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Minutes of the MPC Meeting held at 7.31pm on 11 March 2026

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| Venue | Ranmore Room (St Michael's Church) | |
| Chair | Will Dennis (WD) | |
| Councillors Present | Graham Clark (GC) David Ireland (DI) John Lowes (JL) | Andrew McNaughton (AM) Gill Wilson (GW) Emma Flynn (EF) |
| Clerk | Feena Graham | |
| Attending | District Cllr Chris Budleigh (CB) | |
| Members of the Community | Geoff Black (part) | |

| Item No | |
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| | <p>Geoff Black updated the MPC on the planned Closure of St Michael's Infant School, Mickleham. Summary of discussions: See March 2026 2.1 Appendix GB left the meeting @ 7.48pm</p> |
| 1 | <p>(1/3/26) Opening Formalities</p> <p>All Councillors are required to sign a formal acceptance to receive information by electronic means as per the 2025 Audit review. One MPC Councillor outstanding. EF signed.</p> <p>1.1 Apologies for absence County Cllr Hazel Watson</p> <p>1.2 Declarations of Interest/Requests for Dispensations Graham Clark: Declaration made under Agenda item 4 Planning.</p> <p>1.3 Agree the Minutes of the MPC held on 21 January 2026 Minutes were approved by all Parish Councillors present and duly signed by the Chair.</p> <p>1.4 Chair's Comments A new issue has evolved this spring as reported by Jim Evans and seen by others. Bikers congregating on the straight stretch of the Zig Zag Road where once there had been painted cycles on the road. During the lovely weather cars are parked on this stretch and people standing to view from the side, with bikers travelling up-and-down, screeching their tyres. The National Trust are fully aware of this issue and WD and Jim Evans have been in contact daily and they have also been speaking to the police. The draft PSPO has been extended to include this area of the Zig Zag Road.</p> <p>District Cllr CB confirmed that the draft PSPO has been discussed at Scrutiny and will go forward to Cabinet for approval, next Tuesday 17th March.</p> <p>AM has had discussion with the noise consultant used previously, regarding the use of cameras. AM to liaise with Inspector James Green to follow up the use of cameras. ACTION / Andrew McNaughton</p> |
| 2 | <p>(2/3/26) Open Forum</p> <p>2.1 Liaison between Surrey Police and Mickleham Parish Council The Police Report for 20th January to 04th March 2026, from the Mole Valley Safer Neighbourhood Police Team, was received and accepted by the MPC. The incidents outlined were discussed.</p> |

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| | <p>Inspector James Green has asked for a community online meeting to cover the issues raised regarding the bikers. The MPC have replied asking for a face-to-face meeting to be held in the Village Hall, but the Police have declined and feel a better response could be gained from an online meeting. Once the dates known other areas affected will be notified: Westhumble / Boxhill / Pixham. Dates for the meeting are to be forward once received.</p> <p>2.2 Public Questions Request received from M Ottridge asking for a community library to be set up around the Village Hall. This would involve donations and sharing books left on the shelves.</p> <p>ACTION / Clerk ACTION / Gill Wilson to co-ordinate with M Ottridge</p> |
| 3 | <p>(3/3/2026) Finance & Formalities</p> <p>3.1 Approve Accounts for Payment Retrospective payment: £18.00 - Mulberry Local Authority for Training (Clerk / May 2025). £188.40 - Mulberry Local Authority for Audit Service June 2025.</p> <p>New Payments: £468.00 - NJ Landscapes Ltd for hedge trimming in February.</p> <p>Payments agreed by all Parish Councillors present and one cheque was signed for payment.</p> <p>3.2 Agree Bank Reconciliation The bank statement for March has not been received as yet. The bank reconciliation up to the 05 February 2026 had been circulated and was approved by all Parish Councillors present and signed by the Chair. The current bank balance after all agreed payments made is: £5,686.00</p> <p>3.3 Budget Update Current budget figures were discussed and agreed No confirmation of the precept request being approved by the Mole Valley has been received, but Council Tax statements have now been received by some residents who had noted the 32.2% increase to the precept. The increase had been discussed and approved by MPC Cllrs, in January prior to submission.</p> <p>3.4 Hugo Fox / Gov.uk Emails All new Emails to be set up by the end of the April. JL/AM/EF still outstanding. ACTION / Clerk to follow up.</p> |
| 4 | <p>(4/3/26) Planning</p> <p>4.1 Planning Applications Submitted (since the January MPC meeting) See Planning Appendix - March 2026.</p> <p>AM ran through the applications to date. Discussions were had around the new applications submitted, except MO/2026/00314.</p> <p>Note: 1.2 Declarations of Interest/Requests for Dispensations Graham Clark: Declaration made under Agenda item 4 Planning. GC left the meeting @ 8.14pm The remaining MPC Cllrs continued discussions on planning application MO/2026/00314.</p> |

