



2012-2013

CHAIRMAN: Cllr Heathcliffe Bowen

VICE CHAIRMAN: Cllr Mike Gibbons

Ilkley North

Cllr Brian Mann	602262	19 Oowler 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 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	Chairman, 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
Ilkley and District Good Neighbours	Cllr Kitching
Ilkley and District Road Safety	Cllr Kitching
Ilkley Business Forum	Cllr Kitching, 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 Kitching
Keighley and Ilkley Voluntary Community Action	Cllr Bowen
Parish Liaison Meetings	Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Clerk
Police and Community Together (PACT)	Chairman, Vice-Chairman
Tourism Partnership	Cllr Butler
Transport – Metro	Cllr Ridgway
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)	Chairman, Vice-Chairman

PROJECT MANAGERS

Allotments - Cllr Walbank	Benches - Cllr Mann
Cemetery and Riverside Pathways - Cllr Robinson	Christmas Lights - Cllr Marshall
Concert on The Grove - Cllr Gibbons	(Deputy Project Manager – Cllr Souter)
Traffic / Car Parking - Cllr Mann	

COUNCILLORS WITH SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Finance	Cllr Ridgway, Cllr Sugden
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Annual Council Meeting 21st May

At the Annual Council Meeting on Monday 21st May, it was a great honour for me to be re-elected as Chairman for the Council year 2012 - 2013. I wish to thank councillors for their confidence and I shall endeavour to do my best to serve the Council and our town.

On retiring as Chairman for the year 2011-12, it is a good time for reflection on a challenging year. The loss of three councillors, the recruitment of a new Clerk, Bradford Council's LDF and the introduction of the Localism Act 2011 all presented the Council with varying degrees of challenge over the past year.



Cllr Heathcliffe Bowen presenting a 'thank you' gift to Deputy Clerk, Mrs Fiona Birdsall

Photograph courtesy of Cllr Mike Gibbons.

The business of Council has continued despite these challenges, with our regular events being held successfully, many awards being granted and open consultation evenings being organised for the LDF and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

I would like to thank all members of Council for their support during the year, particularly the Vice-Chairman, Project Managers and Chairmen of

Committees for their advice and valued input. I would like to thank residents, too, for their support over the past year.

Thanks also go to Cllr Lexa Robinson and former councillor Pauline Dixon for acting as Consort at many functions throughout the year. Particular thanks to Mrs Fiona Birdsall, our Deputy Clerk, for all her hard work whilst we were without a Clerk.

I have had a good reception from the many organisations I have visited and generally throughout the town.

Looking ahead, a number of challenges present themselves for the Council and the town, notably the LDF and Neighbourhood Plan. Next year's Bradford Council budget could possibly have significant implications for public services and facilities in Ilkley. The Council has no agenda yet with regard to taking on any new powers under the Localism legislation, as much of the statutory guidance is still being published. The process of developing a Neighbourhood Plan is underway and it will be important for the Council to consult as widely as possible in developing the Plan, encouraging contributions from residents, organisations and Friends groups around the town.

Also, the Council might be called upon to contribute towards significant community projects in future, for example the re-development of Ilkley Swimming Pool and Lido, and to work in partnership with other groups to safeguard community assets in the town.

Like many others, I am looking forward to attending the events to mark the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty The Queen. As part of its programme of events for the Jubilee, the Council will be hosting a Street Party on Sunday 3rd June and a special Concert on The Grove in August.

It will be important over the course of this civic year to fill the remaining vacancies on the Council and to build a strong team of councillors supported by our very able Clerks.

Cllr Heathcliffe Bowen

Ilkley – Coutances Town Twinning Visit

At the end of April, the Council hosted a civic reception at Craiglands Hotel, with concert and supper, for a delegation from Ilkley's twin town of Coutances.

After the formal civic welcome, guests were entertained by the City of Bradford Brass Band. Members of the 1224 (Wharfedale) Squadron Air Cadets provided colour parties for the formal part of the reception. Approximately one hundred people attended the concert, which was extremely well-received by our French guests.

Other activities over the twinning weekend included visits to Ilkley Brewery and local schools. The ties between Ilkley and Coutances continue to be strengthened and our thanks go to members of the Ilkley-Coutances Town Twinning Committee for all their hard work in organising this year's successful twinning visit.



Cllr Heathcliffe Bowen presenting civic gifts to the leader of the French delegation, Francois Morel.

Community Expenditure 2011-12

The Parish Council budgeted £62,723 in the last financial year for awards to local groups and councillor-led projects. This sum also included the budget for the Christmas Lights, which amounted to £12000. Grants were awarded to community groups as follows:

Ilkley Choral Society compilation books £500
Ilkley Coutances Twinning Visit £500
Friends of Ilkley LIDO Survey £345
Wharfedale Rail Users Group newsletter £100
Wharfedale Festival of Performing Arts trophies £750
Ilkley Rugby Club additional access work to clubhouse £7000
Olicanian Cricket Club practice nets £1500
KIVCA Sports Development Worker £1000
Soroptimist International rebound wall £500
Ilkley Chess Club chess clocks £210
Ilkley Cycling Club shelters £1334
Ilkley & District Good Neighbours Community Transport new minibus £7000
Ben Rhydding Cricket Club mobile covers £1250
Abbeyfield Jubilee Tea £400
Ilkley Carnival bunting £400

Cllr Robinson led on projects to renovate the roundabout in the Cemetery at a cost of £600 and resurfacing of the riverside footpath costing £3000. The Parish Council is very grateful to Bradford Council for working in partnership to fund these joint projects which enhance the town's public amenities.

