



Mickleham Parish Council

September 2024 – Report

At its last meeting on Wednesday September 11, the Mickleham Parish Council discussed several matters of concern to the community.

The changes of terms of the tenancy agreements in Norbury Park by Halsey Garton Residential Ltd are a continuing matter of concern, and there have been a number of meetings with various members from both Mole Valley District Council and Surrey County Council, in an endeavour to secure reasonable terms to provide some security in the short term for a family who still have youngsters at school. The issue has highlighted once more the urgent need for affordable housing in our area and various schemes are being pursued. However, the local plan still does not make any provision for such housing locally, despite Councillors' expressed concern.

The endless saga of the litter bins in the recreation ground seems finally to have been brought to a satisfactory conclusion with Amey (the contractors), finally accepting responsibility for the weekly emptying of them. Thanks were expressed to Kirsten Johnson who has tirelessly pursued the matter and to our Mole Valley District Councillor Leah Mursaleen-Plank who has been in touch with the relevant officers to bring the uncertainty of the past few years to an end.

The ongoing matter of traffic issues in the village was discussed, including the proposed introduction of a 20-mph speed limit in the section of the Old London Road in front of Box Hill School. The traffic hazard caused by vehicles parking on the double yellow lines on the junction of Swanworth Lane with the Old London Road was also raised and the Chairman has agreed to have a further conversation with the leaseholders of The Running Horses to seek their cooperation in this matter.

It was reported that work would shortly begin on the automation of the Clock at St Michael's Church. John Wynne's role as "Clock Winder" in maintaining the accuracy of the Clock over the past 18 years was acknowledged with huge thanks.

September's meeting ended with the Chairman reminding fellow Councillors of his intention to retire at the Annual Meeting in May 2025 and their need to consider his replacement.

David Ireland (Chair)