



ILKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Elected to represent the residents of Ilkley and Ben Rhydding



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Chairman's Message

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2014. I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and that you are looking forward to the year ahead.

2014 will be an exciting year for Ilkley with le Tour de France coming through our town in July. I know this arouses both support and opposition from businesses and residents alike. To some the TdF will be an opportunity but to others a hindrance, whether for or against, I would urge everyone to be prepared for a hectic few days in early July.

As one of many events to be held this year, on 14th March the Parish Council will hold a Civic Concert at the Kings Hall. Details and tickets will soon be available from the Tourist Information Centre. The event will be reasonably priced and it is hoped as many residents as possible will be able to attend.

Wishing you all the best for 2014.

*Cllr Mike Gibbons
Chairman of Ilkley Parish Council*

Threat to the Manor House

The changes suggested for the Manor House in Bradford's budget proposals should be a concern for us all. The Manor House is built on the Roman fort and is the ideal site for Ilkley's Museum and Art Gallery as it has been for over 50 years. This is underlined by the recent decisions to hold there the Europa Nostra award ceremony and the exhibition for the 40th Anniversary of the Literature Festival.

The Manor House works well with Bradford's Museum Service. The service needs to cut costs but the reduction proposed for the Manor House seems unfairly large – cutting its entire permanent staff. No other site is threatened in such a way.

Ilkley can provide volunteers to complement staffing but cuts must be reasonable. Professional staff will still be needed. Savings could be made by volunteers

working with the service, by making efficiencies and by accessing external funding.



Inside the Manor House at Christmas.

The Museum is dependent on Bradford's services for exhibitions, school visits, management, maintenance and above all accreditation as a museum able to exhibit Bradford collections.

It is proposed that the Manor House be handed over to community management. The responsibilities – both management and financial – which such a group would have to bear are considerable. The Friends of the Manor House think that it would be "Better with Bradford."

To have your say about Bradford's Budget proposals for the Manor House go to:

www.bradford.gov.uk/surveys/2014-2016Budget/budget_consultation_2014_2016

Le Tour de France Grand Depart 2014

Ilkley Parish Council hosted a public meeting in November to inform local residents of the latest available information regarding Le Tour de France coming to Ilkley next year. Le Grand Depart will arrive in Ilkley on 5th July 2014 and on the day after it will sweep through Addingham for a second time. Over 100 people enjoyed an evening of presentations

from some of the team responsible for organising events and activities to celebrate this momentous occasion, as well as keynote speeches from Bradford Council and Ilkley Police.

Noreen Akhtar and Mike Powell, officers from Bradford Council, provided an update on their relationship with the organising agencies and how they are responding. Much detail is yet to be confirmed but it is reassuring to know that the local authority is engaging with all stakeholders and that information will be filtered to Ilkley. Inspector Sanderson explained that the Police have planned how they will mobilise during July 2014, in terms of supporting Le Tour but still maintaining an emergency service to local people.

The Parish Council is engaging with all the appropriate agencies and is also working closely with local groups, organisations and individuals. The overall plan is to put on a series of events and activities for local residents to enjoy and also showcase our wonderful town to the many expected visitors. Furthermore, working with local businesses will help them benefit from this unique opportunity.

More details will be released over the coming months and we will endeavour to keep residents informed of all developments. If you have any comments, would like to be involved with this project or need to find out more information, please visit our website on www.ilkley.org/letour or contact the team at letour@ilkley.org or via the Parish Council Office.

Bradford MDC's Local Plan

A public meeting will be held by the Parish Council at the Clarke Foley Centre at 7.00pm on Wednesday 29th January 2014. All are welcome to attend.

The purpose of the meeting is to give Ilkley residents the opportunity to comment as part of the final consultation on the Bradford local plan which proposes an additional 800 houses for Ilkley.

The Parish Council has invited Bradford MDC to attend and give a short presentation to the assembled company regarding the implications of the Bradford Local Plan for Ilkley. Comments from residents will be collated by the Parish Council and submitted to Bradford MDC as part of the final consultation.

