

North Crawley Parish Council

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Steve here again with your latest update of Parish Council news and activities.

You may have already heard that the Travellers at Brook End have lost their right to appeal against the decision of the Inquiry. The Inquiry decided that they should vacate the site at Brook End by 25th September. Naturally the process of the appeal against this decision has delayed things and we are awaiting MKCC's decision as to what date will apply now.

For some years we have provided funds for Milton Keynes Play Association to organise a session of supervised play on the recreation park. Initially this was really well attended by village children. This year less than one quarter of the children attending were from the village which, in our view, doesn't seem to represent good value for villagers money. Because of this we have decided to suspend funding this activity for 2026.

It's budget time of year for the PC and we will be working on a draft budget during November prior to finalising it in January. This has been a slightly more expensive year due to expenditure on the play park surface plus funding our new Clerk, Taj, in tandem with our current Clerk, Sheila, so they can carry out an effective handover (which is going really well!).

We remain concerned that the conversion of The Cock Inn into 3 houses with no parking spaces will create additional difficulties to the parking problem we already suffer from. As we all know it is increasingly difficult to drive along the High St, especially at peak times, due the number of cars parked on the road. Having up to 9 additional vehicles with no parking spaces is just going to exacerbate the problem. If we do nothing we fear the additional vehicles may complicate our obligation to maintain access to the properties adjacent to the Waste Ground as we do not have the resources to "police" parking. For this reason we continue to explore the potential of having a strip either side of the Waste Ground marked with "Keep Clear at All Times. We are applying for pre-application advice to determine whether we need planning permission and, if we do, what regulations we must adhere to. We are also making contact with the residents most affected by this crazy decision by MKCC which seemingly disregards their own planning regulations!!! Honestly, you couldn't make it up!!

Recently a concerned resident contacted the PC to say that drug dealing is taking place in Gog Lane. Naturally that is a police matter. The resident informed our PCSO only to find out that you can't report a crime by telling a Police Officer! You have to dial 101 (which can sometimes take ages to get through to) or contact Thames Valley Police via their website. As the resident pointed out to us, not everyone is comfortable using a computer and that surely telling a uniformed Police Officer should be enough to report a crime. I must admit that doesn't seem unreasonable! There may be some very sensible reasons why the system is designed this way and we'll seek guidance from our local Police team next time we're together at a Parish Council meeting.

Well, with Halloween and Guy Fawkes Night behind us, we have the run up to Christmas to look forward to. Please come and join us for this years Carol singing by the Church Lychgate on Friday 19th December at 5.30pm. It's a great opportunity to get together, young and old. We'll sing our favourite carols then enjoy hot mulled wine, sausage rolls and mince pies until 6.30pm when the Lights for a Loved One are switched on. The Church looks especially magical with these beautiful lights hanging from the trees. What a lovely way to get into the Christmas spirit! Looking forward to seeing you there!!