

DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCIL NOTES

As the hearing regarding the caravans at Heatherleazes gets closer (due to be held on the 2 July) I decided to organise a meeting with interested parties and Planning Officers of Alnwick District Council. The purpose of the meeting was to ensure that we worked together on this issue in the best possible way and that we cooperated with the Officers who have been putting together a case for supporting the refusal. In this meeting we exchanged information and ideas and clarified several points that the local objectors had raised. It looks as though we are in a strong position to support the refusal of this application but in the final analysis it will be the Planning Inspector who decides on the case, I will try to make sure that he understands, and takes into account, the strength of local feeling from residents against the current situation

I have been consulting with interested parties regarding the signage of the new play park at the Welfare ground in Amble and have managed to have a plan drawn up by the Highways Department that would make the area safer. I am pursuing this with The Amble Development Trust, who is aware of the safety issues and was already working on them; we hope to reach a satisfactory conclusion shortly.

As stated previously in the Pelican, speeding on our roads continues to be a big problem, to try and alleviate some of the issues in our Parish I have had detailed discussions with Senior Managers at N.C.C. and am awaiting the outcome of them. The current consultations regarding Morwick Road, Guildens Road and Acklington Road in Amble will all be taken into account and it is planned to include other problem areas in the final plan for the area.

The Heritage style replacement street lighting and removal of wooden poles on the Butts in Warkworth is almost complete with just (as I write 19/6/08) three concrete pillars to be taken out and reused elsewhere and two poles on the ground to be removed. I think everyone agrees this was a very worthwhile project for the Parish Council and me (with my County Councillors hat on) to undertake, especially as there was no cost to the Parish Council.

As many of you will know residents of Acklington have plans for a community garden near to the Village Hall and have been working with various parties to bring this plan to fruition. I have already offered some advice on the way to proceed and will be attending a meeting to

continue with my help to the project. If I can help financially through funds available to me from the County Council then I will do so. Despite what some of you may have read in literature distributed in the Parish, I remain your Independent Councillor and will as ever be available to you on 01665 713629

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