

North Crawley Parish Bulletin - August 2023

Hi Folks, Steve here with the latest news from the Parish Council. There is no Parish Council meeting in August, nor is there a SCAN so I hope it's useful just to give a quick update on issues in the middle of the "break". This bulletin will only appear on the Facebook Community Page and, of course, the PC website. If you know someone who doesn't have easy access to either of these media (and would like to see this bulletin) please give them a copy if you can or contact our Clerk (clerk@northcrawley-pc.gov.uk) who will be happy to provide you with one.

A tree was planted a couple of years ago at the North Western end of "Crouches" (as the Recreation Park was originally known) as part of the late Queen's "Green Canopy". It doesn't look very healthy largely because of an infestation of a type of beetle that attacks fruit trees (this one is a cherry). Oli Rose is dealing with this and we hope it recovers over time - plus a couple of kind residents are going to give it a water during very dry spells (not that we seem to have had many of those this year!!).

We had a bench "left over" when the kiddies play park was rebuilt and we have had it refurbished and re-sited up at the Adventure Play Park so you can watch the youngsters burn off energy whilst you put your feet up!!

Many of you will have spotted site preparation activity at the old "chicken farm" at Brook End. We understand this is to prepare the site for commercial use as a caravan storage facility. Naturally that sort of thing will need planning permission from MKCC and a Highways Department assessment of the suitability of the site given the vehicle movements likely on a tricky stretch of road. We hope an application is underway soon which will give the PC (and all residents) the opportunity to study it and give views and feedback to MKCC.

MKCC has a fund to provide Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) in the form of charging bays for residents without off street parking. Whilst the number of potential users is very low at the moment there may well come a time when there will be demand for this type of installation given the Government's current plan to ban new Petrol and Diesel car sales by 2030. The only space we could suggest for such an installation is the car park at the end of Bryans Crescent, which is owned and maintained by MKCC themselves. We have had notification that this has been accepted in principle although we have no idea of timescales for any eventual installation. Naturally, as soon as we know we will let you know!!

We really need one or two volunteers to join us on the Parish Council - we have one immediate vacancy and another likely within the next 6 months. We are a friendly bunch (honestly!) and it would only take a couple of hours a month to attend the meetings. You don't have to take on any other duties unless you want to of course. I would be happy to meet up and talk you through how it all works (Steve Garner 07973 192733). Without the PC we would lose our local "voice" and so many of the community activities, events and facilities that MKCC would simply not provide. But without volunteers we will have no PC - **please** give us a little of your time. 🙏

It's countdown to the Fun Day now - Monday 28th August - events kick off at 12noon and carry on throughout the afternoon until 5pm. This year we hope to stage our first "tug of war" along with some fun "country sports" - there are children's activities, bouncy castle, pony rides and face painting all at no charge. And to eat...Gary's famous Hog Roast on the Patio and Tracey's Cream teas in the club room, Pardeep's marvellous Indian snacks and... stop press.. Stacey from the Cock Inn is going to provide a youngsters' sweet treat table - it'll be a great opportunity for her to meet so many of you. The bowls club will be staging another "have a go" session and our resident DJ Bill will be keeping our toes tapping with great music all afternoon - and don't forget Teya's students brilliant dance presentation! Oh, and a cake stall, craft stall and yarn spinning in the Hall. Plus of course it's a great opportunity to catch up with everyone!! See you there - and I hope you enjoy the rest of Summer 2023!!