We hope that Ilkley residents will attend this meeting – and in some force!

Town Crier Retirement

The Christmas Council Meeting was a special event, particularly as it marked the retirement of our town crier, Chris Richards, after 11 years of sterling service

to the parish. Chris was presented with a certificate of merit from the Council and a framed letter from Her Majesty the Queen.



From l-r Cllr Andrew Walbank Vice-chairman Ilkley Parish Council, Cllr Khadim Hussain Lord Mayor of Bradford, Mr Chris Richards, Mr Roger Whittaker Deputy Lieutenant of West Yorkshire and Cllr Mike Gibbons Chairman Ilkley Parish Council.

Awards and Projects

Awards are granted to local groups and organisations wishing to undertake specific projects for the good of the local community.

All award applications must go through a rigorous and robust procedure which ensures both lawful compliance and a commensurate benefit for the people and parish of Ilkley.

Since April Ilkley Parish Council's Awards and Projects Committee has approved 20 award applications totalling just over £50,000. The awards cover a diverse range from a 'walking wagon' for children at a pre-school (see photograph below) to a new headquarters for a scout and guide group.



Pre-school children enjoying their new walking wagon.

The successful award applicants were as follows:

All Saints Pre-school Play Group

All Saints Primary School

Ben Rhydding 'De Mohicanen' Scout Group
Ben Rhydding Community Fete
Bradford Disability Sport & Leisure
Cantores Olicanae
Christchurch, Ilkley
Churches Together Ilkley 2000
Free Wifi Ilkley
Friends of Ilkley Lido
Ilkley & District Arts Federation
Ilkley Art Trail
Ilkley Bandstand 2000 Trust
Ilkley Film Festival
Ilkley Flower Show Society
Ilkley.org
Ilkley Summer Festival
LS29 Mutual Support Group
Tour de France Project (*a council project*)
Wharfedale Activity Group

Full details of all the awards granted, as well as details of how to apply for an award, can be found on the Awards section of the Council's website:

<http://parishcouncil.ilkley.org/awardsgrants.html>

Gritting Routes

The routes gritted by Bradford MDC can be viewed using the following link:

http://www.bradford.gov.uk/bmdc/transport_and_infrastructure/roads_and_highways/gritting.htm#routes

Civic Service

The Civic Service was held at St. John's Church, Ben Rhydding on Sunday 6th October and was a great success – not least because of the glorious autumnal sunshine. Several dignitaries were joined by a large congregation including three Deputy Lieutenants of West Yorkshire (see photograph below).



From l-r Sir James Hill DL & Lady Hill,
Mrs Virginia Lloyd DL High Sheriff of West Yorkshire,
Cllr Mike Gibbons Chairman of Ilkley Parish Council,
Cllr Joanne Dodds Deputy Lord Mayor of Bradford,
Mr Roger Whittaker DL and Mrs Elizabeth Whittaker.

Diary Dates 2014

Civic Concert, 14th March 2014 at the Kings Hall

Forthcoming Meetings for the Remainder of the Council Year 2013-2014

All meetings are on Monday evenings at 7.30pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, except for the Annual Parish meeting and unless indicated otherwise.

The Town Hall Council Chamber is accessible by lift and accessible toilet facilities are provided.

Agendas are posted on the Parish Council's notice board outside the Town Hall and on the web site at <http://parishcouncil.ilkley.org> at least three clear days prior to the meeting.

Full Council

There is a meeting of Full Council every month.

3rd February 2014

3rd March 2014

7th April 2014

12th May 2014

The Annual Council Meeting which is the first meeting of the new Council year will be held on 19th May 2014.

Plans Committee

4th February 2014

24th February 2014

17th March 2014

8th April 2014

28th April 2014

Awards and Projects Committee

The Committee meets bi-monthly and at other times as and when required.

10th March 2014

Public Participation

Members of the public and press are entitled by law to attend all meetings of the Council BUT may not participate in the meeting.

However, early in the Agenda there is a "Public Participation" slot at which point the meeting is adjourned for any member of the public to raise an issue. Individual contributions from members of the public should not exceed two/three minutes.

