their meeting with the Annual Meeting of the Council as Corporate Trustees of the Children’s Recreation Ground Trust. The main topic was a report from Carolyn Moore, one of the Trustees of the Playground Committee, who gave an encouraging summary of the past year, including the active involvement of a number of parents of children either at St Michael’s Nursery or the Infant School, in assisting in the regular inspection of equipment. There is a need for a new treasurer at the end of this academic year and the suggestion is that we maintain the link between the Playground and the Friends of St Michael’s in having the same person managing the finances of both organisations. The Playground’s funds are in reasonably good order although the considerable rise in the annual insurance premium will put more pressure on annual income. The Playground welcomes donations from the community in order to support this excellent community facility. Do please consider adding your support.

The Parish Councillors were joined by two of our District Councillors Leah Mursaleen-Plank and Chris Budleigh and our Surrey County Councillor Hazel Watson for the main meeting.

Two subjects in particular were discussed at some length, one being the problems faced by some tenants in Norbury Park whose tenancies have either been terminated or have had their terms altered. Real concern was expressed by Parish Councillors, who felt that support should be given by both our County Councillor and District Councillors. There was some discussion about how this might or might not be possible and hopefully a way forward can be found. The second issue raised under Public Questions was the naming of the new development on Mickleham Downs as Mickleham Village. It was felt that this was both unnecessary and confusing, particularly as there had been no consultation with the residents of Mickleham Village. The matter is being pursued by the Chairman on behalf of the Council and reassurance has subsequently been given that the matter is being addressed.

The Council has recently purchased Dog Waste Bag Dispensers and appropriate signage is to be installed in the Recreation Ground. A new picnic bench, to commemorate the King’s Coronation, has also been commissioned from a local firm. The damage to the bus stop outside the Rectory, caused by a delivery vehicle, is to be repaired once an insurance claim has been settled.

The recent questionnaire on vehicle noise on the Old London Road, circulated to all those affected by the issue, has gleaned very helpful information to support the Parish Council’s efforts to get a Noise Camera installed in the area. Councillors were informed that there is to be a Summer Fair, held in the Rectory Garden, on Saturday July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and agreed to give the event their full support.

**David Ireland (Chair)**