

Patrick Brompton Parish Council Chairman's Report 2017 – 2018.

Once again this has been a mixed year for the Parish Council , one of our Councillors has resigned, and some of our projects have reached a successful conclusion whilst others are still to be resolved.

I was sorry to hear from our Clerk that Councillor Hudson had tendered his resignation from the Parish Council for personal reasons. I know that Mr Hudson has been a Parish Councillor for around 20 years, and during the eight years I have known him he has been active on the Council as the Responsible Financial Officer. I witnessed from both sides of this table, as a resident and as a Councillor, how he competently managed and advised on the Councils finances. He has always been willing to put his hand to any task such as the selection, erection and lighting of the village Christmas Tree, working on the bus shelter ceiling, completing the Parish Tree Survey, supervising the grass mowing contracts and works on the telephone box ending with the Defib signs being displayed in time for the Tour de Yorkshire, along with many other unseen works. His artistic abilities have been used to very good effect with many of his photographs supplied to the Patrick Brompton Website and only a few days ago his straw bale dioramas were placed on the route of the Tour de Yorkshire through the village. I, as Chairman, would like to thank you for all that you have done for this Council and for the village.

Mr Jon MacNamara continues to work as Clerk to the Parish Council. He is working through a programme of recognised training that will further equip him for his duties as Clerk, and I wish him success in his continued studies. My grateful thanks to Mr MacNamara for all of his work this past year and for keeping me on the straight and narrow during our meetings. I particularly wanted to thank him for the excellent work on the presentation which he delivered to the village meeting, attended by village residents, Parish Councillors and District Councillors with regards to the Boundary Commission Review. I am sure that all of my fellow Councillors will agree with me that having a dedicated, knowledgeable Clerk has been a great asset to the Council.

With regards to the Boundary Commission Review the Parish Council organised a Village meeting which was very well attended by residents of the village. It was good to see new faces who usually do not attend Parish Council Meetings. Proposals were discussed and the meeting unanimously agreed that the Parish Council and the residents of the village should object to the proposal put forward by the Boundary Commission (BC), that Patrick Brompton should be moved out of Lower Wensleydale Ward and moved to a new Scotton Ward. A sample objection letter had been produced and this was circulated around the village and counter proposals were put forward by the Parish Council along with it's objection. As a result 38 objections were sent to the BC along with objections from the Newton Le Willows