Ilkley Parish Councillors 2011 - 2015

2013-2014

CHAIRMAN: Cllr Mike Gibbons

VICE CHAIRMAN: Cllr Andrew Walbank

Ilkley North

Cllr Brian Mann	602262	19 Owler Park Road LS29 OBG
Cllr Lexa Robinson	608418	113 Leeds Road LS29 8JS
Cllr Joanne Sugden	607013	Myddleton Cottage, Langbar Road LS29 0ED

Ilkley West

Cllr Heathcliffe Bowen	600762	8 Woodlands Rise LS29 9BU
Cllr Stephen Butler	608234	46 King's Road LS29 9AT
Cllr Mike Ridgway	601117	19 Ghyll Wood LS29 9NR
Cllr Jennifer Souter	602485	2 Curlew Close LS29 9DG

Ben Rhydding

Cllr Mike Gibbons	605313	Apt3, 19 Low Beck LS29 8UN
Cllr Adam Bowles	07445 542207	2 Nordale Close LS29 8EY
Cllr Paul Kitching	604683	71 Wyvil Crescent LS29 8ND
Cllr Gordon Perry	817596	Ivy Bank House, 60 Wheatley Lane LS29 8PW

Ilkley South

Cllr Rory Marshall	rorymarshall@hotmail.co.uk	The Lodge, 20 Rupert Road LS29 0AQ
Cllr Bryan Websdale	07786 443710	20 Middleton Road LS29 9EX
Cllr Andrew Walbank	608079	9 Kimberley Street LS29 8JU

*All Parish Councillors serve in a voluntary capacity.
They are not paid and do not receive any allowances for attending meetings.*

REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

All Saints' PS Governor	Cllr Walbank
Bandstand Management Committee	Cllr Robinson
Churches Together in Ilkley (CTI)	Cllr Kitching, Cllr Mann
Coronation Hospital	Cllr Gibbons, Cllr Sugden
Coutances Twinning Committee	Cllr Bowen, Cllr Gibbons
Darwin Gardens Trust	Cllr Bowen
Friends of Ilkley Lido (FOIL)	Cllr Bowen
Friends of Ilkley Moor	Cllr Kitching
Friends of the King's Hall	Cllr Gibbons, Cllr Souter
Ilkley and District Good Neighbours	Cllr Kitching
Ilkley and District Road Safety	Cllr Kitching
Ilkley Business Forum	Cllr Ridgway
Ilkley Fairtrade Group	Cllr Mann
Ilkley Flower Show	Cllr Souter
Ilkley in Bloom	Cllr Ridgway
Ilkley Senior Citizens	Cllr Butler
Ilkley Youth & Community Association	Cllr Bowles
Keighley and Ilkley Voluntary Community Action	Cllr Bowen
Parish Liaison Meetings	Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Clerk
Police and Community Together (PACT)	Cllr Sugden
Tourism Partnership	Cllr Butler
Transport – Metro	Cllr Kitching
Wharfedale Festival of Performing Arts	Cllr Gibbons
Wharfedale On Line Trust	Cllr Butler
Wharfedale Rail Users Group (WRUG)	Cllr Kitching
Wharfedale Activity Group (WAG)	Cllr Kitching
Yorkshire Local Councils Associations (YLCA)	Cllr Bowen, Cllr Sugden

PROJECT MANAGERS

Allotments	Cllr Walbank (Deputy - Cllr Websdale)
Benches	Cllr Mann (Deputy - Cllr Perry)
Cemetery and Riverside Pathways	Cllr Robinson (Deputy - Cllr Bowles)
Christmas Lights	Cllr Marshall (Deputy - Cllr Souter)
Concert on The Grove	Cllr Gibbons
Traffic / Car Parking	Cllr Ridgway (Deputy - Cllr Butler)
Christmas Carols	Cllr Mann (Deputy - Cllr Perry)
Tour de France 2014	Cllr Websdale

COUNCILLORS WITH SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Finance	Cllr Ridgway, Cllr Sugden
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