



# Mickleham Parish Council

## May 2024 – Report

The Annual Parish Meeting held in St Michael's Church on Wednesday 8 May, was one of the best attended for many years. The speaker, Hayley Robinson, the newly appointed Headmistress at Box Hill School, talked enthusiastically about her vision for the school and her desire to see individual pupils reach their potential and realise their ambitions. She answered a number of questions from those attending the meeting and reaffirmed her wish to see the school and community working closely together for mutual benefit.

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council followed, at which Emma Flynn was confirmed as a Councillor, following the resignation of David Ottridge due to ill health. Emma was warmly welcomed to the Council and very sincere thanks were expressed to David for his many years of loyal service to the community, especially in his role as Responsible Finance Officer. His good humour and remarkable efficiency will be greatly missed by all his colleagues.

Amongst the matters discussed was the ongoing problem of parking in the Old London Road and the speed of vehicles, especially motorbikes, avoiding the average speed cameras on the A24. Thanks were expressed to our Speedwatch team for their efforts to discourage speeding motorists. The increased traffic noise, especially now that there is an event at Ryka's on a Wednesday evening, was noted and our Community Speedwatch team intend to monitor the situation in the coming weeks.

The issue of the sale of Surrey County Council properties, particularly in Norbury Park, was discussed in the light of the impact on those currently holding tenancies of these properties. Some progress had been made but more has yet to be done in the coming couple of years.

Councillor Will Dennis, David Allbeury and the Chair had been on a visit with Mole Valley District Councillor Chris Budleigh to look at a Social Housing scheme at Poland Meadow, Brockham with a view to exploring the possibility of such a scheme in the community of Mickleham and Westhumble. More information will be provided when available.

The results of the recent elections for Police and Crime Commissioner and Mole Valley District Council were noted and a warm welcome was given to the fact that Leah Mursaleen Plank had been re-elected as one of our District Councillors.

The suggestion was that Mickleham and Westhumble together organise a Hustings once the date of a General Election is known and the various candidates have been declared. This is now being followed up, with St Michael's Church being proposed as the venue.

**David Ireland (Chair, Mickleham Parish Council)**