

**North Crawley Annual Parish Meeting  
Saturday 18th June 2022**

11.15 am

Present:

Parish Councillor Steve Garner  
Parish Councillor Derek Harper  
Parish Councillor Sue Garner  
1 member of the public

Notes taken by Sue Garner

Four items raised:

**Question 1 Roaming Travellers** - why was there not an exclusion notice served including a non-return within a radius. It would seem an easy answer to stop movement around the village and reduce the expense to the tax payer incurred by Milton Keynes Council to continually serve relevant notices and send environmental health teams to clear up the huge amount of mess they leave behind.

**Response** - We think it's fair to say that the majority of residents find this situation intimidating, unpleasant and a waste of tax payers money. MKC are looking into an injunction that would stop the travellers returning back to 'North Bucks 'and have asked North Crawley Parish Council (NCPC) to provide a deposition statement regarding community impact. The Clerk and Chair are actioning this and also have the support of the Ward Councillors.

**Question 2 - School Crossing Patrol** - clarification sought regarding replacement funding, was it a 'hopeful 'or 'cast in stone 'situation for September? The cost of such a replacement was not known at this stage and it was noted that some private funding could be possible, as the role was felt to be significantly important to the village.

**Response** - NCPC totally agree with the significance of this role and have actively been pushing to get a response regarding this issue since the resignation of Paula back in April. It was noted that MKC had been given 12 weeks' notice of Paula's intention to leave and it was

disappointing that funding had not yet been confirmed. NCPC have already offered to work together with MKC in whatever way they can to secure this post and, again, we have enlisted the help of the Ward Councillors. There is a process by MKC to follow and it is hoped that MKC's position will become clear by September.

**Question 3 - Neighbourhood Plan** - The PC were thanked for their work on this over the last five years. In their view, was it likely to be adopted?

**Response** - as soon as there is a date for a referendum, notices will be displayed and everyone will be encouraged to make their vote count. Of course, after the many hours that the PC and Steering Group have spent on this project it was hoped people will think it a fair and balanced proposal. The PC have made it clear throughout this second proposed plan that if it should be rejected a third proposal is not an option, as it is a very lengthy and costly exercise; NCPC believe it's done the best it can

**Question 4 - Marshall at Cranfield. Is this a definite?**

**Response** - this is a Central Bedfordshire (CBC) planning application and, therefore, NCPC have little say but are continuing to maintain good communications with Marshall resulting in three Councillors and the Clerk (plus representatives from Moulsoe PC) visiting the Cambridge site to see their operation first hand, so that a clearer picture can be sought in an effort to answer any residents' concerns. This application appeared to be a better option than a previously proposed Air Park, however, the PC viewed this as 'cold comfort' and were concerned about the impact this would have on the village in terms of traffic etc. It was noted that both NCPC and Moulsoe were liaising with one another on this and that Marshall had agreed to explore if they could bring any leverage to getting both CBC and MKC to look into bringing a future proposed bypass forward to ease increased traffic demands. NCPC had also set up a Traffic Working Group to look into the weight, speed and volume of traffic through the village. Unfortunately only four villagers volunteered to be involved but it was hoped this would still bear fruit in terms of gathering traffic data to enable suitable traffic calming measures to be installed in the future.

**Finally** - the PC was thanked for all that it does; it must sometimes feel like a thankless task! Although the attendee couldn't join the PC they offered to help in any way they could.

The PC recorded its thanks and confirmed that with MK East, Brook End, Tickford Fields, Archery Club and Marshall, it has tried to remain positive and be as proactive as possible with events such as the Fun Day, Play Park Committee and the Queen's Jubilee celebrations.

Meeting closed at 12.15 pm