



ILKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Elected to represent the residents of Ilkley and Ben Rhydding



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Chairman's Report

Summer has been a busy time for both Council business and for the many pleasant events I have attended as Chairman.

I am grateful to Bradford MDC for accepting our proposals to remove the large red "traffic signal" signs on the A65 and to replace them with brown "tourist" signs, also for agreeing to implement a reduced speed limit on Denton Road past the swimming pool and amenity areas.

Cllr Robinson is investigating refurbishment work on the Riverside steps and railings and Cllr Walbank has successfully applied for a grant which will enable us to increase the number of allotments available. Cllr Mann has proposed improved Christmas lights including a large tree at Ben Rhydding, whilst Cllr Brown, as Council representative on the Ilkley in Bloom group, collected a very creditable Britain in Bloom silver gilt award and, as Council representative on the Walkers Are Welcome group, introduced "Walkers Are Welcome" to the Town.

Cllr Hawkesworth presided over another successful Summer Festival. Marjorie and I were pleased to attend the opening events - Yorkshire Day celebrations and the Old Time Music Hall (I am not sure that Marjorie was quite as pleased with the latter!) and the final act, a wet but well attended Concert on the Grove.

Other notable events included a Council welcome for Ashley Dale, a Special Olympics double gold medal winner, the unveiling of another Ilkley Civic Society Blue Plaque at Hillside and the Ilkley Flower Show. Finally we attended the Over 90s' party organised by Geoffrey de Vere with three centenarians present – it must be something in the Ilkley air!

Cllr Alan Morrell

Ilkley Parish Plan Make your views count

Attached to this Newsletter you will find a questionnaire, the responses to which will help to update the Ilkley Parish Plan.

Please make your views count by completing the questionnaire and returning it to the Parish Office.

Riverside Allotment Gardens Leeds Road Site



Ilkley Parish Council is delighted to announce that it has been successful in its application for lottery funding through AWARDS FOR ALL, the BIG LOTTERY FUND, for £10,000.

This application is to reinstate the fencing which had become very dilapidated along the riverside and to make good the riverside footpath, which will then complete the section from the suspension bridge to the Stepping Stones at Ben Rhydding.

When fenced, this enclosed area of land in the north east corner of the Leeds Road Allotment Gardens (which in the past was allotments), will enable 15 more allotments to be generated and make some impact on the Waiting List of around 160.

All members of the public will benefit from having a better footpath along this lovely but neglected section of the riverside where wildlife such as herons and kingfishers can be seen in their natural habitat. The allotment holders will have better security with some new fencing.

This Parish Council led scheme will require co-operation from Bradford Metropolitan District Council, Yorkshire Water, the Environment Agency and local residents.

Cllr Andrew Walbank, the Project Manager for Allotments, will be in charge of the work and can be contacted via the Parish Office in Ilkley Town Hall for further information. It is anticipated that the work will start in the near future.

St Margaret's Park

The new Woodlands Manager for Bradford Council has requested that we ask residents their views on how they would like to see St Margaret's Park in the future.

There are two options: 1) return the Park to its original format as a more formal park, or 2) leave the Park as 'managed' woodland.

There is no promise of immediate transformation, but there is awareness that work is required, and this will need to be planned into the Council's work programme. We welcome your views.

Walkers Are Welcome Launch

Cllr Kate Brown, Parish Council representative on the Walkers Are Welcome group, compered this very successful and happy event which was held in the King's Hall on 20 September.

Colin Speakman, a founder member of the Dalesway and a strong supporter of the Walkers Are Welcome scheme, gave a lively account of the benefits of walking and enthused about the wonderful walking opportunities in and around Ilkley.

A good number of residents and visitors enjoyed the warm welcome on the day - tea and biscuits provided by members of the Ilkley Tourism Partnership and celebratory cake provided by Betty's Café - before setting off on the various walks on offer on what was a beautiful sunny early autumn day.

