

Hi All,

I hope you had a good Easter and enjoyed some of the sunny weather we so briefly experienced! Fingers crossed the days will get brighter as we continue into spring.

I wanted to start this bulletin by saying we have got a new councillor joining the team. We are thrilled to have Martin Jenson join us and look forward to the new buzz of energy he will bring to our meetings!

We have agreed to invite the Head of Highways to an upcoming meeting to take a walk around the village and discuss any suggestions on improving resident safety, for example when crossing the High Street. Hopefully we will see them at a meeting soon.

The Neighbourhood plan is progressing with some good news about site H6. Plot 2 has now been approved by planning subject to conditions and Plot 1 is still under consultation. Hopefully things can keep moving along and we will see some building work potentially start this year.

We are getting designs and wording finalised on the signs that will be ordered to go by the Ford. The designs incorporate some of the beautiful drawings from our village map, pictures of the various wildlife to be found by the Ford and interesting historical information about the area.

We have received the results of our Parish Council survey. I would personally like to thank the grand total of 32 people who filled it out! Some findings from the survey were that most of those residents seemed to like living in North Crawley, were happy with how the PC runs the services it is responsible for and agreed that the PC provides value for money. Seeing as we are all volunteers it's great to know that most of the residents are happy with our free services. We received some positive feedback about responding to residents needs which is great to see.

There was a question in our survey about the PC website, which has recently been revamped and updated by our clerk. It has all the previous minutes from our meetings, financial information and PC bulletins. There is information on village history as well as details and contact information for the many groups and clubs that are on. Please see website details below: www.northcrawley-pc.gov.uk

One question focused on areas to prioritise, some popular answers were "improving community safety", "improving community engagement" and "improving footpaths". The main area highlighted however was "projects and events for younger residents" and "village events". On that topic I am working on getting our village Fun Day organised for this year. We are a bit tight on budget this year as I am trying to book some new activities for some of the older children as well as the classic Pony rides and Bouncy Castle. We still want to keep the day and the various activities free so if anyone can volunteer their

time to run or sponsor an event or stall that would be great! The Fun Day will be held on Monday 31st August and I hope to see lots of you there.

I will close this bulletin out by letting everyone know that we have our Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 5th May in the Institute at 7pm. This is for members of the public to come along and let us know of any issues or anything they may want to discuss with us. We hope some of you can come along and see us!