



## Ilkley Parish Councillors 2015 – 2019

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Friends of Ilkley Lido  
Friends of Ilkley Moor  
Ilkley & District Good Neighbours  
Ilkley & District Road Safety  
Ilkley Business Forum  
Ilkley Fairtrade Group  
Ilkley Flower Show  
Ilkley in Bloom  
Ilkley Senior Citizens  
Keighley & Ilkley Voluntary Community Action  
Parish Liaison Meetings  
Tourism Partnership  
Wharfedale Festival of Performing Arts  
Yorkshire Local Councils Associations (YLCA)

Cllr Souter  
Cllr Mann  
Cllr Gibbons  
Cllr Mann  
Cllr Rickard  
TBC  
Cllr Mann  
Cllr Murison  
Cllr Ridgway / Cllr Rickard  
Cllr Mann  
Cllr Souter  
Cllr Sugden  
Cllr S Butler  
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Cllr S Butler  
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### PARISH COUNCIL PROJECT MANAGERS

Allotments	Cllr Walbank	Cemetery/Riverside Paths	TBC
Christmas Carol Service	Cllr Mann	Christmas/Jubilee Lights	Cllr Souter
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Neighbourhood Plan	Cllr Mann		

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### MP SURGERIES

Kris Hopkins MP now holds surgeries at Ilkley Town Hall. Surgeries are held every Tuesday and on some Saturdays. Surgeries are by appointment only. Please call 01535 201108.

## Committee Membership

### Plans Committee

Cllr Susan Cuthbertson  
Cllr Libby Packett  
Cllr Jack Rickard  
Cllr Jennifer Souter  
Cllr Andrew Walbank

### Awards & Projects Committee

Cllr Kate Butler  
Cllr Mike Gibbons  
Cllr Henri Murison  
Cllr Mike Ridgway  
Cllr Joanne Sugden

### Management & Staffing Committee

Cllr Stephen Butler  
Cllr Mike Gibbons  
Cllr Jack Rickard  
Cllr Libby Packett  
Cllr Jennifer Souter  
Cllr Joanne Sugden

### Community Fund Committee

Cllr Sandy MacPherson  
Cllr Brian Mann  
Cllr Libby Packett  
Cllr Joanne Sugden  
Cllr Mike Ridgway  
Cllr Andrew Walbank

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# Ilkley Parish Council Newsletter

## Parish Council Meeting Dates

All meetings are held in the Council Chamber at Ilkley Town Hall at 7:30pm.

### Full Council

There is a meeting of Full Council *usually* on the first Monday of each month. The next meetings are:  
6<sup>th</sup> March 2017  
3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017  
8<sup>th</sup> May 2017  
5<sup>th</sup> June 2017

### Plans Committee

14<sup>th</sup> March 2017  
4<sup>th</sup> April 2017  
25<sup>th</sup> April 2017  
16<sup>th</sup> May 2017

### Awards & Projects Committee

22<sup>nd</sup> May 2017  
17<sup>th</sup> July 2017  
*Local groups and organisations are able to apply for awards from Ilkley Parish Council. Please contact the Clerk for more information.*

### Community Fund Committee

22<sup>nd</sup> May 2017  
17<sup>th</sup> July 2017

**Annual Parish Meeting**  
10<sup>th</sup> April 2017,  
Clarke Foley Centre



*Elected to represent the residents of Ilkley and Ben Rhydding*

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## Message from the Chairman

Welcome to winter edition of the Parish Council's newsletter and a happy new year to you all.

After lengthy discussion and much consideration, Ilkley Parish Council has taken the decision to increase the precept for 2017/18 to £252,325.00. A Band D household in Ilkley currently pays £26.00 per year to fund the important and valuable work of the Parish Council. This will rise to £3 per month. So a family of four in one household will pay only 17p per person per week in total.

The Council has taken the difficult decision to make this increase in order to protect Ilkley's facilities and services from the cuts that have been announced by Bradford Council. Bradford Council are currently proposing to close all public toilets in the town, close the Visitor Information Centre and reduce flower bed planting as well as reducing other services such as street cleansing. As a Council we have rejected these proposals and are doing everything we can to stop these closures.

The Parish Council precept is the only fund that is spent entirely in and for Ilkley and the Parish Council feels that it offers excellent value especially when you consider almost £30 per week is paid in Council Tax directly to Bradford Council by each Band D household. Its fourteen Councillors are all volunteers and do not receive an allowance. The Council is already responsible for the public toilets at White Wells and for Darwin Gardens.

We have recently used the precept to fund the employment of a Town Centre Warden who has carried out some great work on our streets to ensure that they stay clean and tidy for residents and visitors alike.



The Parish Council also makes many awards to local not-for-profit organisations through its Awards and Projects Committee and holds some fantastic annual community events such as the Christmas Lights switch on. The Parish Council funds the Jubilee Lights and Christmas Lights entirely from the precept too.

By agreeing its budget for 2017-18, the Parish Council will continue to make significant contributions to the life and fabric of our wonderful town.

*Councillor Brian Mann*  
Chairman, Ilkley Parish Council



## Public Participation at Parish Council Meetings

Did you know that members of the public and press are entitled by law to attend all meetings of the Parish Council? Early on in each meeting there is a Public Participation slot at which any member of the public is able to speak about an item on the agenda.

Individuals are able to speak for a maximum of five minutes. Agendas are published three working days prior to each meeting and can be viewed on the Parish Council's website or in the notice board outside the Town Hall.

