



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 17th March 2010

Starting with practical and administrative matters, I am pleased to report that Dr Jean Yule is close to completing her formal training to become Parish Clerk. It is planned that she will take over the role of Clerk to the Council at the beginning of the next Council year in May when the current Clerk Mrs Christine Dale will relinquish the role and become Deputy Clerk for the year.



Financially our expenditure on Administrative and Operating activities has been very close to budget and we will have made some twenty Awards and Projects grants and provided generous support for a number of Community Events. Additionally we supported a successful application by Ilkley Football club to The Keighley Area Panel for a grant of £10,000 to assist in refurbishing their changing facilities at West Holmes Field.

We have continued our responsibility for managing the allotments in Ilkley. Cllr Andrew Walbank successfully led the application for a £10,000



Big Lottery Grant which has enabled the development of fifteen new allotments together with the provision of some new fencing and pathways. We now have 105 allotments but the waiting list, which is growing, stands at 160.

During the year the Parish Council assumed the trusteeship of the Darwin Gardens and Millennium Green, taking over from the original voluntary trustees at their request. Cllr Stuart Goddard has taken on the responsibility for managing the area and has put in place a number of maintenance arrangements which will allow the gardens to continue to flourish.

Our Plans Committee under the able chairmanship of Cllr Andrew McKie has scrutinised and made recommendations on some 174 planning applications. Notable amongst these were the Ilkley Rugby Club Stand and the Tesco and Ilkley Grammar School proposals. For the latter two the Council organised public meetings which were well attended and offered opportunity for all views to be aired.

Tourism remains an important feature of Ilkley life and Cllr Kate Brown successfully achieved "Walkers Are Welcome" status for the Town. She also pressed for improved town centre signing for our excellent, but largely hidden, Tourist Information Office. Together with Cllr Pauline Dixon and many other volunteers, Cllr Brown played a major part in achieving a Silver Gilt award in this year's Britain in Bloom competition. This team was also responsible for refurbishing The Pinfold in Weston Road where I had the pleasure of unveiling an Ilkley Civic Society blue plaque in July.

It is important for tourism that we maintain the quality image of our Town and ensure that litter, graffiti, vandalism and anti-social behaviour are kept to a minimum. In this regard we are fortunate to have a very active Neighbourhood Policing Team led by Inspector Susan Sanderson who has attended all our Council meetings keeping us fully briefed on policy for dealing with all of these issues.

Responding to requests and suggestions from residents and visitors, your Parish Council has supported and promoted a number of issues including a trial produce market, refurbishment of the library, additional toilet facilities and improved tourist signing in the Town centre, and 20mph speed limits around several schools. Unfortunately, none of these has had a positive response from Bradford MD Council.

We have had some success with other matters such as the new brown tourist signs at both ends of the Town,

a new speed restricted gateway on Denton Road, and an improvement in the quality of the water in the swimming pool; although there is still some way to go to upgrade the water treatment plant, the changing facilities and building. Thanks to the efforts of Cllr Lexa Robinson and a contribution from IPC, the Riverside Gardens' footpath railings, stonework and underpass will soon be cleaned and refurbished. IPC has also made a contribution to what will be significant fencing improvements in front of the Riverside Hotel and to the North end of the New Brook Street Bridge, and to the repainting and re-hanging of the Memorial Gates.

Notable Council events during the year included a visit, with a civic reception, by a delegation from Coutances our twin town in Northern France, the Concert on The Grove organised by Cllr Mike Gibbons and the Christmas Lights Switch-on, organised by Cllr Brian Mann and his team, which included new light features and a Christmas Tree at Ben Rhydding purchased by the Parish Council.

To conclude, it has been a privilege to represent Ilkley Parish Council at some forty events this year. I have witnessed the amount of good work done by so many people on behalf of young and old alike. These volunteers have our gratitude for all their efforts and I would like to thank them on behalf of Marjorie and myself for the warmth of their welcome and their hospitality. Also my thanks to all those councillors and officers who have supported me during my year in office.

Cllr Alan Morrell

Awards and projects

The Parish Council budgeted £50,000 this Council year for awards to local groups and councillor led projects.

Grants were awarded to local groups as follows:

Ilkley Cricket Club clubhouse refurb	£5,000
Ilkley Senior Citizens' outing (s137)	£725
Ben Rhydding Bowls Club air condit	£1,256
Relate equipment training room	£250
PCC All Saints' Church House	£2,000
All Saints' PTA MUGA	£6,000
Soroptimists Int of Ikley IT equipment	£375
Clarke Foley Centre kitchen equip	£1,776
BR Pre-school Play Group storage shed	£750
Wharfedale On Line Trust web (s137)	£8,880
Wharfedale Recorded Music trolley	£200
Cantores Olicanae staging/safety rails	£1,000
Olicanian Cricket Club pavilion	£3,000
Ilkley & District U3A table tennis table	£350
A Place To Be cooking utensils	£250
Friends of Ilkley Lido slides	£3,000

Four new benches in the Town were funded at a total cost of £2,300 and IPC contributed to joint projects with Bradford MDC as follows: Riverside Hotel railings £3,850; Memorial Gates Brook Street £650; Riverside gardens railings £5,200.

