



Ilkley Parish Councillors 2015 – 2016

CHAIRMAN: Cllr Brian Mann

Ilkley North

Cllr Brian Mann	602262	19 Owler Park Road, LS29 0BG
Cllr Libby Packett	817450	The Granary, Carters Lane, LS29 0DQ
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	Apt 3, 19 Low Beck, LS29 8UN
Cllr Sandy MacPherson	431168	33 Wheatley Lane, LS29 8BW
Cllr Jack Rickard	602467	29 Wheatley Lane, LS29 8BW

Ilkley South

Cllr Henri Murison		17 Wharfedale Drive, LS29 8QB
Cllr Claire Darling	609058	20 Middleton Road, LS29 9EX
Cllr Andrew Walbank	608079	9 Kimberley Street, LS29 8JU

REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Bandstand Management Committee	Cllr Souter
Churches Together Ilkley (CTI)	Cllr Mann
Coronation Hospital	Cllr Gibbons
Coutances Town Twinning Committee	Vacancy
Darwin Gardens Trust	Cllr Bowen
Friends of Ilkley Lido	Cllr Rickard
Friends of Ilkley Moor	Cllr Darling
Friends of King's Hall	Cllr Gibbons, Cllr Souter
Ilkley & District Good Neighbours	Vacancy
Ilkley & District Road Safety	Cllr Gibbons
Ilkley Business Forum	Cllr Ridgway
Ilkley Fairtrade Group	Cllr Mann
Ilkley Flower Show	Cllr Souter
Ilkley in Bloom	Cllr Sugden
Ilkley Senior Citizens	Cllr Butler
Keighley & Ilkley Voluntary Community Action	Cllr Bowen
Parish Liaison Meetings	Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Clerk
Tourism Partnership	Cllr Butler
Wharfedale Festival of Performing Arts	Cllr Gibbons
Wharfedale Activity Group (WAG)	Vacancy
Yorkshire Local Councils Associations (YLCA)	Chairman, Cllr Bowen, Clerk

PROJECT MANAGERS

Allotments	Cllr Walbank	Cemetery/Riverside Paths	Vacancy
Christmas Carol Service	Cllr Mann	Christmas/Jubilee Lights	Cllr Souter
Car Parking & Traffic	Cllr Ridgway	Concert on the Grove	Cllr Gibbons
Neighbourhood Plan	Cllr Mann		

Committee Membership

Plans Committee

Cllr Claire Darling
Cllr Sandy MacPherson
Cllr Jack Rickard
Cllr Jennifer Souter
Cllr Andrew Walbank

Awards & Projects Committee

Cllr Heathcliffe Bowen
Cllr Mike Gibbons
Cllr Henri Murison
Cllr Jack Rickard
Cllr Mike Ridgway
Cllr Joanne Sugden

Management & Staffing Committee

Cllr Heathcliffe Bowen
Cllr Steve Butler
Cllr Mike Gibbons
Cllr Libby Packett
Cllr Jennifer Souter
Cllr Joanne Sugden

Community Fund Committee

Cllr Brian Mann
Cllr Mike Ridgway
Cllr Joanne Sugden

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Ilkley Parish Council Newsletter

Parish Council Meeting Dates

All meetings are held in the Council Chamber at Ilkley Town Hall at 7:30pm.

Full Council

There is a meeting of Full Council *usually* on the first Monday of each month. The next meetings are:

1st June 2015
13th July 2015
3rd August 2015

Plans Committee

9th June 2015
30th June 2015
21st July 2015

Awards & Projects Committee

29th June 2015
24th August 2015
19th October 2015

Local groups and organisations are able to apply for awards from Ilkley Parish Council. Please contact the Clerk for more information on how to apply including the rules and criteria.



Elected to represent the residents of Ilkley and Ben Rhydding

Contact Details: Clerk to the Council:
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LS29 8HB

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<http://parishcouncil.ilkley.org>

Office Hours: Monday – Thursday
10:00am – 1:00pm

Chairman's Annual Report 2014/2015

At the beginning of this last Council year, we were unexpectedly faced with the resignation of the Parish Clerk. The Parish Clerk is vital as an advisor and for continuity of the Council and we have been very fortunate in being able to appoint Mrs Clare Smith. A challenging time in the first few weeks of the appointment, with no one to follow, Clare proved to be a very good asset and we have a dedicated Parish Clerk.

