



ILKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Elected to represent the residents of Ilkley and Ben Rhydding



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Chairman's Report

Welcome to the winter edition of the Newsletter. I'd like to make it a warm welcome after all the cold weather we've suffered in recent weeks. Welcome also to 2011; a significant year for the Council since a new council will be elected on 4th May for a four-year period. Anyone interested in standing for election will be welcome to visit the Parish Clerk's Office in the Town Hall to see the extent of our operation.

We now know the extent of the budget cuts which Bradford Council is wrestling with. What we do not know is the effects they will have on our local services but it is certain that all we have benefited from over the years in terms of support in our town will be under the microscope. Even our public buildings could be in jeopardy and already preliminary talks have taken place to guarantee continued public ownership.

Rest assured that your Parish Council will keep an eye on proceedings and seek to inform you as and when details come to light.

Meantime can I send all residents my best wishes for the year ahead.

Cllr Brian Mann

Remembrance Service 14th November

The Parish Council was pleased once again to help the Royal British Legion of Ilkley with the organisation of the Remembrance Service and Parade.

The Service was, as always, well attended and it is particularly pleasing that so many younger people took part.

Cllr Brian Mann laid a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council in remembrance of those from Ilkley who gave their lives for their country. Wreaths were also laid by the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of West Yorkshire Mr Roger Whittaker, the Lord Mayor of Bradford Cllr Peter Hill, Mr Kris Hopkins MP for Keighley and Ilkley, the Police, Old Soldiers, the Scouts and the Guides.

Christmas Lights Switch-on 20th November

We hope you liked the new Christmas tree lights and the new light fitting at the junction of Brook Street

and Leeds Road. Following the purchase of new suites of lights for The Grove and Brook Street last year, we are endeavouring to enhance the displays each year. We are very conscious of the need to maintain a good display of lights for the town whilst keeping within available funds.

The lights were switched on this year by the Yorkshire born actress Kathryn Apanowicz perhaps best known for her appearance in Angels, EastEnders, Emmerdale and Coronation Street. There was again a very good turn out for the children's parade - despite its being a very cold and wet evening!

Christmas Council 6th December

The last Full Council meeting before Christmas is usually followed by a social gathering for councillors and invited guests, most of whom represent volunteer groups in the town. This is one small way in which the Council can thank the many volunteers who contribute so much to the town.

This year, the Parish Council was pleased to welcome the Lord Mayor of Bradford Cllr Peter Hill and the Lady Mayoress Mrs Gillian Hill.

In addressing the meeting, the Lord Mayor, who has chosen Ilkley's Nell Bank Centre as his charity appeal, thanked the volunteers present for their invaluable work. He also commended the Neighbourhood Policing team for the impact it has made in preventing and reducing crime and in reducing the fear of crime.



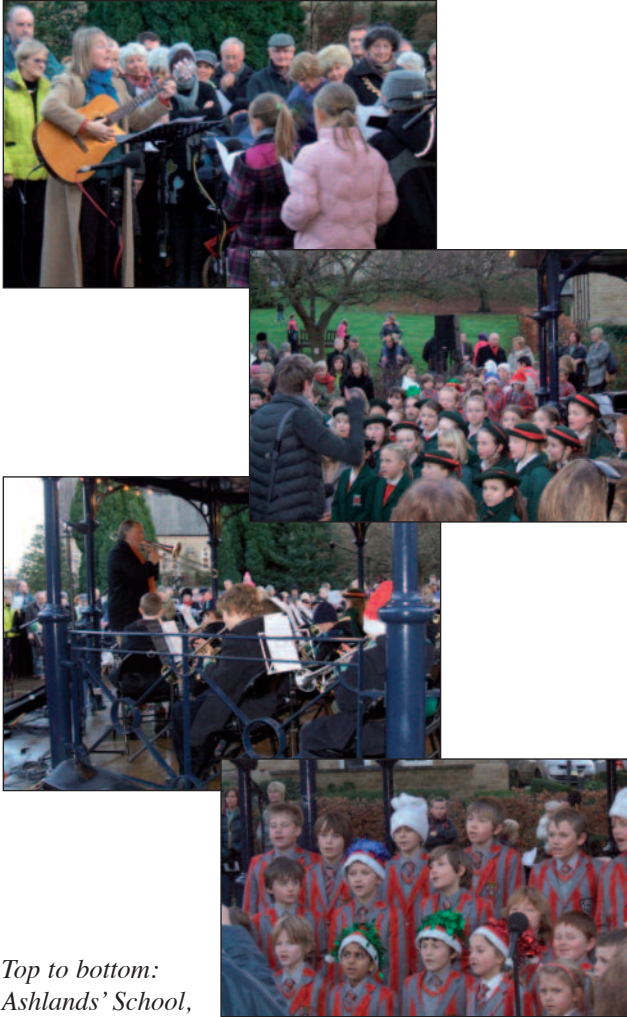
From the right: the Lord Mayor of Bradford Cllr Peter Hill, Mrs Sylvia Mann, Cllr Brian Mann Chairman IPC, The Lady Mayoress Mrs Gillian Hill.

