

North Crawley Parish Council

Bulletin - July 2025 - Online only

Hi Folks, Steve here with a roundup of Parish Council news. As there is no SCAN during August this bulletin is for Facebook and the PC Website only.

As we will all know now the 30mph limit into the village from Newport Pagnell begins at Brook End preceded by a 40mph buffer a quarter mile before it. It seems there is a division of views on this with some welcoming it (especially those residents with children in the Brook End area) and some finding it irritating that there is an elongated 30mph limit along what seems largely open countryside. I'm sure we'll all get used to it in time. This was 100% a MKCC initiative (not Parish Council) driven, in part, by residents in the area requesting it.

Hopefully many of you will have seen the improvements to the kiddies play park, especially the new sloping path which looks very smart indeed! The green areas are where new drainage has been installed (no, we don't know why they didn't use black) and you can see how extensive the work was. Fingers crossed we should have no squelchy sections during the winter now.

Talking of the play park - we organise regular safety checks (in line with best practice) which are carried out by registered specialists. One of these checks highlighted a fixing which was coming loose on the "parent and baby" double swing which is obviously potentially dangerous. As soon as we had the report we put notices on the swing explaining the problem and requesting that the swing isn't used. These notices were ripped off. We replaced the notices and they too were ripped off. So we bound the swing seat with a locked armoured cable. This was removed with cable cutters! Further signs were also ripped off. All we were trying to do was keep children safe and it's difficult to understand why anyone would ignore the advice in such a determined way (I'm sure most parents would agree). We have now fitted a new fixing to the swing and it's safe to use.

There is still a vacancy for anyone who would be interested in becoming a Parish Councillor. It's a great way of helping our community through managing the maintenance and wellbeing of our village and cemetery. If you've ever fancied doing some voluntary work for the benefit of others, then this role is perfect. It only requires a commitment of a couple of hours a month at meetings along with some reading in between. Naturally there are plenty of opportunities to be even more involved, but it is not a requirement and you would not be pressured into doing more than you are happy with. Why not ask for more details from our clerk, Sheila, on clerk@northcrawley-pc.gov.uk

The occupants of Brook End nurseries have a hearing with the Secretary of State to formally seek to challenge the decision of the public inquiry. This is listed to take place on 1st October and when we hear of any further developments we will let you know.

It's only 6 weeks until the fun day (as I write this bulletin) and things are all in place for what we hope will be the best fun day so far. As I will be leaving the village in due course, I will be handing all the Fun Day details over to Laura Butterworth who has kindly volunteered to organise the next one in 2026. Look out for posters nearer the date but make sure you've got 25th August in your diaries!!

Finally, we have an impending vacancy of Clerk now Sheila is stepping down. It's a paid role taking around 40hrs a month and Sheila is happy to share her many years of experience with you to make sure it's not too daunting a task to take on. You would be made really welcome - honest! Why not have a no-obligation chat with Sheila - you can set up a meeting with her on clerk@northcrawley-pc.gov.uk. Further details of the post can be found on the Parish Council website.

That's it for now - have a wonderful Summer and, hopefully, I'll see you on August 25th!!