

Brompton on Swale Parish Council
Annual Report 2021

1. Any report covering 2020 is going to start with the Covid 19 Pandemic and this report is no exception. The daily briefings and exercise became the normal for the spring of 2020. Crossing the street, giving lots of space and generally being sensible were all things I and other Councillors saw on our trips to the shop and during daily exercise. We felt it was important that as a Parish Council we endeavour to carry on as normal. As such we invested in Zoom and very quickly starting holding virtual meetings to ensure the business of the village was conducted, in that regard, we have had quite a busy year.
2. Funding to refurbish the telephone kiosk was secured and since Christmas that project has been completed and we now have a restored telephone kiosk. Our original idea of a cycle repair hub has had to be put back due to an unsuccessful funding bid for the equipment, however we would very much like to hear from residents as to what they would like to see in the telephone kiosk – so please let us know.
3. The adoption of the Augustus Gardens Estate, Gatherley Road is ongoing, however has significantly slowed. Residents of the estate will remember the work completed by Persimmon to tidy up and put right areas with the estate early last year. Again the Pandemic slowed things down and we are still working with Persimmon to achieve a mutually beneficial conclusion.
4. Grass cutting within the village continues. For the past few years' we have cut the majority of the grass areas in the village and this year we have added additional areas to ensure the village looks well presented. If there are any areas you think we might have missed please do let us know.
5. The year seems to have been plagued with illegal advertisements, specifically a trailer parked on the verge of the Gatherley road traffic lights. Please be assured we as a Parish are doing everything we can to prevent this. It has been reported regularly and the installation of the traffic bollards was a direct result of these reports. Hopefully the matter is now resolved. However, advertising of this nature is illegal and the manoeuvring required to install the trailer into position is extremely dangerous. If you do see advertising of this nature please inform the Clerk.
6. Finally – this will be my last report as Chairman, having moved away from the village after nearly 20 years it is with sadness I will step down as Chairman at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council. I have thoroughly enjoyed my tenure and hope that the actions above demonstrate our passion as a Parish Council to ensure our village is well looked after and is for the benefit of everyone, residents, visitors and those just travelling through. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Councillors for all their support and encouragement over the years. I would also like to thank the Clerk for keeping me right, reminding me of things I need to do and generally ensuring the business of the Council is conducted in an efficient and effective manner.