

# North Crawley Parish Council

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Hi Folks, Steve here with a roundup of PC activities around the Parish.

I'm afraid we have to shut the kiddies' play park between 27th June and 3rd July. The play park surface has developed several areas where mud has squelched through which then supports weeds to grow. This problem would simply get worse if we don't do something about it. We have agreed to go 50:50 with the original supplier on installing proper drainage (which we argue should have been done at the time of installation) which should rectify the problem. But of course, they need decent weather to do the job - hence the closure dates.

We are also taking the opportunity to renew the sloping path that leads to the play park as the surface of the current path has never really been satisfactory. The new path will be made from compressed rubber granules (mostly recycled tyres) and is water permeable. It should be easier to walk on and look smarter.

We hope you've noticed that work has been carried out by MKCC Highways to repair parts of Gog Lane and Folly Lane. There looks as if more needs to be done but at least it's a good start. They have surveyed these lanes during May and we are awaiting feedback on what is still outstanding and when it will be completed.

We're not far off halfway to the number of "yes" votes needed to apply for the installation of a 20mph limit around the High St area. If you haven't voted yet it would be really helpful to have your vote soon as we will be closing the voting window at the end of summer and unless we have 50% of all voters in favour we cannot take the idea any further. You can vote on the PC website [www.northcrawley-pc.gov.uk](http://www.northcrawley-pc.gov.uk). You might even get a knock on your door from one of our friendly Councillors who can answer any questions you may have.

Talking of speeding - we now have all 5 SIDs up and running at each major entrance to the village plus one in the centre of the village. Yay!! They will produce a lot of data about speeding patterns throughout each 24hr period and enable us to liaise with Thames Valley Police to identify areas where speed cameras would be most needed. Thank you to Cllrs Kierney and Armstrong for offering to help with data gathering and interpretation.

We aim to carry out our Biennial survey later this year. You may remember that in the past we asked you to tell us what you think the PC's priorities should be and things like whether we communicate enough. It was from these responses that the idea of the SIDs emerged to help slow traffic through the village. It was also the reason we started this bulletin as there was an indication at the time that we didn't communicate what we do very effectively. Hopefully this has made a difference!! We are going to consider some new questions and aspects to ask about and we'd be super grateful if you could help us by responding when the survey is published.

Finally, our wonderful long-standing Clerk, Sheila Bushnell has decided to retire from her role on the PC at the end of this year. We are, of course, very sad she will be leaving us but incredibly grateful for her many years of service to so many different groups of Councillors over the years. Her experience is irreplaceable, but she is very happy to share it with a new Clerk if we can attract someone to take her place. Ideally, we would like to operate for a few months with 2 clerks as the new Clerk learns the ropes from Sheila. It's a paid role that takes around 40 hours a month and there will be much more detail in adverts on Facebook and in SCAN so if you think you might be interested, please keep an eye out for them. Of course, you could always have a chat with Sheila herself - why not set up a no obligation meet by emailing her on [clerk@northcrawley-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@northcrawley-pc.gov.uk). We're a really friendly bunch and will give you all the help we can.