

BROMPTON REGIS PARISH COUNCIL

Always we need to remember that "Parish" embraces more than church affairs; it also covers all the concerns of the District and County authorities, i.e. of Local Government, in our immediate area. And to look after these concerns, the interests of our community, we have a Parish Council. It is important that we should know what our Council is doing on our behalf, and that our Council should know what we are thinking.

A typical Agenda at a Parish Council meeting covers many aspects of our community life: roads that need attention, and corners that could be dangerous; parking needs - in front of Council bungalows, and the applications for accomodation; the need (looking ahead) for public conveniences in Brompton Regis, and of a play-area; and so on.

Our Council was naturally involved in the recent transfer of our Post Office to Steers' Shop, and in the subsequent removal of the telephone kiosk to its new site, opposite. And we have now commissioned Messrs R & E How to give a much needed new drainage surface to this area, and to build a safe and enduring finish to the bottom of the churchyard path at this point.

Another of our concerns has been the Public Path ("To Kennisham Hill") that leads from the village down to the Pulham River. The first section of this is now often impassable; but thanks to the kind co-operation of Miss Greenslade and the invaluable help of the Exmoor National Park Department, there is now a strong hope that in the near future this path will be fenced-in, drained and restored. If so, it will once again - as in earlier days - prove a boon to many, and a valuable amenity to our village, a very beautiful walk both for our own people and for visitors.

And with the coming of the Wimbleball Reservoir we must indeed expect ^{more} visitors. The development of the reservoir has been closely watched by the Parish Council which has tried at every stage to look after the true interests of all who may be affected.

We have realised too the importance to all in our area of the newly constituted Exmoor National Park Department. We have been anxious to learn more about its role and functions; and to this end we recently invited Major-General Wilson to talk to us and answer questions. This proved to be a valuable evening.