

# North Crawley Parish Council

## Bulletin - May 2025

Hi Folks, Steve here with an update on all things Parish Council.

In May we have two important events at the Parish Council meeting - firstly our Annual Parish Meeting (APM) - this is an opportunity for our residents to discuss issues of importance to them with the Parish Council so we can include them in future discussions. Unfortunately, we didn't manage to attract a single resident (or a married one either!!). Hopefully it's because everyone is tickety boo with all that the PC gets up to and that we're not missing anything.

Please try to have a look at the summary of Parish Council activities over the last 12 months (on the PC website and on Facebook) which we prepared for the APM. Almost all of these activities would not take place if we had no Parish Council - and to keep our PC going we need volunteers to join us as our Councillors of the future. Please come and join us - we have an immediate vacancy - to keep our village thriving.

The other important event in May is the appointment of the Chair for the year ahead. As many of you know I will be leaving the village at some stage and felt it was only right to encourage another Councillor to take on the role whilst I can help hand over the reigns so to speak. I'm delighted to confirm that Cllr Derek Harpur has been elected the new Chair of the PC. I will be Vice Chair until I leave North Crawley. Derek does a huge amount of work behind the scenes both at the Ford, keeping it looking a beautiful place to walk through, and on various committees giving freely of his time to support our Parish. I'm sure you'll join me in wishing him every success.

At the moment there doesn't seem a great deal of support for the idea of a 20mph speed limit throughout the centre of the village. We only have 13% of the electorate in favour - and we need 50% to put in a successful bid for the change. We will monitor the responses closely over the next month before deciding how we progress (or not) from there. Separately the consultation by MKCC on converting our current 40mph section (from Brook End) to 30mph has now finished and we are waiting to hear the outcome.

We are hopeful we have found a candidate for the role of Village Warden but until that is confirmed we are keeping things ticking over between ourselves.

Now we have agreed the wording we will be putting new signage up on the Waste Ground (in front of The Church) to explain that, whilst it is not a car park, parking is permitted subject to a number of conditions (which will be listed). This will hopefully provide clarity for everyone.

This year's Fun Day will take place on 25th August 12pm to 5pm and will be bigger and better than ever!! The free pony rides are returning, we have a much bigger bouncy castle for kiddies to enjoy and Gary will be rustling up his famous Hog Roast of course. More news later in the year but save the date now!! Still plenty of room for craft stalls - drop me an email if you'd like to be there! I will be organising the Fun Day this year but handing over to Cllr Laura Butterworth who will make sure this popular annual event continues to take place.

We are (hopefully) having the repair work to the surface carried out at the kiddies play park at the beginning of June. It will require the park to be closed off for a week as extensive new drainage is being installed to resolve the issue of muddy water seeping up. As soon as we know specific dates of the closure, we will post them on the play park.

Well, that's it for now and, as we head into Summer, isn't it wonderful to see the gardens bursting with new life and the trees and hedgerows full of birds and birdsong throughout our beautiful Parish.