The Parish Council also supported a number of local events and festivals:

Ilkley Summer Festival £5000
Ben Rhydding Community Fete £300
CTI 2000 Community Fayre £250
Ilkley & District Arts Federation festival £500
Ilkley Flower Show Society Annual Flower Show £1000
Ilkley in Bloom National Competition £350
Wharfedale Festival of Performing Arts £1000
WFPA Parish Council Evening £300

Co-option to Ben Rhydding Parish Ward

Since the last edition of the newsletter, the Council has co-opted two new members to fill the vacancies in the Ben Rhydding Ward.

Adam Bowles was welcomed as a new councillor at the June Full Council meeting and Gordon Perry will take his seat at the September meeting. The Council has decided not to take forward the remaining expressions of interest.

Following these recent co-options, one vacancy remains in the Ilkley South Ward. Any elector wishing to put themselves forward for co-option to this seat should submit a written statement to the Clerk to the Council, giving their reasons for standing, what skills, knowledge and understanding of local issues they believe they can bring to the Council, and ideas for future developments.

Chairman's Equerries

Taking inspiration from an initiative of Shrewsbury Town Council to engage with young people and encourage them to participate more in civic life, the Parish Council agreed to appoint two Chairman's Equerries from members of the 1224 (Wharfedale) Squadron Air Cadets.

The idea was greeted enthusiastically by the Squadron, and different pairs of cadets will attend each function. To date, equerries have attended the Ilkley Carnival and hope to be present at other official functions in the town during the civic year.

Ilkley and District Good Neighbours Over 90s Party, Saturday 29th September, 2pm - 4pm, Clarke Foley Centre, Ilkley

Ilkley and District Good Neighbours will once again be hosting a party for men and women aged 90 and over living in Addingham, Ilkley, Burley-in-Wharfedale and Menston. Transport can be provided subject to availability.

Anyone who would like an invitation should contact Ilkley & District Good Neighbours, Riddings Hall,

Riddings Road, Ilkley, 01943 603348, info@goodneighbours.ilkley.org by 1st September.

Ilkley and District Community Showcase, Saturday 8th September, 10am - 2pm, King's Hall and Winter Garden

This free Showcase event will provide a spotlight on the Ilkley & District Voluntary and Community sector, enabling local organisations to meet members of the public. For those thinking about volunteering, this will be an excellent opportunity to check out a variety of volunteering opportunities. Kris Hopkins MP will open the event at 10 am and Cllr Heathcliffe Bowen, Chairman of Ilkley Parish Council will be present.

Permitted Development Rights for Domestic Microgeneration Equipment in Conservation Areas

For installation of solar panels, photo voltaic measures or solar thermal equipment to be considered without planning permission, a number of provisions must be accorded with.

Where installation is defined as permitted, the equipment shall, so far as practicable, be sited so as to minimise its effect on the external appearance of the building and its effect on the amenity of the area.

The Local Planning Authority will decide whether installations have satisfied all the statutory requirements. If in doubt, property owners should seek formal consent.

Further information is available on:

<http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/permission/commonprojects/solarpanels/>

Advice can also be sought from the Planning Contact Centre on 01274 4345605.

Manor House Museum, Ilkley

There's lots to do for visitors of all ages at Ilkley Manor House Museum this summer.

Sporting Ilkley Exhibition - during an Olympic summer celebrate the history of sports clubs in the local area and even try your hand at some of them! Exhibition runs until 16 September.

For more information on activities contact Manor House Museum, Castle Yard, Ilkley, 01943 600066 www.bradfordmuseums.org

Opening times: Tuesday 1pm – 5pm, Wednesday to Saturday 11am – 5pm, Sunday 1pm – 4pm, closed Monday (except bank holiday).

Diary dates 2012

- Saturday 25th August 6.45pm, Concert on the Grove (tickets on sale from the Visitor Information Centre, Town Hall).
- Sunday 9th September 3.0pm, Civic Service, St Margaret's Church (all residents are welcome to attend).

- Sunday 11th November 3.0pm, Remembrance Service Memorial Gardens.
- Saturday 24th November 5.30pm, Christmas Lights Switch-on outside Christchurch.

Forthcoming Meetings for the Council Year 2012-2013

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 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 except August.

3rd September 2012	1st October 2012
5th November 2012	3rd December 2012
7th January 2013	4th February 2013
4th March 2013	8th April 2013

The Annual Council Meeting which is the first meeting of the new Council year will be held on 20th May 2013.

Plans Committee

4th Sept 2012 - Tues	25th Sept 2012 - Tues
15th Oct 2012	6th Nov 2012 - Tues
26th Nov 2012	17th Dec 2012
8th Jan 2013 - Tues	28th Jan 2013
18th Feb 2013	11th March 2013
9th April 2013 - Tues	29th April 2013
21st May 2013 - Tues	

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.

22nd October 2012	25th February 2013
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Awards and Projects Committee

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

13th August 2012	8th October 2012
10th December 2012	11th February 2013

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.