

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – AUGUST 2017

The County Council is continuing to make progress with new initiatives in place to manage the County. The new area councils are up and running and have met twice so far.

The changes in the make-up of the new local planning committees have already had an effect. Not all applications have been passed due to local councillors now able to use their local knowledge to influence decisions. This was not previously the case.

The bus car park directional signs have been removed from the road owned by Northumberland Estates at the north end of Warkworth leading to the long-term car park as the road is no longer suitable for vehicles due to the large potholes.

The traffic and parking survey consultation by N.C.C is underway with the Parish Council and myself negotiating improvements.

Lighting improvements proposed in the centre of Warkworth have been deferred until a plan has been agreed. These will be carried out next year and will be in keeping with the conservation area.

I would like to welcome Karon Hadfield as the new Parish Clerk for Warkworth. Karon is now in position and replaces Elaine Brown who served as clerk for four years. My thanks go to Elaine for her effort and dedication.

At long last I can confirm that work will be carried out to renew the footpath in front of the houses in Woodlands that has been in a poor state for several years. I have arranged for the work to be done following possible lamp post replacements on the footpath.

The condition of the road in Dial Place is one of constant concern to me but I think I may be getting somewhere at last. I hope to be able to report some positive progress in the next edition of the Pelican.

Finally, you will probably have read that two senior officers of ARCH have been suspended and also that reviews are taking place in many areas of N.C.C.'s business. However, I can assure you that in many areas it is business as usual and I will continue to get a good all round service for council tax payers in Warkworth, Acklington and Guyzance.

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