Ilkley is known as a festival town and the first to be held each year is the Wharfedale Festival of Performing Arts now celebrating 108 years. This festival with professional adjudicators offers a syllabus with a very wide selection from poetry to instrumental soloists and bands. A celebration concert with the winning artists is held two weeks after the closing competitive events.

The Council's Neighbourhood Plan Committee led by Brian Mann and Paul Kitching, ensured a well-attended open forum that secured some positive progress which is now being maintained. The Flower Show coffee morning at the Clarke Foley Centre was well supported assisted by Councillors Brian Mann and Jennifer Souter. Ben Rhydding Fete was well-attended with a variety of enjoyable entertainment.

After months of meetings attended by Councillor Bryan Websdale the Tour de France cycled through Ilkley and showed the Dales countryside at its very best. Ilkley ran the first road race in the town a few days before the event which proved very popular with residents and visitors. A sedate country ride in period costume left the Bandstand to ride through Ilkley and Ben Rhydding.

August the first, Yorkshire Day, was traditionally celebrated at the Bandstand with Ilkley's newly



appointed Town Crier, Isabel Hogan, announcing the Yorkshire Declaration. Resplendent in the costume and with a loud ringing voice she recited her verses to suit the occasion. This event marked the beginning of Ilkley Summer Festival running through the whole of August and finishing with the Concert on the Grove. Councillor Mike Gibbons has organised this event for a number of years and the concert proves to be ever popular.

Early in August a short service of remembrance to mark the Centenary of the beginning of World War I was held at the Cenotaph in the Memorial Gardens at the end of The Grove. A solemn occasion giving time to reflect and remember those dark days of war.

These events which enhance the town for both visitors and residents alike are in addition to the regular meetings of Councillors to the

Public Participation at Parish Council Meetings

Did you know that members of the public and press are entitled by law to attend all meetings of the Parish Council? Early on in each meeting there is a Public Participation slot at which any member of the public is able to speak about an item on the agenda. Individuals are able to speak for a maximum of five minutes. Agendas are published three working days prior to each meeting and can be viewed on the Parish Council's website or in the notice board outside the Town Hall.

Please note that only items on the agenda can be discussed by the Council. If you have an issue which you would like the Parish Council to consider at one of its meetings please contact the Clerk to the Council.

CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT 2014/2015 (Cont'd)

Awards and Projects Committee chaired by Councillor Mike Ridgway which meets bi-monthly and have granted over £45,000 in awards to worthy local projects. The Planning Committee meets every three weeks and has considered on average 20 applications at each meeting which have always been well attended by up to six Councillors.

In September, a Civic Service was held at Christchurch. Reverend Robert Hilton conducted this annual service to reflect the nature and support for the Parish Councillors and Chairman of the Council.

The traditional Remembrance Day service held in the Memorial Gardens was very well attended this year and gave the opportunity to remember and reflect on the many conflicts that still exist for our armed forces across the world.

The annual Christmas Lights Switch On was performed by Ilkley's Town Crier, Isabel Hogan and the two hours of street entertainment before the switch on ensured a very good crowd. The Town Crier led the parade with coach and horses bringing Father Christmas from the Town Hall to The Grove.

In December, the feasibility study, financed by Bradford Council, for the Manor House was commenced with an outside consultant to look at the various options available for the building. Councillor Mann has been instrumental in keeping the focus of interested parties in the town to provide the consultant with information.

An informal meeting with Councillors and Bradford Council's Director of Finance gave the Parish Council an insight in to the many cuts and reductions in services that Bradford Council have to make to help reduce the national deficit. The meeting was frank and informative and will affect what Ilkley Parish Council will have to look at in the coming year to prioritise services and facilities.

In the New Year, Ilkley Film Festival, which is supported by the Parish Council, again provided a great variety of films at various places around the town.