Walkers are Welcome is an ongoing accreditation which has to be renewed annually. Now that Ilkley has achieved this status the work has to continue to ensure that Rights of Way and footpaths are maintained in a reasonable condition, that more businesses are welcomed on board, and that plans are put in place for future walking events.

Ilkley in Bloom

Ilkley achieved a silver gilt award in this year's Britain in Bloom Competition. The award was not quite at the level of Ilkley's previous success but was nevertheless a splendid achievement.

Cllr Kate Brown, the Parish Council's representative on the Ilkley in Bloom group, travelled to Torbay with other members of the group to receive the award.



Cllr Kate Brown with Toby Buckland, Gardeners' World presenter, and Vera Varley Ilkley In Bloom, at the award ceremony.

Photograph courtesy of Britain in Bloom.

Despite the town's being considered to be looking its best throughout the summer, the Judges felt that on the day some aspects could be improved upon. So, next year when Ilkley is back in the Yorkshire in Bloom Competition, the Ilkley in Bloom team will try to ensure that any criticisms are addressed.

Thanks to Bradford Parks Department for beautiful floral displays, to the Ilkley in Bloom group for its hard work, and to all the residents and businesses who have kept their hanging baskets and gardens looking so lovely throughout the summer.

Concert on The Grove

Despite its being rained on for the first time ever, the Concert on the Grove, organised by Cllr Mike Gibbons, was again a huge success. A number of exciting new performers were included making the programme even more varied, the 70th anniversary of the outbreak of WW11 was marked with a repertoire of war time songs led by the famous mezzo-soprano Margaret McDonald, the Marsden Silver Prize Band was on splendid form, and the firework finale was stunning.



Andile Ndlovu, an exciting new performer.

Photograph courtesy of Cllr Mike Gibbons.

Olympic success for Ilkley athlete

Councillors had the opportunity to congratulate Ashley Dale in person on his Olympic success when he attended the September Council meeting. Ashley is the proud winner of two gold medals for swimming.

The Parish Council was pleased to be able to make a contribution under special powers to Ashley's expenses to attend the Special Olympics, along with other members of the Bradford team, in Leicester in July.



Ashley Dale, Special Olympic athlete, with Cllr Alan Morrell, Chairman of the Parish Council and Barry Thorne Funding Officer BDS&L.

Photograph courtesy of Cllr Brown.

Forthcoming events

Organised by the Parish Council

Civic Service 1st November

The Civic Service will be held on Sunday 1st November at 10.30am at All Saints' Church with your Parish Councillors, Civic Leaders from neighbouring Parish and Town Councils and invited guests. All are welcome to join this service.

Christmas Lights 21st November

The Christmas Lights Switch-on will take place on Saturday 21st November at 5.0pm outside Christ Church on The Grove.

The Grand Children's Parade with Santa in Booth's horse drawn coach will leave Springs Medical Centre car park at 4.50pm. All children are welcome to take part and please feel free to dress up in anything festive!

Christmas shop window competition

Retailers are invited to take part in this year's Christmas Shop Window Competition.

Entry forms are being distributed and if you would like your shop window to be entered in the Competition, please complete the form and return it to the Parish Clerk at the Town Hall, or contact the Parish Clerk by telephone or email. The closing date for entries is Thursday 12th November.

Judging will take place during the week beginning 16th November, the winners will be announced at the Christmas Lights Switch-on event and trophies will be presented at the Full Council meeting on 7th December.

Carol Service 13th December

The joint Parish Council and Churches Together in Ilkley (CTI) annual Carol Service will be held on Sunday 13th December at 3.0pm at the Band-stand on the Grove.

Children from the local Primary Schools have been invited to take part.

Come along and enjoy this lovely festive event – music, mince pies and mulled wine!

Meetings for the Council Year 2009-2010

All meetings are on Monday evenings at 7.30 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, except for the Annual Parish Meeting (venue to be confirmed) and unless indicated otherwise.

