

MARWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

10 September 2015

Dear Councillors,

Yesterday morning, Sue, Tom and I attended the North Devon District Council Planning meeting where the planned housing development adjacent the Ring-o-Bells was to be decided. I felt through the whole meeting that the presence of the public was bourne rather than welcomed. Speakers were listened to politely. When however, it was the turn of our District Councillor to speak there was barely a mention of the feelings of the community or the Highways Engineer, then as a trump card he produced a letter from the Headteacher of Marwood Primary School inferring that if new houses weren't built, the school could close! The fact that the application was recommended for approval and passed by the planning committee was no surprise to anyone but the procedure probably was.

This coupled with the fact that we also receive very little support for traffic calming leaves me wondering why we need a parish council other than for the excellent work done by Sheelagh and Chris on the footpaths and bridleways.

This leaves me with no option but to resign from the Parish Council.

My sincere thanks to our most invaluable clerk Malcolm who has been a true servant of the parish for 20+ years and to you all for your commitment

Yours sincerely,

Gordon Tamlyn