Please note that only items on the agenda can be discussed by the Council. If you have an issue which you would like the Parish Council to consider at one of its meetings please contact the Clerk to the Council.

## Ilkley Parish Council becomes Dementia Friendly

Ilkley Parish Council have achieved membership of Bradford & District Dementia Action Alliance. Cllrs Jac Rickard, Libby Packett and Brian Mann submitted an action plan to show how IPC are working to become Dementia Friendly, and support Ilkley to become a Dementia Friendly Community. They are committed to raising awareness and understanding of dementia, to reduce the fear and stigma that dementia can hold and support those living with dementia and their families in Ilkley & District to live as well as possible. Cllrs are attending the free monthly public sessions at Clarke Fole to become Dementia Friends and encourage all the community to do so. Businesses and organisations in Ilkley can also follow their lead and become Dementia Friendly. Support for this and details of the free Dementia Friends session can be found at [www.dementiafriendlyilkley.weebly.com](http://www.dementiafriendlyilkley.weebly.com) or from the Clarke Foley Centre. National Dementia Awareness Week takes place in May, when the group Dementia Friendly Ilkley Action, with the support of the Parish Council, will co-ordinate activities in the town to promote awareness, understanding, and support to continue to work to making Ilkley more Dementia Friendly in 2017.



## Parish Council Awards and Funding News

This year the Parish Council's Awards and Projects Committee has made an award to Ilkley Town Football Club of £9,561 to purchase new equipment for the fantastic new 3G pitch at Ben Rhydding Sports Club which will benefit a very large number of children in our community. The new pitch will not just be used by the Football Club, but Ilkley Hockey Club players and Ilkley Harriers athletics club will also benefit from the new facilities. The Awards Committee also awarded funding to Ashlands Primary School to plant new trees in their playground (pictured below) as part of the schools overall playground improvement scheme.



The Community Fund Committee has funded an extremely valuable counselling service for pupils Ilkley Grammar School. The school does not receive any funding from the Local Education Authority or from central government to help students suffering with mental health issues. This new service will help to diagnose and help students manage their conditions in both an education and home environment. The Community Fund Committee continues to maintain the public toilet block at White Wells and has also funded several Public Access Defibrillators. These are now located at the Riverside Hotel, Booths Supermarket and Ilkley Lido.

The Council is working very hard to save Ilkley's public toilets and Visitor Information Centre and is currently in talks with Bradford Council. Finally, the Council's Town Centre Warden, Darren Secker, is now in post and working hard to keep our town looking clean and tidy for residents and visitors alike.

## Two Rivers Bands

The Two Rivers Bands aim to bring the joy of music right to the heart of the local community here in Ilkley. The Concert Band plays a wide variety of wind music including classical and more popular pieces. The Swing Band mixes big band jazz with rock & roll and a touch of Latin. Last year the Concert Band played for Ilkley Arts Festival, for Yorkshire Day, and on Ilkley Bandstand. The Swing Band hosted popular dances, and played at the Ribble Valley Jazz Festival, the Ilkley Queen's birthday celebrations. Both bands have raised large amounts for charity.

They are always on the lookout for enthusiastic players of all ages. There are no entry requirements or auditions. Church on Saturday 29th April. The next Swing Band dance on Saturday 25th March at the Shipley and District Social Club promises to be a great night. Band chairman Phil Chapman said, "We're really proud of how much progress both our bands have made. Come and listen. We're keen to entertain and raise the profile of music making in the community" Find out more at [www.tworiversbands.org.uk](http://www.tworiversbands.org.uk)

## British Heart Foundation needs your help!

The British Heart Foundation (BHF) is calling on the people of Ilkley to help accelerate the fight against heart disease by joining their local fundraising group and raising money for lifesaving research.

Around 57,380 people across Bradford are fighting a daily battle with heart and circulatory disease. Each year these devastating conditions claim the lives of more than 1213 people in Bradford alone. The nation's heart charity is calling on people across Ilkley to take heart and join the fight against heart disease by becoming part of their local fundraising group and raising vital funds for heart research.

For more information or to find your local group, please visit [www.bhf.org.uk/localfundraising](http://www.bhf.org.uk/localfundraising) or contact Sue Green, Manager for West Yorkshire by emailing [greens@bhf.org.uk](mailto:greens@bhf.org.uk) or calling **01274 548324**



## Ilkley Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) News

Ilkley Neighbourhood Policing Team has reported that some thefts are occurring from vehicles parked in Darwin Gardens and Cow & Calf car parks whilst the owner is out on the Moor walking. Please do not leave valuables in your car at any time.

Reports have also been received of some illegal parking around schools in Ilkley. Please ensure that you park lawfully and courteously when you drop off and collect your children from school.

Please don't forget that the police non-emergency number is 101 and can be used to contact your local Neighbourhood Policing Team at any time.



## What's On in Ilkley?

**Real Food Ilkley Market – South Hawksworth Street, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

**Ilkley Concert Club Kings Hall – 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

**Prehistoric Moorland Walk, Cow & Calf Car Park – 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

**Dementia Friendly Awareness Session, Clarke Foley Centre – 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2017 at 2:30pm – 3:30pm**

**Annual Parish & Neighbourhood Meeting, Clarke Foley Centre – 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 7:30pm**

**Weekly Events at the Clarke Foley Centre: Meet and Make Sewing – Wednesdays 2-4pm**

**Keep Fit – Tuesdays and Thursdays**

**Senior Citizens Club – Tuesdays**

**Stroke Club – Second Friday of the month**

**Indoor Bowls – Wednesdays**

**For more information please contact 01943 607016**