IPC is very grateful to Bradford MD Council for working in partnership to fund these joint projects which enhance the Town's public amenities.

Community Events

The Parish Council has also supported a number of local events:

Ilkley in Bloom National Comp	£250
Ilkley Arts Federation	£500
BR Community Fete	£300
W'dale Friends of Performing Arts	£1,000
Ilkley Flower Show	£1,000
Ilkley Summer Festival	£6,200

Expenditure for the year is within budget. The financial year ends on 31st March and shortly after that, full figures will be available.

Darwin Gardens

Willow Sheep graze in the maze!

The Darwin Gardens' maze is now home to a flock of life sized willow sheep.

The Willow Sheep Project, funded by Education Bradford, involved children from local schools working with local artist Phil Bradley to make the life sized model sheep.

The installation was unveiled on Friday 19th March by Joe Maiden, Gardener and Radio Presenter, and certificates were presented to the children by Cllr Alan Morrell.



The young sculptors and Joe Maiden with two of the sheep.

Photograph courtesy of Cllr Best.

Schools taking part in the project: Addingham Primary; All Saints' Primary; Ashlands Primary; Ben Rhydding Primary; Burley Oaks CE Primary; Burley and Woodhead CE Primary; Ilkley Grammar.

Junior Town Crier Competition

The Parish Council is holding a Junior Town Crier Competition again this year.

As in previous years, the competition is open to all pupils in their final year at primary school (boys and girls) and selection for entry to the competition is made by the schools.

Entry forms giving full details of the competition are being sent out to all primary schools in Ilkley and Ben Rhydding.

Judging is to take place at the Ilkley Carnival on Monday 3rd May.



The current Junior Town Crier, Sarah Parry formerly of Westville House School, taking part in the Switching on the Christmas Lights event with Ilkley's Town Crier, Mr Chris Richards.

Photograph courtesy of Cllr Mike Gibbons.

Dog fouling – how to tackle it

When you take out your dog, make sure you clear up after it and don't leave the faeces for someone else to clear up (which is costly) or to tread on (which is unpleasant).

The best way to clear up after your dog is to use a doggy bag, or a carrier bag, to pick up the faeces. This should then be placed in a litter bin or taken home. If you don't like handling the faeces, even through a carrier bag, poop scoops can be used and these are available from most pet stores.

If you wish to report a dog fouling offence, contact the Dog Warden Service on 01274 434366 or at

Ep.admin@bradford.gov.uk

with the following details: a description of the dog; a description of the person with the dog; the date, time and place of the offence.

Diary Dates 2010

18th April	Ilkley in Bloom litter pick, meeting in the car park at 6.00pm.
19th April	Yorkshire in Bloom judging.
3rd May	Junior Town Crier Competition at the Carnival East Holmes Field.
20th June	Civic Service Sacred Heart Church 3.00pm.
28th August	Concert on The Grove.
11th September	South Pennines Walk and Ride Festival, Riddings Hall.
14th November	Remembrance Day Parade along The Grove to the Memorial Gardens for the Service at 3.00pm.
20th November	Christmas Lights Switch-On 5.00pm outside Christchurch.
11th December	Carols on The Grove at the Bandstand.

Remaining Meetings for the Council Year 2009-2010

Tuesday May 4th	Plans Committee
May 10th	Full Council
May 17th	Plans Committee

The first meeting of the 2010-2011 Council year is the Annual Council meeting on May 24th at 7.30pm. The Chairman for the year will be elected at this meeting.

Local elections will be held in 2011 so this will be the final year for this Council.

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.

Members of the public are entitled in law to attend all meetings of the Council.

Members of the public are not permitted to participate in Council meetings, but meetings are adjourned in order that members of the public may put questions to or make observations to the Council.

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

Ilkley Parish Councillors 2006 - 2011

2009-2010

CHAIRMAN: Cllr Alan Morrell

VICE CHAIRMAN: Cllr Brian Mann

Ilkley West

Heathcliffe Bowen 600762
Kate Brown 604521
Angus Hartley 600645
Alan Morrell 432511

8 Woodlands Rise, LS29 9BU
12 Goodwood, Owler Park Road, LS29 0BY
1 Victoria Terrace, Addingham LS29 0NF
Brambletye, Owler Park Road, LS29 0BG

Ilkley North

Pauline Dixon 431994
Brian Mann 602262
Lexa Robinson 608418

8 Goodwood, Owler Park Road, LS29 0BY
19 Owler Park Road, LS29 0BG
113 Leeds Road, LS29 8JS

Ben Rhydding

Mike Gibbons 605313
Anne Hawkesworth 600701
Dawn Emsley 609123
Andrew McKie 600820

Apt 3, 19 Low Beck, LS29 8UN
29 Manley Road, LS29 8QP
13 Collyer View, LS29 8NE
89 Wheatley Lane, LS29 8PP

Ilkley South

Kathy Best 607568
Stuart Goddard 430015
Andrew Walbank 608079

73 Leeds Road, LS29 8EG
21 Leeds Road, LS29 8DP
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 Best
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
Keighley and Ilkley Voluntary & Community Action	Cllr Best
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