

North Crawley Parish Bulletin - November 2021

Hi Folks, Steve here again with a round up of what's happening behind the scenes of your Parish Council.

We have completed a full physical survey of the Cemetery, looking specifically at how safe the monuments are. It was something we were recommended to do given the Parish Council is responsible for the Southern part of the Churchyard (behind the Church). We were especially looking for memorial stones that could fall over and cause injury (some of them are extremely heavy). Regrettably we found 3 that were so loose that we had to lay them down (which is the recommended action). Sheila, our Parish Clerk is trying to make contact with any family members who may be in the Parish to inform them. Please let one of your Councillors know if you spot anything unsafe in the Churchyard.

We have been trying to get the developers of the huge Milton Keynes East estate to join us at a Parish Council meeting so we can express our concerns about its impact on North Crawley and seek their help in mitigating against the increased volume of traffic it will cause. So far they have cancelled at the last moment on two occasions! We shall see if they make it to the next one!! The PC has now submitted two written submissions to MK Council regarding our concerns about the traffic consequences of MKE - we will keep our fingers crossed that they will be read and acted upon.

I'm pleased to say we now have 4 volunteers for the Traffic Working Group - although that is less than I hoped for it will enable us to at least make a start and I'm hopeful we can get a meeting underway soon. Please contact me if you could spare a little time to help us. Three of the 4 volunteers are still working and it hasn't stopped them offering their help. We will try to make the meetings as "work friendly" as possible.

Can you believe it - we still haven't heard back from the review of the Conservation Area - that is 18 months to do a job that should have taken a few days!! Naturally we keep chasing but so far - nothing! Grrr!

During November the whole Parish has been invited to nominate people for the Village Champion award which we aim to announce and award in December. I hope you used your vote to allow us to say a big thank you to people who do so much to make North Crawley such a great place to live.

Now the adventure play park is up and running (and being much appreciated by everyone who is using it - young and not so young!!) attention is turning to the replacement of the kiddies play park. Work is due to start in February 2022 and it's hoped it will be open by Easter.

Talking of the adventure play park - we noticed that the dog bin has ended up in the middle of it and is in a pretty poor state too - so we are going to purchase a new dog bin and situate it out of the way (but still prominently) to avoid any accidents.

The Neighbourhood Plan is still trundling along and, as well as leaflet dropping, the Steering Group organised a public consultation in November following a recent change to the number of houses on a specific site. The feedback we received was broadly supportive so we will press on with the production of the full plan document which we aim to post into every household so you have plenty of time to look at it and raise any issues ahead of the referendum which we hope will take place in the first half of 2022.

We are hoping to take possession of a medium sized tree to plant in Nixey's Walk (opposite the WI tree) to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee next year. The actual Jubilee day is 3rd June 2022 and we are hoping to organise events to properly celebrate the occasion. Watch this space!!

Well, that's about it for now - don't forget Carol singing at the Park on 17th December at 5.30pm followed by mince pies and mulled wine - bring a lantern or torch and let's get into the Christmas spirit!