



# ILKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

*Elected to represent the residents of Ilkley and Ben Rhydding*



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## Annual Council Meeting 23rd May

At the Annual Council Meeting on Monday 23rd May, Cllr Heathcliffe Bowen was elected Chairman for the Council year 2011 - 2012.

The retiring Chairman, Cllr Brian Mann, made a retiring address before presenting Certificates of Merit for service to the community to Mrs Christine Dale, former Clerk to the Council, and Mrs Elsie Nowell, longstanding volunteer member of a number of local community organisations.



*Cllr Brian Mann presents the Certificate of Merit to Mrs Christine Dale.*

*Photograph courtesy of Cllr Mike Gibbons.*

## Retiring Chairman's Address

I am not sad about being up here for the last time because there is always something exciting about change; particularly at this time with a new Council and a four year stretch in front of us. We have new blood and hopefully, new ideas. We have a Parish Plan which has been well received and I commend it to all new councillors and expect it to remain a dynamic plan for the future of our town.

Looking back over recent years, our operations have increased and strengthened; we can now regard the town's allotments and Darwin Gardens Millennium Green, both of which we manage, as our assets.

In future years I believe this Council will need ambition to take advantage of provisions in the impending Localism Bill and seek to acquire further assets for the town, lost to us in 1974.

I thank all those who have supported me throughout this council year; Deputy Chairman and Councillors, the Clerks and my wife and consort.

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

Finally, I'm sure I speak for all my colleagues in saying that we are all looking forward to working with the next leadership of the Council for the benefit of the town. This brings me neatly on to the agenda for tonight and I declare the meeting open.

*Cllr Brian Mann*

Following his election as Chairman, Cllr Bowen read and signed the Declaration of acceptance of office. He then addressed the meeting.

## Chairman's Address

My Deputy Lieutenant, Fellow Councillors, Ladies and Gentlemen

I am extremely honoured to have been elected by my colleagues as Chairman of Ilkley Parish Council for the second time. I acknowledge and thank you for the trust that you are placing in me and I shall endeavour to ensure that it is not misplaced.



*Photograph courtesy of Cllr Mike Gibbons.*

My thanks must also go to my proposer, Councillor Mike Gibbons, and also to Councillor Lexa Robinson, who seconded my nomination, for their kind and generous words in support of my election.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my predecessor, Councillor Brian Mann, for all he has done throughout his term and also to express similar thanks to his consort, Mrs Sylvia Mann, for ably supporting him. I would especially like to thank Councillor Mann for chairing the Council through a particularly challenging period. He has dealt with some difficult issues and handled a number of tricky situations with deftness and sureness of touch.

When being elected to a position such as Chairman of the Parish Council it is very tempting to become carried away and think that all manner of things are possible and to rush into a myriad of new projects. However, my experience has taught me the value of patience and the necessity of planning for the long term. The election of a new Council offers an opportunity to encourage fresh ideas and to develop a long-term strategy, with new members working alongside more established councillors. For a Council to be effective it must continually move forward and examine new areas of interest and need. It will be important to take account of a range of views when developing a strategy, as well as wider perspectives. The Localism Bill, in particular, presents a number of challenges for the Council, including potential changes to the ethical framework and new powers to buy assets and provide services.

I have no doubt that there are further improvements which could be made within our community, and areas which should perhaps be addressed by the Parish Council. I firmly believe there is considerable merit to be derived if the impetus for change comes from good co-operation between citizens and Council alike, with the Parish Council acting as a conduit for action. This Council, offering assistance wherever possible through grants and project funding, and also campaign leadership, should essentially enable others to develop ideas to fruition. Collaboration between Bradford Metropolitan District Council and ourselves has, on the whole, been beneficial over recent years, and I would like to think that such co-operation can be continued. It is very easy to criticise the Local Authority for perceived failings, nevertheless, we live in a beautiful town, with many superb festivals, and should celebrate our good fortune.

Ilkley's voluntary sector is absolutely invaluable. Many groups, associations and organisations operate within the community to help improve both the town's appearance and the quality of life for its residents. Very many people owe a debt of gratitude to those prepared to give selflessly of their time and effort, and indeed thinking of such good works I include my colleagues on this Council and other similar bodies throughout the area, and I thank them wholeheartedly. All parish councillors are unpaid and the Council over many years has resisted moves to pay members for the work they carry out - long may it continue.

In the year ahead I would like to forge even stronger links with all groups and associations within the town, to encourage those organisations to continue to undertake their work and to promote the ability of individuals, who might not be involved at the moment, to come forward and present new ideas that could be investigated and possibly pursued. I would stress that the public participation slot on our Full Council agendas is the perfect opportunity for representatives from local bodies, and local residents, to bring forward ideas and projects for the betterment of the town.

As a local authority in its own right, the Parish Council has achieved much over the past decade and I believe it will continue to deliver worthwhile changes and to serve the best interests of all the residents in our community. Being Chairman of this great Council is a privilege and it is an undertaking I make knowing that I work with a wonderful group of committed individuals. I thank you in advance for all that you will do on behalf of Ilkley and its people in the year ahead.

