

## North Crawley Parish Bulletin - May 2022

Hi Folks, Steve here again with your monthly update on Parish Council news and activities.

Preparations are well underway for the Picnic in the Park on 5th June as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. Some areas of the village are doing their "own thing" but for everyone else there is an open invitation to get together on the playing fields and in the Institute and enjoy a picnic together. There will be a fancy dress parade and free tea, scones and jam and a small memento for all youngsters in the village. Come and join us - it should be fun!

(A special thank you to Gary and Tracy at the Chequers for coming to the rescue when a previous offer of supplying cream teas fell through. What superstars!!)

We've also started pulling together the basis of the Fun Day on 29th August - which will be bigger and better than last year!! More details to follow - but put the date in your diary for now!!

We have asked our Ward Councillors to write to all residents to give them an update on the Brook End travellers' site. The letter will highlight that residents have an extended period to lodge any comments or objections to the travellers' occupation of the site until 7th June. (If you have already submitted your objections please do not send them again.) Once we know the details of the Public Inquiry, we will let everyone know.

Of course we have a second group of travellers around the village at the moment and MKC is being very active in enforcing the eviction process. Unfortunately there has been a substantial amount of unpleasant rubbish left on each site they vacate.

The Neighbourhood Plan is almost ready to be submitted to MKC following the 6 week consultation process here in the Parish. It will be voted on at our June PC meeting and, assuming agreement, MKC will then have their own 6 week consultation period following which they will appoint an independent adjudicator and, in due course organise the voting process.

One of the most common requests to us as Parish Councillors is "who do I report this problem to?" Whether it is faulty streetlights, fly tipping, missed bin collection, planning objections, highways problems - or any of the host of issues that are the ultimate responsibility of MKC. To make things easier for our residents, we are putting a "One Click to Report It" link on the Parish Council website. Click on the link and you'll have an extensive menu of departments and functions at MKC which will take you straight to the people who can help. Please try it and give us feedback as to how you got on.

You should see notices up advertising the Parish Meeting on Saturday 18th June. It is not a Parish Council meeting but a meeting where you can give your views on what the Parish Council should be trying to achieve over the next 12 months. It is your meeting - the PC will facilitate it but it is "over to you" for an hour or so to share your views with us. It starts at 11.15am and should be finished by 12.30 so please give us a little of your time to help us understand what matters to you in our Parish.

On the subject of Parish Councils - we are only a year away from elections for the PC 2023-2026. There will likely be vacancies on the Council and we are really keen to get more residents coming forward to join us in this important function. If anyone would like a discussion about what the role entails and what commitment it requires, please do not hesitate to contact me and we can have a totally confidential, no obligation chat. Your Parish needs YOU! Please give it some thought.

That's about it for now and I look forward to seeing you on June 5th if not before!!