

Parish Council and other interested groups. Due to this the BC agreed to keep Patrick Brompton in the Lower Wensleydale Ward. My thanks to Councillors Shepherd, Ormston and Philpott and to all those residents of the village who wrote to object to the proposal.

The Queen Elizabeth II Bus Shelter roof repair project continues to be a thorn in the side of the Parish Council. Tenders were sent out to NYCC recommended contractors and one of them replied, asking if they could quote for the work in the new financial year. Since the new financial year none of the contacted contractors have come forward to quote. Mr MacNamara is in consultation with the NYCC in an attempt to find a contractor who might link our project with another one locally. Unfortunately, the funding towards the project I had managed to secure from the RDC has been lost due to time constraints.

The village telephone box is now complete as the home for the donated Yorkshire Ambulance Service (YAS) defibrillator with the "Defibrillator" signs now fitted. BT continue to cover the electricity charges for the telephone box, but I have in the past weeks had a conversation with the YAS who have warned that they will be writing to the Parish Council asking them to fund the Defib yearly maintenance in the future .

The High Speed Broadband issue was again raised by myself at a meeting of the local branch of the YLCA with our local MP Rishi Sunak who is now Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, and he agreed to help to try to get another green box, or remote node points, placed in the village to further improve coverage.

The issue of the damage to the road surface on the A684 close to the Old School Room saw the road surface completely repaired earlier this year, some might say as a result of the Tour de Yorkshire using the road for its route. Other potholes around the village were repaired around the same time. The Parish Council agreed to fund the purchase of a new village sign for the entry to the village from the Bedale direction. My thanks to Councillor Shepherd for the work in liaising with Highways in the resolution of this matter.

Several planning matters have been dealt with by the Council, including the continuing proposed development of the land off the village green opposite Kirkpatrick along with a proposed development of holiday lodges at Dales End. All the matters were commented on, where necessary, and the area opposite Kirkpatrick, which has seen another change of proposal for that site which became firstly a six bedroomed house with large garage and now a five bedroom house with garage, was considered by the council and reports listing the council's objections were sent to the RDC planning department on both the six and five bedroom options. Both the Land opposite Kirkpatrick and the Dales End applications are still to be decided.