

North Crawley Parish Bulletin - June 2022

Hi Folks, Steve here with a round up of some of the issues we are working on at your Parish Council.

What a great turnout we had for the Picnic in the Park event, despite the poor weather. Over 150 villagers braved it to join a "street party" in the Institute. We even managed to have the Kings and Queens fancy dress parade along the High Street during a window of dry weather! The free cream teas seemed to go down particularly well and thank you to everyone who bought up a donation of cakes or strawberries and to Gary and Tracey from the Chequers for their kind donations and help.

It was lovely to see street parties in Folly Lane and Kilpin Green as well - so we were celebrating all over! We also dedicated the Queen's Tree in Nixes Walk with its smart new plaque.

The next big Parish wide event will be the Fun Day on the August Bank Holiday Monday - the 29th. A Hog Roast, cream teas, ice creams and Indian veggie snacks will all be available along with **free** Pony rides, bouncy castle, face painting and park games. Put the date in your diary and more details will be in SCAN, Facebook and on posters.

We are now hopeful there will be funding from MKC for a new Crossing Warden later this year. They are reviewing the whole system but we have been tipped off that it looks favourable for North Crawley. This is such an important role in the village and, along with our Ward Councillors, we will keep close to the process. If it's something you could be interested in doing please watch out for adverts around September time or make contact with me and I will put your name forward when recruitment starts.

We have two different groups of Travellers in the village just now. The Brook End site will be the subject of a Public Inquiry with the date and location yet to be set. Hopefully you all received an update letter from our Ward Councillors. The smaller group moving around the village continue to do so, leaving very unpleasant waste behind which needs specialists to clean it up. They are served notice to leave as soon as they set up a new encampment but the process takes a couple of weeks before they are forced to leave. So far we haven't been able to stop them simply relocating to another part of the village although that is being explored.

We are in the process of registering our Traffic Working Group (TWG) with the Community Speed Watch campaign which will allow us to receive training and assistance to maximise the benefits of the new Speed Camera we have purchased and the Speed Indicator Device (smiley/sad face). These devices are being jointly funded by the PC and a "Crowdfunding" donation kindly organised by James Sandall (Chair of the TWG). We will soon be looking for volunteers to join the scheme to help us monitor speed and deter speeding. This will give us important data for when we look at traffic calming measures. If you are concerned about speeding traffic through the village please consider giving a little of your time to join this important initiative.

At last the Neighbourhood Plan has been submitted to MKC for their 6 week consultation following which an independent adjudicator will be appointed to review the entire document and process. Assuming we get the "all clear" MKC will then set up a referendum so we can all vote. Realistically the referendum is likely to be 4 to 6 months away. But this is an important milestone and we send a big thank you to Helen and the Steering Group for all their hard work.

We are still in contact with Marshall Aerospace who are probably moving to Cranfield from their current location in Cambridge. Another "exhibition" will take place in Cranfield, probably in July and we will notify everyone when we know the date in case you wish to attend. A small group of Councillors has been invited to see the Cambridge operation so we can better understand the potential impact on our village, especially from a noise perspective.

By the time you read this in SCAN, we will have had our special Annual Parish Meeting on 18th June and I will give you feedback in the July bulletin. **That's all for now folks!**