

# North Crawley Parish Council

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Hi Folks! Steve here again with your monthly roundup of Parish Council news and activities.

We are involved in three plans to reduce speed through our village. Firstly, the long awaited SIDs (speed indicator devices) along with their solar panels should be installed in March. This will mean we no longer need a group of volunteers to keep changing (and charging) the batteries. We then hope to be successful in our bid for part funding toward our second tranche of SIDs which will give us 5 in total. Some of your Councillors will be trained to retrieve and interpret the data from the SIDs as well as how to pass them on to the relevant authorities.

Secondly MK Council have asked the PC to comment on the potential of extending the 30mph limit to Brook End (along with a 40mph stretch before it). The PC voted with a majority in favour of this and MK will now move to a public consultation on the idea so everyone can have their say.

And finally, we are exploring the idea of a 20mph zone to cover all the areas currently under the 30mph limit (effectively the High St, Chicheley Rd/Orchard Way junction and Folly Lane's main residential area. To gauge your support for this MKCC requires us to produce a petition and we aim to visit each house to ask you to sign it if you are in favour. We hope to do this during March.

Things are gradually progressing with the implementation of the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) and the first validated planning application is on the MK planning portal now - this is the site of the former Maslin orchard (H4 on the NP) and along Orchard Way (H5 on the NP). It will comprise of 10 houses altogether. Hopefully in March or April the next plan will be validated - this will be the site of Top Crofts, along Chicheley Rd, North of Orchard Way (H3 on the NP). These 3 sites represent the majority of houses included in the NP. It's worth recalling that 50% of our electorate voted in the NP referendum and that 88% were in favour of the NP - a clear and positive endorsement of the plans which we will work hard to help implement.

We have had a meeting with a developer who is looking to build 3500 houses as part of "MK50" - which is the plan that follows "MK East". The houses will be South of Moulsoe and cross the Beds/Bucks border. At the moment, these are early concepts and no doubt there will be full consultation once their plans are finalised. There are no current plans we are aware of that include any proposed house development in the immediate vicinity of North Crawley.

Our Village Warden, Kevin Bates, is retiring from the role at the end of March. He has done a wonderful job behind the scenes of the village; collecting rubbish from the bins, wiping over the benches, inspecting the play park equipment (he has been trained on this), cleaning the windows in the bus shelter and a host of other jobs that help our village look its best. If you know anyone who is a bit of a handy man/woman and would like a couple of hours paid work around the village please ask them to drop our clerk a line as we'd be delighted to explain more about the role.  
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Currently MKCC is planning to close the "tip" in Newport Pagnell sometime in 2026. The intention is to build two new "super tips" and our nearest will be in the Wolverton area (a much longer drive of course). This is despite the original plans for MK East including a new tip (which has now been withdrawn). Some of our Ward Councillors are trying to reverse this decision.

Well, that's it for now - and, as the daylight gets longer, the birds chatter in the trees and the gardens begin to burst into life we can all look forward to glorious Springtime in North Crawley!