



ILKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Elected to represent the residents of Ilkley and Ben Rhydding



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Chairman's Report to the Annual Parish Meeting 19th March 2014

Last May it was my privilege and honour to be elected by the Council as its chairman, for the fourth time in my 23 years as an Ilkley parish councillor, a role that has always been very important to me, as I know it is to all those who serve as members. I should like to thank all Councillors and Council staff for their hard work and support.

During the last Council year I have had pleasure in attending many events organised by the Council and by other groups. Events don't just happen; they require planning, time and serious input. I often look at what we do as a small town and wonder what would happen if volunteers didn't get involved as they thankfully do to make things happen. I believe in this parish we are well served by the very many people who believe in a "working for the common good" ethic and their work in the community is much appreciated by this council.

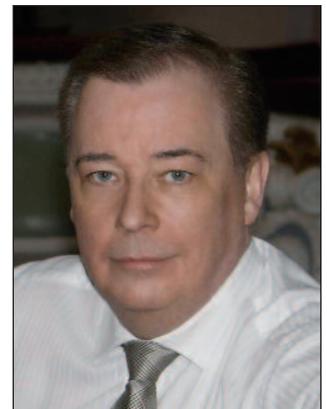
Planning has always been a subject that this Council takes very seriously and invests a lot of time in. The workload for planning Chairman Cllr Walbank and his committee seems to grow year on year and the last twelve months have been no exception.

Work has started on developing a neighbourhood plan for Ilkley, with a public meeting on 16th April. A public consultation meeting was held in respect of Bradford Council's Local Plan on the 29th January, attended by around 200 people. Response forms were widely distributed to the public; these were collated and submitted as a response from Ilkley.

Financial assistance and support has been granted to a wide range of local organisations during the year, through the Awards and Projects committee, whose thorough scrutiny of applications ensures that Council money is used to good effect. Some sixty thousand pounds from the Parish precept will go directly back to the community in 2014 / 15.

The Tour de France will pass through Ilkley on 5th July 2014, an enormous honour for the town. The

Council is liaising with Bradford Council and "Welcome to Yorkshire" and encouraging local people to hold events on the day. Ilkley has obtained "Hub status" which means additional support will be available for the large number of visitors expected.



The "Darwin gardens" achieved another well-deserved Green Flag award this year and work has been carried out on refurbishing the information boards.

Christmas and town lights have again been a very important part of the street scene in the centre and in Ben Rhydding. They have provided much pleasure and positive comment since their introduction.

Following a decision by Bradford Council to close Ilkley's Manor House museum, the Parish Council decided in March to contribute £13,000 in 2014 / 15 towards the running costs of the museum, this being approximately half the cost required for one year's normal operation. The Council will work with Bradford MDC to secure a long-term future for the museum, and has granted £1,000 to the friends of the Manor House to begin the process of producing a sustainable plan for its future.

Sadly I note the death of former Parish Council chairman Alec Henderson, he served for many years on the Council and was Chairman twice, ably supported by his wife Doreen; and the death of Mr Jim Bray, who was the holder of a Certificate of merit from the Council for his services to the community.

Finally I should like to reflect on the importance of commemorating the outbreak of war in 1914, the beginning of a conflict that devastated not only our nation but also the world. Words cannot express the

horror of the losses that were sustained and the debt owed by us all for our future. I know we as a Council have the beginning of plans to recognise the commemoration, and we should like to hear from anyone who may have additional input to offer.

*Cllr Mike Gibbons
Chairman of Ilkley Parish Council*

Financial Comment

Despite this year's small (real terms) increase, Ilkley's precept remains modest in comparison with many other Parishes and Towns across the County. Much of the total funding made available goes right back to the Ilkley community, in awards and projects, funding for the Darwin Gardens, Christmas and Town lights, which we know have been well received, provision to tackle development issues, etc etc.

I would suggest we all benefit from the voluntary work that 14 councillors put in, to dealing with Parish matters and administering a precept that is wholly designed to be and is spent for the direct benefit of our special Town/Parish and its people. *M.G.*

Ilkley in Bloom

Ilkley in Bloom would like to draw the attention of residents to their Local Competition which will be held again this year.

Currently there are 7 categories:

- Front Gardens visible from the Road
- Accommodation Providers
- Nursing/Retirement Homes
- Commercial Premises with Gardens
- Commercial Premises with tubs and baskets
- Pubs/Restaurants
- Allotments



Winner of the front garden visible from the road competition 2014.

