

Brompton on Swale Parish Council

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- 1 The upgrade of the A1 to three lane motorway standard was officially opened on Thursday 17 May. The Parish Council is actively pursuing some alterations to the current road layout. These include changes to the junction of the A6136 and A6055 near Fort Bridge and the junction beside Catterick Bridge Hotel both of which raise road safety concerns. We are also making strong representations about the apparent increase in noise levels from the new road and hope that measures will be taken to reduce the current noise. An additional street light is to be installed adjacent to the underpass on Station Road and there are still refinements to be made to complete work under the two bridges on Station and Bridge Roads. We will continue to press for an additional light close to the Bridge Road underpass.
- 2 A defibrillator has been installed on the outer wall of the Community Sports Hall during the year following a grant from Richmondshire District Council. It is hoped that it will be of invaluable assistance in emergency but that its use will be limited! It is also proposed to install another one near to The Crown public house and the project is currently one of the choices for customers to support at Tesco.
- 3 The Parish Council is now responsible for grass cutting in the village other than where road safety is at issue. This represents a considerable increase in our overall expenditure but we have included an allowance in our budget for sufficient cuts for the grass to be maintained in satisfactory condition and if necessary to increase the number of cuts.
- 4 We have been approached by Persimmon builders regarding their wish to give up some of the open spaces/green areas in Augustus Gardens for adoption. Preliminary discussions will precede details of the amount of money to be provided to the Parish Council to cover the anticipated costs over the first decade. We are currently awaiting a response from Persimmons to our initial questions.
- 5 A review of the number of District Councillors and the wards they represent has been undertaken for Richmondshire by an independent body. The Parish Council contributed their views but sadly they were overlooked and the final decision is that three District Councillors will be elected in future to represent Catterick Village Scorton and ourselves.
- 6 New regulations on Data Protection are being introduced later this month and the Parish Council has made the appropriate changes and safeguards to ensure it complies although we are pleased that amendments have resulted in the changes not being as onerous as first envisaged.
- 7 There have been no changes to the members of the Parish Council during the last year. I would like to put on record my thanks for their support and to County Councillor Les and District Councillor Threlfall for their continued support - their great effort to attend practically every meeting is much appreciated - and beneficial liaison with their Councils throughout the year. My thanks also to our Clerk, Shireen, whose diligence and efficiency has ensured that, once again, everything has run smoothly.