

Brompton on Swale Parish Council

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- 1 We have welcomed four new Parish Councillors during the course of the last twelve months – Simon Ducker, Max Rutter, Richard Haynes and Rupert King who have taken the places of Jan Coventry Ann Hunter and Mike Barber and mean that we currently enjoy a full complement. Our thanks and appreciation for the contributions of the outgoing Councillors, particularly Mike Barber who was Vice Chairman.
- 2 The A1 improvements are now nearing completion with work scheduled to be completed by the end of this year. As part of the development the two over bridges in this village have been doubled in width. The Parish Council has been concerned at the lack of additional street lighting that is scheduled to be supplied at the bridges and North Yorkshire and Richmondshire have responded well so that an additional light is to be provided on Station Road. We will continue to push for an additional light on Bridge Road.
- 3 After a decade at the helm Tracy Clark and Bruce Ward have resigned as Chair and Treasurer of the Village Society. The Village Society looks after the Sports Field and the Community Sports Hall on behalf of the Parish Council and we are pleased to report that Simon Ducker and Charlene King have taken their places to enable the Village Society to continue to maintain these valuable assets.
- 4 The Parish Council receives many complaints about dog mess on pavements and footpaths and has made arrangements for a new dog waste bin to be sited at the entrance to the path to and from the Iron Bridge opposite The Farmers Arms to help alleviate the problem. Ultimately we would hope dog owners would eradicate the problem by behaving more responsibly.
- 5 During the year the Parish Council lent its support to a campaign by the local MP to register the Coast to Coast walk as a National Trail. Whilst the walk is recognised as a long distance footpath the section in this village is well used and greatly enjoyed by residents of the village.
- 6 Car parking remains a problem in the village. Indeed the impact is worsening and the number of complaints that are received increasing. All villages and probably urban communities face problems with car parking resulting from many of the housing areas having been designed and built many decades ago when very many less private cars were owned. Nevertheless the Parish Council has appealed to residents to be more considerate of others particularly pedestrians by utilising their driveways where possible and avoiding parking on pavements and obstructing junctions. Sadly if the problem persists it may be necessary to involve the Police – a step we would rather not take.
- 7 Finally my thanks to the Parish Councillors 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.