*Cllr Heathcliffe Bowen*

## **Royal Wedding Celebrations - Street Party on the Grove**

Ilkley Parish Council thanks all those who helped to make this event a success: Bradford City Brass Band for its superb playing; Bradford Metropolitan District Council's Highways Department, for facilitating the street closure. and Cleansing for providing refuse sacks and clearing up so speedily afterwards; The Bandstand Committee; Betty's Cafe for donating tea and cakes; Morrisons Supermarkets for assisting with cakes; Marks and Spencer for donating biscuits - and residents of and visitors to Ilkley who came together to celebrate and make this a very happy event!



*Photograph courtesy of Cllr Mike Gibbons.*

## **Local elections May 2011**

Many thanks to the following Councillors who retired in May for their service to the Council: Kate Brown, Pauline Dixon, Kathy Best, Angus Hartley, Dawn Emsley, Stuart Goddard, Anne Hawkesworth, Alan Morrell.

Councillors who joined the Council for the first time in May are: Stephen Butler, Gerald Goldsbrough, Paul Kitching, Rory Marshall, Richard Reed, Mike Ridgway, Joanne Sugden, Jennifer Souter.

Ilkley Parish Councillors are all volunteers and they receive no expenses for attending meetings of the Council. The Chairman may claim expenses during the year of office and expenses are paid to Councillors attending meetings etc outside the Parish boundary.

## **Ilkley in Bloom - Local Competition**

Ilkley in Bloom invites entries into its Local Competition for 2011. There are seven Categories this year:

1. Private front gardens visible from the road.
2. Nursing/Retirement Homes.
3. Pubs/Restaurants.
4. Tourism/Accommodation Providers.
5. Commercial Premises - gardens and tubs, pots, etc.
6. Commercial Premises - hanging baskets, pots etc.
7. Best kept allotment  
(holders have already been contacted).

To enter Categories 1 - 6, and for further details of the criteria, please contact either Lorraine Hockey on 600869 or Kate Brown on 604521.

Closing date for entries is 16 July 2011 and judging will take place on Wednesday 27 July.

## **Ilkley in Bloom - National Competition**

Ilkley is once again Yorkshire's representative in the National Britain in Bloom competition. Judging will take place on 4th August and anything you can do to help Ilkley achieve success would be much appreciated. Ilkley achieved a silver gilt award in 2009 and is reaching for gold this time around!

## **Diary Dates 2011**

- Saturday 27th August Concert on the Grove (tickets on sale from the Visitor Information Office, Town Hall from Saturday 30th July).
- Sunday 13th November 3.0pm. Remembrance Service Memorial Gardens.
- Saturday 19th November 5.0pm Christmas Lights Switch-on outside Christchurch.
- Saturday 10th December 3.0pm with CTI Carol Service Bandstand.

## **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**

There is a meeting of Full Council every month except August.

18th July 2011  
5th September 2011  
3rd October 2011  
7th November 2011  
5th December 2011  
9th January 2012  
6th February 2012  
5th March 2012  
16th April 2012

The Annual Council Meeting which is the first meeting of the new Council year will be held on 21st May 2012.

## **Plans Committee**

25th July 2011  
15th August 2011  
6th September 2011 - Tuesday  
26th September 2011  
17th October 2011  
8th November 2011 -Tuesday  
28th November 2011  
19th December 2011  
10th January 2012 - Tuesday  
30th January 2012  
20th February 2012  
12th March 2012  
2nd April 2012  
23rd April 2012  
14th May 2012

## **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.

19th September 2011                      13th February 2012

## **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.

# Ilkley Parish Councillors 2011 - 2015

## 2011-2012

**CHAIRMAN: Cllr Heathcliffe Bowen**

**VICE CHAIRMAN: Cllr Mike Gibbons**

### Ilkley North

Cllr Brian Mann	602262	19 Owler 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		2 Curlew Close LS29 9DG

### Ben Rhydding

Cllr Mike Gibbons	605313	Apt3, 19 Low Beck LS29 8UN
v		
Cllr Paul Kitching	604683	71 Wyvil Crescent LS29 8ND
Cllr Andrew McKie	600820	89 Wheatley Lane LS29 8PP

### Ilkley South

Cllr Rory Marshall	rorymarshall@hotmail.co.uk	The Lodge, 20 Rupert Road LS29 0AQ
Cllr Richard Reed	607036	Carlton Croft, Queen's Road LS29 9QL
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
Ben Rhydding PS Governor	Cllr McKie
Bandstand Management Committee	Cllr Robinson
Churches Together in Ilkley	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, Cllr Reed
Friends of the King's Hall	Cllr Gibbons
Ilkley and District Good Neighbours	Cllr Kitching
Ilkley and District Road Safety	Cllr Goldsbrough
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	v
Ilkley Youth & Community Association	v
Keighley and Ilkley Voluntary Community Action	v
Parish Liaison Meetings	Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Clerk
Parish Plan group	Cllr Bowen, Cllr McKie
Police and Community Together (PACT)	Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Cllr McKie
Tourism Partnership	Cllr Butler
Transport – Metro	Cllr Reed, Cllr Ridgway
Wharfedale Festival of Performing Arts	Cllr Gibbons
Wharfedale On Line Trust	Cllr McKie
Wharfedale Rail Users Group (WRUG)	Cllr Reed
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 Mann
Concert on The Grove - Cllr Gibbons	Traffic / Car Parking - Cllr Mann

## COUNCILLORS WITH SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Awards and Projects	Cllr Gibbons
Finance	Cllr Goldsbrough, Cllr Sugden