Carol Service 11th December

This well liked annual event for children is organised by Ilkley Parish Council and Churches Together in Ilkley. The Rev Peter Willox led the service and the children from Ashlands, Moorfield and Ghyll Royd primary schools delighted the gathered crowd with their singing.

This lovely occasion was particularly welcome this year following as it did a lengthy period of severe weather. Overnight, as if by magic, the snow and ice cleared and the sun shone!

The concert was attended by the Lord Mayor of Bradford and the Lady Mayoress.



*Top to bottom:
Ashlands' School,
Moorfield School,
Brass Band under the leadership of Mr Derek Southcott
peripatetic music teacher, Ghyll Royd School.*

Deputy Parish Clerk

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Fiona Birdsall has been appointed Deputy Parish Clerk. Mrs Birdsall will take up the post on 1st February and will replace Mrs Chris Dale who retires at the end of April.

Mrs Dale held the position of Clerk to the Council for seven years before relinquishing the post in May last year when Dr Jean Yule qualified as Clerk.

During Mrs Dale's time as Clerk the organisation of the work of the Council was transformed so that it was first able to achieve Quality Council status; an award which was both recognition of the effective working of the Council and a tribute to the hard work which Mrs Dale had put into development of the Council's administration.

She has thoroughly enjoyed her work with the Parish Council and is now looking forward to devoting more time to her many hobbies, her voluntary work and her family.

We offer our grateful thanks to Mrs Dale for her devoted service to the town and would like also to offer her our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement.

Grant Awards to Community Groups

To date Council has approved some £19,000 of the awards and projects budget of £46,000 for the financial year ending 31 March 2010. There are still several requests in the pipeline.

The following community groups have received financial support from the Council this year: Ilkley Good Neighbours' Over 90s' party £500; Ilkley Rugby Union Football Club (new club-house) £10,000; Ilkley Town AFC (club-house refurbishment) £4,000; Clarke Foley Centre (chairs and tables) £3,000; Ilkley Cricket Club (practice nets) £2,500; Ben Rhydding Cricket Club (all weather nets) £2,400; Olicanian Cricket Club (club-house fittings) £3,500.

If you think your group or organisation may be eligible for an award of a grant please contact the Parish Clerk's office for advice and an application form. Ilkley Parish Council can only award grants to organisations that directly benefit residents within the Parish and for CAPITAL expenditure. IPC cannot contribute to running costs.

The Council's budget for awards and projects follows the financial year which ends on 31st March 2010 rather than the Council year which changes in May.

Community Events' Funding

The Parish Council funds a number of community events each year. This year the following events have received financial support from the Council: Ilkley Summer Festival; Ilkley Flower Show; Wharfedale Festival of Performing Arts; Ben Rhydding Community Fete; Ilkley Arts Federation.