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

November 2nd	Full Council
November 9th	Plans Committee
November 30th	Plans Committee
December 7th	Full Council
December 21st	Plans Committee
January 4th	Full Council
January 11th	Plans Committee
January 25th	Plans Committee
February 1st	Full Council
February 15th	Plans Committee
March 1st	Full Council
March 8th	Plans Committee
Wednesday March 17th	ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
March 29th	Plans Committee
April 12th	Full Council
April 19th	Plans Committee
Tuesday May 4th	Plans Committee
May 10th	Full Council
May 17th	Plans Committee

Ilkley Parish Councillors 2006 - 2011

2009-2010

CHAIRMAN: Cllr Alan Morrell

VICE CHAIRMAN: Cllr Brian Mann

Ilkley West

Heathcliffe Bowen	600762	8 Woodlands Rise, LS29 9BU
Kate Brown	604521	12 Goodwood, Owler Park Road, LS29 0BY
Angus Hartley	600645	1 Victoria Terrace, Addingham LS29 0NF
Alan Morrell	432511	Brambletye, Owler Park Road, LS29 0BG

Ilkley North

Pauline Dixon	431994	8 Goodwood, Owler Park Road, LS29 0BY
Brian Mann	602262	19 Owler Park Road, LS29 0BG
Lexa Robinson	608418	113 Leeds Road, LS29 8JS

Ben Rhydding

Mike Gibbons	605313	Apt 3, 19 Low Beck, LS29 8UN
Anne Hawkesworth	600701	29 Manley Road, LS29 8QP
Dawn Emsley	609123	13 Collyer View, LS29 8NE
Andrew McKie	600820	89 Wheatley Lane, LS29 8PP

Ilkley South

Kathy Best	607568	73 Leeds Road, LS29 8EG
Stuart Goddard	430015	21 Leeds Road, LS29 8DP
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.*

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

All Saints' PS Governor	Cllr Walbank
Bandstand Management Committee	Cllr Bowen
Churches Together in Ilkley	Cllr Emsley, Cllr Mann
Coronation Hospital	Cllr Gibbons, Cllr Best, Cllr Goddard
Coutances Twinning Committee	Chairman, Cllr Bowen, Cllr Gibbons
DDA Representative on behalf of IPC	Cllr Best
Fair Trade	Cllr Mann
Friends of Ilkley Lido (FOIL)	Cllr Bowen
Friends of Ilkley Moor	Cllr Walbank
Friends of the King's Hall	Cllr Dixon, Cllr Gibbons
Ilkley and District Good Neighbours	Cllr Mann
Ilkley and District Road Safety	Cllr Goddard
Ilkley Flower Show	Cllr Dixon, Cllr Goddard
Ilkley in Bloom	Cllr Dixon, Cllr Brown
Ilkley Senior Citizens	Cllr Robinson
Ilkley Youth & Community Association	Cllr Hartley
Parish Liaison Meetings	Chairman, Vice Chairman, Clerk
Police and Community Together (PACT)	Cllr McKie, Cllr Mann
Tourism Partnership	Cllr Brown
Transport – Metro	Cllr Best, Cllr Morrell
Wharfedale Festival of Performing Arts	Cllr Emsley, Cllr Gibbons
Wharfedale On Line Trust	Cllr McKie
Wharfedale Rail Users Group (WRUG)	Cllr Best
Wharfedale Activity Group (WAG)	Cllr Mann
Yorkshire Local Councils Association (YLCA)	Chairman and Vice-Chairman / Cllr Bowen

PROJECT MANAGERS

Allotments - Cllr Walbank	Benches in the Town - Cllr Mann
Parking / Traffic Management - Cllr Mann	Christmas Events - Cllr Mann
Cemetery / Riverside Pathways - Cllr Robinson	Concert on The Grove - Cllr Gibbons
Youth Project - Cllr Hartley	Darwin Gardens Trust - Cllr Goddard