

Patrick Brompton Parish Council Chairman's Report 2018 – 2019.

Four years have passed since the election of the current Patrick Brompton Parish Council and it has been an honour and a privilege for me to have served as one of your elected Councillors for that time, both as Vice Chairman and as Chairman for the last three years. I was also a Co-Opted Councillor serving as Vice Chairman for a few years before this. During the last four years we have seen the numbers attending Council meetings increase from the days when it was often just Harriet and I attending! to meetings now when often twelve or more villagers attend. I very much hope that this trend will continue.

With the help of my fellow Councillors we managed to complete all five of the items I listed on my manifesto prepared for the election four years ago. We successfully defeated the proposed Anaerobic Digester at Arbour Hill. High speed broadband has been brought to the village. A new Parish notice board has been placed in the bus shelter, thanks to a very kind donation by one of our residents. The minutes of our meetings are always published on the notice board and the web site as per the Transparency Code. And with the Parish Plan, this Council moves on with implementing the Yorkshire Health and Wellbeing project.

We were also successful in our submission to the Boundary Commission to have Patrick Brompton remain in the Lower Wensleydale Ward and not reallocated to a suburban Ward.

This has been a mixed year for the Parish Council, sadly one of our Councillors has had to resign, 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 at our last meeting that Councillor John Allison had tendered his resignation from our Parish Council for personal reasons. Having been co-opted onto the Council recently, Councillor Allison volunteered to take on the role of Trustee on the Patrick Brompton and Newton le Willows Village Hall Committee, and was very well received there. I, as Chairman, would like to thank you John for all that you have done for this Council and for the village in the short time you were with us.

Mr Jon MacNamara continues to work as Clerk to this Parish Council. In this last year he has successfully completed a programme of recognised training that will further equip him for his duties as Clerk, and I congratulate him on his progress and wish him every success in his continued studies. My grateful thanks to Mr MacNamara, who added on the role of Responsible Financial Officer to that of Clerk to the Council last year, and for all of his work this past year and for keeping me, or trying to, on the straight and narrow during our meetings. I particularly wanted to thank him for the excellent work on the preparation and presentation of the Budget for this year. I am sure that all of my fellow Councillors will agree with me that

having a dedicated, knowledgeable Clerk has been a really great asset to the Council.

The Queen Elizabeth II bus shelter roof repair project continues to be a problem. Consultation with the North Yorkshire County Council in an attempt to find a contractor who might link our project with another one locally is still on going.

The Yorkshire Ambulance Service have handed over the funding of maintenance of the Defibrillator in the telephone box to the Parish Council and are grateful for its being moved into the telephone box.

Improving the access to the High Speed Broadband continues to be an issue and was again raised by myself at a meeting of the local branch of the YLCA and with NYCC.

The issue of the faded hazard lines and "Slow" signs on the road surface on the A684 at the junction with Hackforth Road has been rectified. My thanks to Councillor Ormston, in his role as District Councillor, and our County Councillor Karen Sedgwick for their work in liaising with Highways in the resolution of this matter.

Several planning matters have been dealt with by this Council, including the continuing proposed development of the land off the village green opposite Kirkpatrick, along with projects at Dales End and Northfields farm and recently the redevelopment of the Green Tree public house. All the matters were commented on, and where necessary, reports listing the council's objections or observations were sent to the Richmond District Council planning department. Both the land opposite Kirkpatrick and the Green Tree public house applications are still to be decided.

The Council also made comments to the District Council in regards to the matter of the increase in vehicles on the Operator's Licence Application at Northfields Farm, due to the fact that the Council is not a statutory consultee. We asked that the conditions placed on the current operator's licence were not significantly changed and that this be brought to the attention of the Traffic Commissioner when making his decision.

My thanks to all the residents of the village who completed the Village Plan questionnaire. We managed a 52% return rate, which was considered a very good response. The Parish Council will hopefully go on to formulate the Village Plan in the coming year.

This year the Parish Council has been represented by me at all of the Yorkshire Local Council Association meetings and the Lower Wensleydale Group meetings of the local Parish Councils. I would like to thank Councillor Ormston once again for accompanying me to most of those meetings and for Councillor Shepherd for accompanying me to the rest.

I wish to make special mention of Councillor Ormston, who has been a Parish Councillor for Patrick Brompton for over 25 years and was Chairman of the Council for a great deal of that time. In the ten years I have known him he has always been willing to engage in any task asked of him by this Council, such as the selection, erection and lighting of the village Christmas tree, working on the village green and helping maintain and keep the bus shelter clean and tidy, working on the biannual village clean up, helping residents of the village during the flooding of 2010, delivering various leaflets on various Council topics around the village, engaging with other agencies on issues on this Council's and residents behalf along with many other unseen works. He has been a great help to me during my time on the Council and especially during my time as Chairman. I, as Chairman, would like to thank you for all that you have done for this Council and for the village.

On behalf of the Council I also wish to thank Councillor Ormston for his work as our District Councillor: I am aware that he has spoken at many meetings in support of our village. He has looked after the interests of our village residents at these meetings, as well as completing his work on the Parish Council.

I wish to thank Councillor Shepherd for his support again as Vice Chairman this past year, and the previous two years he has held that position, and for his work on the various sub-committees. Councillor Philpott for his work on various sub-committees and leaflets and delivering them around the village and reporting on Village Events Committee meetings. And Councillor Allison for his work on the Patrick Brompton and Newton le Willows Village Hall Committee. And again I thank very much all the Councillors for all their voluntary work and time on the Parish Council business these past four years, and especially during this last year.

I wish the new incoming Councillors every success in the four years ahead.

Andrew E. C. Bull

Chairman