Any community event wishing to be considered for funding in 2011 should apply in writing to the Council by 18th February.

Christmas Shop Window Competition

Congratulations to the winners of the Christmas Shop Window Competition which are:

Independent retailer:

RW Morten Ltd Cunliffe Road

National chain / multiple:

Jackpot and Cottonfield The Grove

Not for profit:

St Gemma's Hospice Brook Street

The standard was again very high this year and the judges were impressed with the effort that had gone into creating lovely festive displays.

Our warm thanks to all those retailers who took part and to Mr and Mrs Tony Gilroy who very kindly judged the competition.

Thanks also to those retailers who didn't take part in the competition but whose shop window displays added to the town's festive appearance over the Christmas period.



Shop windows top to bottom: RW Morten, Jackpot & Cottonfield, St Gemma's Hospice.

Photographs courtesy of Mr Tony Gilroy.

Quality Council

The Parish Council's re-application for Quality Council status has been successful and the Council has retained its Quality status. The Quality Council scheme which was launched in 2003 provides a benchmark of standards for parish and town councils across the country.

Being awarded Quality status means that your Parish Council has demonstrated that it is competent and capable and fit for purpose.

Parish Council Elections May 2011

If you are an Ilkley resident or live within three miles of Ilkley and would like to stand for election to the Parish Council contact the Electoral Services Unit at City of Bradford MDC, City Hall,

Bradford BD1 1HY

Tel. 01274 432286/7

Email elections@bradford.gov.uk

If you would like to find out more about what being a Parish Councillor involves, contact any of the councillors whose details can be found on the back page of this newsletter.

Forthcoming Meetings for the Council Year 2010-2011

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

7th February 2011

7th March 2011

4th April 2011

16th May 2011

The Annual Council Meeting which is the first meeting of the new Council year will be held on 23rd May 2011.

Plans Committee

24th January 2011

14th February 2011

28th February 2011

14th March 2011

28th March 2011

18th April 2011

9th May 2011

Management and Staffing Committee

The Committee has two scheduled meetings a year in September and February and meets at other times as and when required. The next meeting will be on 21st February 2011.

Ilkley Parish Councillors 2006 - 2011

2010-2011

CHAIRMAN: Cllr Brian Mann

VICE CHAIRMAN: Cllr Heathcliffe Bowen

Ilkley West

Heathcliffe Bowen	600762	8 Woodlands Rise, LS29 9BU
Kate Brown	604521	12 Goodwood, Owler Park Road, LS29 0BY
Angus Hartley	07980 987 334	148 Main Street, 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
Ben Rhydding PS Governor	Cllr McKie
Bandstand Management Committee	<i>(v) to be appointed</i>
Bradford College Liaison	Cllr Brown, Cllr Best, Cllr Emsley
Churches Together in Ilkley	Cllr Emsley, Cllr Mann
Coronation Hospital	Cllr Best, Cllr Gibbons, Cllr Goddard
Coutances Twinning Committee	Chairman, Cllr Bowen, Cllr Gibbons
DDA representative on behalf of IPC	Cllr Best
Friends of Ilkley Lido (FOIL)	Cllr Bowen
Friends of Ilkley Moor	Cllr Bowen
Friends of the King's Hall	Cllr Dixon, Cllr Gibbons
Ilkley and District Good Neighbours	Cllr Mann
Ilkley and District Road Safety	Cllr Best
Ilkley Business Forum	Cllr Morrell
Ilkley Fairtrade Group	Cllr Mann
Ilkley Flower Show	Cllr Dixon
Ilkley in Bloom	Cllr Brown, Cllr Dixon
Ilkley Senior Citizens	Cllr Robinson
Ilkley Youth & Community Association	Cllr Hartley
Keighley and Ilkley Voluntary Community Action	Cllr Best
Parish Liaison Meetings	Chairman, Vice Chairman, Clerk
Police and Community Together (PACT)	Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Cllr Mann, Cllr McKie
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, 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 - <i>(v) to be appointed</i>