



# Mickleham Parish Council

## July 2024 – Report

The Parish Council boldly added its support to the England football team by moving the start of its meeting to 18.30 in order that Councillors could cheer the team on after the meeting. The result of that support was clearly seen by the end of the game.

The meeting was pleased to welcome one of our Community Police team members PC Andrew Whiteley to the meeting, who reported on crime committed in our area. In particular, he drew Councillors' attention to the considerable rise in theft, especially targeting garden sheds. He encouraged everyone to invest in smart doorbells which stored the images of those who approach them, enabling police to follow up on the crime. Andy Whiteley also reported the alarming increase in fly tipping. Councillors asked District Councillor Chris Budleigh to raise the issue of the charges levied at the council tips, to see if the reduction of that charge might encourage less fly tipping.

The chair congratulated Feena Graham, the Parish Clerk and the organising committee of the Village Summer Fair on a highly successful and enjoyable event, despite the weather. A report was also given on the progress being made on the resurfacing of the A24 because of the recent oil spillage. Complaints had been received about the recent decline in the punctuality of the 465-bus service since the new bus company had begun operations.

Will Dennis reported on the situation with tenants in Norbury Park, the length of whose tenancies were being reduced by Halsey Garton the property company handling Surrey County Council properties. A further tenancy had been extended as a result of the Parish Council's intervention.

The seemingly endless saga of the emptying of the rubbish bins on the Recreation Ground continues, with no one at Mole Valley District Council accepting responsibility for their regular clearance. Efforts are being made to resolve this very messy and potentially dangerous health issue.

The Community Speedwatch team was thanked for their continuing efforts to reduce the number of those vehicles exceeding the speed limit on the Old London Road.

The Chair reported on the extraordinary meeting of the Mickleham Parish Council as trustees and legal owners of the Mickleham Recreation Ground and appropriate action was agreed to resolve the issue of maintaining an area of re-wilding for the benefit of the children of the parish.

The meeting closed at 19.43!

**David Ireland (Chair)**