

Chairman's Blog

Stratford Armouries – planning application for 44 holiday lodges. On 6 September, the District Council refused planning permission for the change of use of land to a holiday home park, the siting of up to 44 holiday lodges (caravans) and a number of related changes. The reason for the refusal was that the proposal was an inappropriate development in the Green Belt and the applicant had failed to demonstrate that very special circumstances exist to outweigh the resultant harm.

Play areas – all the swing seats have now been replaced.

Hurdler's Lane – many ongoing issues remain to be resolved including problems with windows, doors, downpipes and floors and pressure is being exerted to achieve the installation of gas heating by the end of October. Councillors Cox and Smith are exploring all possible actions in order to resolve the outstanding issues.

Playing Field Working Group – the Working Group held its first meeting on 18 July and subsequently visited Barford, which has excellent facilities, in order to assist in formulating ideas for improvements at Snitterfield playing field.

Rubbish Friends – on Sunday 16 September litter clearing around the village by volunteers will take place, repeating the exercise which has been so effective and much appreciated in the past.

Signage in the village – a resident, David Manly, attended the Parish Council meeting and displayed photographs of signs around the village which are either overgrown or damaged or need cleaning. The Parish Council will work with Mr Manly to request the County Council, which is responsible for the signs, to take the necessary action to replace or improve the signs.