

North Crawley Parish Bulletin - July 2022

Hi Folks, Steve again with a quick update on issues affecting our Parish. I'm sure we are all pleased to see that the "transient" travellers who created 4 illegal encampments around the village have gone, at least for now anyway. The rubbish they left behind was very unpleasant including human waste and, on one occasion asbestos was found. I know many residents were unsettled by their presence. Thank you to everyone who kept the PC informed so we could promptly notify MKC to have enforcement notices served.

The site at Brook End is still occupied and we are waiting for a date for the public inquiry. Meanwhile there have been several reports of dogs, belonging to the site, running loose in the road and all motorists are urged to take extreme caution as they approach the area between the bridge and Wellies Nursery.

Our PCSO, Arlene, reported on crime in the village - in the last 10 weeks there had been 4 illegal encampments (as we know), 2 Road traffic accidents, including one at Brook End itself and 1 incident of criminal damage. Fortunately it's rare for North Crawley to have so many notifiable incidents.

We are still awaiting confirmation that funding will be available for a Crossing Warden but we remain hopeful. MKC is indicating it may be down to the school to recruit such a Warden and, if that is the case, the PC will help in every way it can as we recognise this is such an important role for our community.

The annual Family Fun Day is taking place on 29th August - you should see posters around the village toward the end of July - it takes place between 12noon until 5pm up at the recreation field with loads to do, eat and enjoy so do come and join us if you can - it's the opportunity for a real village get together.

The Traffic Working Group has produced an interim report and we are just getting some advice from a Highways specialist before putting together a potential plan. Naturally, once the draft plan is complete we will publicise it so you can let us know what you think about the ideas. At that point, the plan will be subject to technical consultation, cost and MKC approval so please bear with us as we continue to focus on this important issue.

The PC and the Traffic Working Group are hoping to set up a Community Speedwatch Scheme in the village - we will need around 6 volunteers to use the speed gun and help us monitor speed at strategic points around the village. You will receive police training and be provided with all necessary equipment. The data you collect can help deter speeding as motorists will receive caution letters if they were over the legal limit. If you're interested please look out for notices later this year once the scheme has been registered with Thames Valley Police.

The Annual Parish Meeting took place on 18th June - I'm afraid we only had one resident attend. We had a nice chat about village issues and the minutes are on the PC's website. We would really like to see more residents come and join us for these meetings and next year we will try a different format to see if that helps.

Well, that's about it for another month - there is no Parish Council meeting in August so the next Bulletin will be in September - but I hope see you at the Family Fun Day meanwhile!!!