Each category is judged by an independent judge who is not an Ilkley in Bloom volunteer. The winners are invited to a presentation tea which is held at Rombalds Hotel in September.

The Group would like to hear from anyone who would be interested in entering any of the above categories, and for further information on the work of Ilkley in Bloom and/or the Local Competition, please contact the secretary, Kate Brown, on 01943 604521 or brown.kate64@hotmail.co.uk



The Grove promenade planted by Ilkley in Bloom.

Ilkley Rugby Club

On Saturday 19th April Ilkley Rugby Club's 1st XV achieved automatic promotion, as Yorkshire Division One Champions, into Division North East One for the 2014/15 season. In addition the Club's 1st XV are in the 2013/14 Yorkshire Shield Final and play Scarborough RFC at York Rugby Club on Sunday the 4th May.

Ilkley RFC's 2nd XV have also finished top of their Yorkshire 2nd XV Championship League and now entertain on Saturday 26th April Scunthorpe's 2nd XV at Stacks Field in a play off match. The winner of that game will have the privilege of playing the 2014/15 season in the Yorkshire 2nd XV Premiership Division.

The club's 3rd XV have enjoyed a good season in their Aire Wharfe West Merit League and will finish the season close to the top.

In addition, over 400 boys and girls are involved with playing rugby for the youth, junior and mini sections of the Club on Sundays, they represent twelve different age groups, from under 6's to Junior Colts.

Richard Scargill from Ilkley Rugby Club said that the success Ilkley RFC is enjoying is very much down to the new facilities at Stacks Field, and this would not have been possible without the financial support of very many contributors including a much appreciated grant from Ilkley Parish council.

Le Tour de France Grand Depart 2014

As media attention grows, you will no doubt be aware that Le Tour de France is a huge event with spectator numbers only surpassed by the Olympics and World Cup football. Millions of people are expected to line the route as it snakes its way through Yorkshire. It would be fair to surmise that Ilkley will not have witnessed anything like it in its history.

Whilst the Parish Council are very excited about this, we appreciate that to many, there will be disruption and inconvenience caused by Le Tour. With this in mind, Ilkley Parish Council would like to thank all Ilkley residents for their patience and understanding with what will possibly be an exceptional and very different way of life during Le Tour de France celebrations!

Locally, the Parish Council have been working hard for well over a year now alongside local partners under the guise of ILKLEY2014, to mark this unique occasion with a program of events and activities. On a regional level, we are working very closely with TDF2014HUB, the delivery agency and Bradford Council to make sure that Ilkley is a safe, well-resourced and well managed environment for all.

You may have heard the estimated road closure times, which will of course have an impact on movement to and from Ilkley and also within town – it must be stressed that these times are subject to change and we urge you to try if possible to make any personal arrangements well in advance of the weekend of the 5th and 6th July and similarly afterwards. In order to try to minimise transport disruption Ilkley will have 5 temporary campsites in operation, so that visitors can come and stay in town thus reducing journeys on the busiest days.

We will be producing a program of events, which will be available within a printed souvenir guide and also electronically. This will detail the events being held in town before and during the weekend of the 5th and 6th July. It is hoped that local residents will access and enjoy the events, if they wish to do so. These guides should be available to local residents around the beginning of June.

The website ilkley.org/letour has a special, 'For Ilkley residents,' section which is regularly updated with information relevant to local people. We advise you to keep checking this and all the other pages regularly. For those who do not have access to a computer, please contact either Fiona the Parish Council Clerk or Bryan on 07786 443710, who will be able to keep you updated in any format you require!

Concert on the Grove

30th August 2014

Tickets will be on sale from Saturday 12th July
from Tourist Information in the Town Hall.

Oyez Oyez Oyez

Are you interested in being the
next Ilkley Town Crier?

If so please give the Clerk to
the Parish Council a "ring"
on 01943 436212

Please "announce" your interest
by 31st May 2014

Forthcoming Parish Council Meetings

*(all meetings are held at the Town Hall and begin
at 7.30pm).*

Full Council

There is a meeting of Full Council every month.
12th May 2014

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

2nd June 2014
1st July 2014
4th August 2014

Plans Committee

28th April 2014
20th May 2014
10th June 2014
1st July 2014
22nd July 2014
12th August 2014

Awards and Projects Committee

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

3rd June 2014
29th July 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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