

North Crawley Parish Bulletin - February 2023

Well, the big news is that our Neighbourhood Plan has been accepted by our Parish with an amazing 88% majority in favour. Overall around half of our electorate voted, which we are told by MKCC is a good turnout for these things. Thank you for voting - whichever way you did - as it helps us feel confident that the plan will be supported as it unfolds over the coming years.

We now need to form an Implementation Group (IG) to help ensure the plan is delivered and managed. The IG will liaise with the developers to ensure the key features of the plan are included in their planning submissions. It will also work with developers to minimise the disruption to the village as each new home is built. The IG will also communicate with the Parish should there be any issues of significance that arise during the development phase.

If you're interested in joining the IG simply drop me an email on stevegarner@northcrawley-pc.gov.uk.

The Public Inquiry related to the Brook End Nursery site is to take place from Thursday 17th October 2023 at the MKCC offices. It is likely to last 4 days. The PC has already submitted its comments and I know many residents have also. There will be more information about this Inquiry later in the year.

We're going to refurbish and install a bench up in the "adventure park", near the MUGA to provide additional seating up there.

The Parish Council has been given a grant of £500 from MKCC to provide support during these more difficult financial times. Naturally there is a limit to what we can do with that sort of sum but we have launched the "Winter Warmer Scheme" whereby anyone who could do with a little help can have a free snuggly fleece blanket and free soup and rice pudding from the village shop. The scheme will continue until the grant runs out.

Details of the scheme will be advertised separately but please use it or, if you know someone who could benefit from it, pick up some Winter Warmer goodies and pop them round to them. Let's keep a caring eye on friends and neighbours, especially during the colder, darker months.

MKCC is launching a new scheme for waste collection which will involve each household having 4 wheelie bins - the green one (which most of us already have), a black one (for non-recyclable waste), a blue lidded one (for plastic, metal and glass) and a red lidded one (for paper and cardboard).

We had quite a good turnout for the presentation and question session at the Institute which helped clarify how the scheme will work. Frankly opinion is divided on this scheme with those who can store 4 bins out of sight broadly in favour of it and those who cannot store the bins being against it. The PC is trying to establish options for those who will struggle to store the bins and we will keep you updated with our progress.

I attended an update meeting on the MK East development and it's clear this is going to be a long and drawn out project. They were quoting 30 to 40 years to complete it! The new bridge (over the M1) is unlikely to be open until the late 2020's, by which time they only anticipate 250 houses will have been built. I guess we need to expect traffic disruption and diversions for many a year to come!! The scheme will include a "linear Park" which will be a swathe of green space with water features stretching from Willen Lake all the way to Newport Pagnell. That should be a really nice feature, probably to be enjoyed by our kids or grandchildren!!

Well that's all for now folks - don't forget we are on the lookout for new Parish Councillors - please see the separate notice in SCAN - it need only take 2 hours of your time a month - please give it some serious thought - we are all volunteers and we need your help!! Thank you.