

# MICKLEHAM

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 23 May 2023 at 7.30pm.

<b>Venue</b>	Ranmore Room, St Michael's Church	
<b>Councillors Present</b>	David Ireland (DI - Chair) Graham Clark (GC-Vice Chair) David Ottridge (DO) Andrew McNaughton (AM)	Will Dennis (WD) John Lowes (JL)
<b>Minutes</b>	Feena Graham (FG - Parish Council Clerk)	
<b>Attending</b>	Kayleigh Hunter Catherine Duffey	Sarah Parfitt Carolyn Moore
<b>Members of the Community</b>	Angela Ireland	

	<p>DI opened the meeting by welcoming everyone present.</p> <p><b>Apologies for Absence received from:</b>          Anne Bolt (SALC – differed to July's MPC Meeting)          County Cllr Hazel Watson (Meeting)          Cllr Leah Mursaleen-Plank (Meeting)          Cllr Chris Budleigh (Meeting)          Cllr Abhiram Magnesh (Meeting)</p>
<b>1.</b>	<p><b>Previous Minutes</b>          The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 25 May 2022 were agreed by all Councillors present and signed by DI.</p>
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>Presentation by Catherine Diffey on behalf of St Michael's Church Eco Group</b></p> <p>DI formally welcomed Catherine Diffey to give the meeting an overview of the work carried out by the Eco Group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Church of England believes that responding to the climate crisis is an essential part of its responsibility to safeguard God's creation and achieve a just world.</li> <li>• As part of a wider environmental programme, Eco-Church is a framework for action that has been developed to help combat climate change.</li> <li>• To help the parish of Mickleham achieve some of these objectives the Eco Group was set up in 2022 with a few simple aims as directed by the Priest and PCC.</li> <li>• The group consists of several experienced, knowledgeable, and enthusiastic volunteers, who have begun work caring for the land in the churchyard with the planting of a hedgerow and orchard, redistribution of the compost heap, and preparation of a mowing scheme that has been approved by PCC to allow plants to flower and set seed and create a meadow where small mammals can live.</li> <li>• Having registered as an Eco Church with the A Rocha Award Scheme work has begun towards gaining the Eco Bronze Award and it is hoped that an energy audit will soon be conducted by external professionals giving advice on how the group can work together to make the church and chapel more efficient while taking in to account their historical status.</li> </ul> <p>A copy of the presentation is available on the MPC website.</p>

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3.	<b>Annual Report for 2022-2023</b>  DI had circulated his Annual Council Report in advance. No questions were raised. A copy will be available on the MPC Website after this meeting.
4.	<b>To consider other matters affecting the Parish</b>  DI welcomed Sarah Parfitt and Carolyn Moore, Trustees of the Children's Playground to update the meeting on any issues. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sarah Parfitt introduced Carolyn Moore as a new Trustee for the Playground.</li><li>• The annual safety inspection of the ground is due shortly.</li><li>• There is still an issue with the grass not growing under the playground equipment due to user footprint wear and tear.</li><li>• Groups of parents are now set up to conduct weekly checks on the playground area.</li><li>• Quiz on the 15 June at the King William is taking place to raise funds for St. Michael's Infant School and the Playground.</li><li>• Current equipment still has a possible a ten-year life.</li><li>• Warranty of equipment runs out in two years, so maintenance costs will then increase.</li></ul>
	DI thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

The Meeting closed at 8.05pm approximately.

Approved:

*Sarah A. Ireland*

Chair.

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