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| | <p>The Housing Needs Survey conducted in 2025 in the Mickleham area was noted, including the needs for development of affordable housing for younger people, people retiring or downsizing. It was agreed a letter in support of the application be sent.</p> <p>ACTION: Will Dennis/Clerk</p> <p>GC rejoined the meeting @ 824pm</p> |
| 5 | <p>(5/3/26) Working Groups</p> <p>5.1 Norbury Park</p> <p>5.1.1 Forum Meeting Nothing to report</p> <p>5.1.2 Tenancy Updates District Cllr CB had had discussions with Chris Hume who runs the lawn mower repair shop. SCC are looking to change his lease to a full repairing lease, which he has never had before. Any further updates will be fed back.</p> <p>5.1.3 Gift Received Helen Wood wrote letter of thanks to the MPC, which was read out in January's meeting and has since sent a gift to the Parish Council, being a Fortnum and Mason hamper. Under the Standing Orders this was declared and advice has been sought from Mole Valley District Council. In accordance with that advice the contents of the hamper were divided between all the MPC members present. The Chair would write to Helen to thank her.</p> <p>ACTION: Will Dennis</p> |
| 6 | <p>(6/3/26) Parish Council Maintenance</p> <p>6.1 Memorial Bench.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Details agreed with Mari Ottridge.• Traditional Bench style / New quote received around £750.• Quote for a concrete base still to be sort.• Actual site to be agreed nearer the time of installation. <p>All MPC Cllrs present agreed with the new quote and order will be placed.</p> <p>ACTION / Clerk</p> <p>6.2 NJL Box Green - Price increases for 01/03/26 to 28/02/2027 Notification of price increase by NJ Landscapes (NJL) were received and discussed. Mowing the Recreation area will increase from £130.00 to £135.00 per cut (before VAT), a 3.9% increase.</p> <p>GC has received a quote from Clover as a comparison. GC to go back to Clover and obtain a revised quote in line with the current work carried out by NJL.</p> <p>ACTION / Graham Clark</p> <p>All Parish Councillors present agreed to price increase from NLJ for this coming year, and to look at further quotes from other sources for 2027/2028.</p> |
| 7 | <p>(7/03/26) Traffic & Parking & Noise - Updates</p> <p>7.1 Speedwatch Group Update Angela Ireland had forwarded details of the group's activity since March's MPC meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• During the last two months the weather has deterred the speeding motorbikes from taking to the Old London Road. Sadly, this is beginning to change. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Motorists, including parents rushing to drop off pupils at RGS Surrey Hills, have continued to ignore the new 20mph speed limit.• Several of the team have been away resulting in limited availability for Speed Watch sessions.• Jo, Francesca and Alison have kindly carried out a couple of early morning sessions and on each occasion have registered 5 motorists exceeding the speed limit. Although the limit is 20mph, reporting can only take place when travelling at 24mph or above. <p>DI confirmed that the Speedwatch Group can now conduct speed checks near the bus shelter, in Old London Road, to cover the 20-mph limit.</p> <p>DI to liaise with RGS Surrey Hills School with regards to school pick up/drop off traffic speed. ACTION / David Ireland</p> <p>EF asked if there was any update from RGS regarding the use of a plot for a community allotment as detailed in July 2025's MPC Meeting. DI agreed to follow up. ACTION / David Ireland</p> <p>7.2 Swanworth Lane DI had nothing further to report regarding the hedging around the Running Horses Pub. This appears to be an ongoing issue.</p> <p>AM agreed to review the height of the hedging in line with highway visibility recommendations and forward findings to DI. ACTION / Andrew McNaughton</p> <p>7.3 Rykas No further updates.</p> <p>JL asked for clarification on how the PSPO and a private road allows for enforcement. AM confirmed if there is a breach of PSPO then enforcement is allowed even on private land.</p> |
| 8 | <p>(8/03/2026) St Michael's School – Proposed Closure</p> <p>Item covered at the start of the meeting. <i>Summary of discussions: See March 2026 2.1 Appendix</i></p> |
| 9 | <p>(9/01/26) Urgent Items Received by The Chair</p> <p>9.1 Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) No further updates.</p> <p>Cllr CB briefed the meeting about the proposal for Westhumble to become a Parish Council. Westhumble voted 84 to 81 in favour, but these figures are too close, so Westhumble will continue with a Residents Association for now.</p> <p><u>Item not on the Agenda:</u> RGS Surrey Hills requested to use the Recreation ground for the start/finish of their school cross country event on 19th March. All MPC Cllrs agreed.</p> |

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| 10 | <p>(10/03/26) Next Meeting</p> <p>10.1 Speaker for the Annual Parish Meeting – May 2026 It was agreed to wait until after the May Elections and to invite the candidate selected, to speak at the forthcoming APM.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Annual Parish Meeting: Wednesday 20 May 2026, followed by Annual MPC Meeting <p><i>Post Meeting Note:</i> <i>This date has now been changed to Wednesday 27th May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall</i> <i>The AGM MPC May Meeting to follow at approx. 8pm.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Full Council Meetings Wednesday 08 July 2026 Wednesday 09 September 2026 Wednesday 11 November 2026 (follows Children’s Recreation Ground Trust Meeting) Wednesday 20 January 2027 Wednesday 17 March 2027 |
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**Chair WD thanked everyone for attending.
The meeting closed at 8.40pm**

Minutes approved at May 2026 MPC Meeting:

Signed:

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