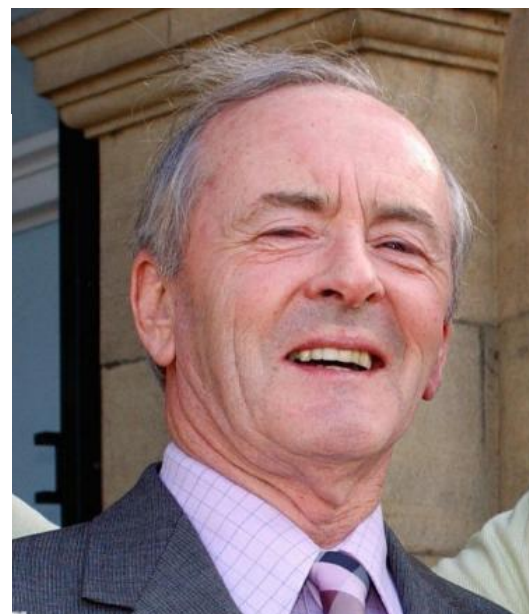
I wish to thank the Clerk, Clare Smith, and Deputy Clerk, Diane Ollier, who have very efficiently completed a growing workload in the office. I also thank Councillors who have completed the four year cycle of office.

*Councillor Andrew Walbank,
Chairman of Ilkley Parish Council 2014/2015*

New Chairman of the Council 2015/16

On Monday 18th May 2015, the Parish Council held its Annual Meeting at which Councillor Brian Mann (*pictured*) was installed as Chairman of the Parish Council for the forthcoming year. Mrs Sylvia Mann will act as the Chairman's Consort.

The Council also welcomes several new Councillors following the elections in early May. We welcome Councillor Claire Darling, Councillor Henri Murison, Councillor Libby Packett, Councillor Jack Rickard and Councillor Sandy MacPherson to the Council.



Councillor Paul Kitching



It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Councillor Paul Kitching, who died on 20th May 2015, aged 70.

Paul was heavily involved in many areas of work in the community including the development of Ilkley's Neighbourhood Plan, the Rotary Club and Ilkley's Summer Festival.

Paul will be greatly missed by all of his colleagues at the Parish Council and by the community as a whole.



ILKLEY IN BLOOM

Ilkley in Bloom will be holding their Local Competition again this year and invite entries from those who have not entered before. (Previous entrants will be written to). Judging will take place on **Wednesday 19 August** in the following categories:

Front Gardens Visible from the Road; Accommodation Providers; Nursing/Retirement Homes; Pubs/Restaurants; Commercial Premises with Gardens; Commercial Premises with tubs, baskets etc; Community Gardens (where residents maintain the garden either themselves and/or with the help of a gardener).

Full details of the Judging Criteria can be found on the Ilkley in Bloom page on the Ilkley.org website.

For further information please contact either Lorraine Hockey on 01943 600869 or Kate Brown on 01943 604521.

Summer Judging for the Yorkshire in Bloom Competition will take place on Friday 10 July between 1 and 3 pm. Residents are asked to do what they can to make Ilkley look litter and weed free on the day.

Ilkley Parish Council Awards to Local Organisations 2014/15

Each year Ilkley Parish Council makes valued awards to local not-for-profit groups and organisations who apply for funding for specific projects or items of equipment. In 2014/15, the Council's Awards and Projects Committee gave awards to the following organisations:

Ilkley Choral Society (£2460), King's Hall (£2981), Ilkley and District Arts Federation (£1500), Keighley and Ilkley Voluntary and Community Action (KIVCA) (£2836), Ilkley Senior Citizen's Club (£600), Ilkley Flower Show Society (£1500), Ben Rhydding Community Fete (£306), Dan's Den at Christchurch (£1637), Ilkley & District Good Neighbours (£400), Ilkley and District Road Safety Committee (£450), The Clarke Foley Centre (£4372), Ilkley Cricket Club (£3000), Ilkley Film Festival (£4000), Ilkley-Coutances Twinning Committee (£2000), Ilkley Summer Festival (£4000), Ilkley.Org Website (£660), Ilkley in Bloom (£650) and Ilkley Arts (£7442). Work was also undertaken to renovate the Memorial Gardens on The Grove.

What's On in Ilkley

Harrogate Male Choir at Ilkley Bandstand – the Grove, 20th June 2pm – 4pm

Druid's Delight at Wells Road Car Park – 21st June at 3:30am!

The Making of The Railway Children – Manor House Museum, 26th June

Yorkshire Craft Fair – Clarke Foley Centre, 11th July

Ilkley Race for Life – East Holmes Field, 12th July

Outdoor Art School at Middleton Woods – 27th – 29th July

Celebration of 150th Anniversary of 1st Train Arriving in Ilkley and Yorkshire Day – Ilkley Train Station, Saturday 1st August, 11am – 1pm.