



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
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Ilkley South

Cllr Rory Marshall	rorymarshall@hotmail.co.uk	The Lodge, 20 Rupert Road LS29 0AQ
Cllr Bryan Websdale	07786 443710	20 Middleton Road LS29 9EX
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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New Year's Message from the Chairman

It gives me great pleasure to send a message to you, the people of Ilkley, at this time of reflection and renewal. The New Year provides us all with the chance to think about the events of the past year, and to look forward with hope and confidence to the year ahead.

During my time as Chairman of Ilkley Parish Council, I have met many wonderful people working for the community groups in our town and have been struck by the high levels of enthusiasm, dedication and commitment they show to improving the lives of their fellow citizens. If these people did not give their time freely, I believe that our community and the world in general, would be a much poorer place.

My resolution, both as a resident of this wonderful town and as a member of the Parish Council, is to continue to work for the good of all the people of the parish and to endeavour to improve the services and amenities that we all enjoy.

It only remains for me on behalf of Ilkley Parish Council to wish all of you a happy and prosperous New Year.

Cllr Heathcliffe Bowen

'The Best Christmas Lights Ever...'

Since the switch on of the Christmas Lights at the end of November last year, the Parish Council has received many compliments from residents and visitors alike regarding their lights display in the town.



Cllr Heathcliffe Bowen presents the Certificate of Merit to Mr Jim Bray, alongside Mrs Grace Bray and Deputy Lieutenant of West Yorkshire, Mr Roger Whittaker

Photograph courtesy of Cllr Mike Gibbons.

The beginning of every New Year finds many people making resolutions to improve not only their own lives, but also those of their friends and neighbours. As we enter 2013, I can look back on a very interesting year and a half as Chairman of the Parish Council, with many civic events attended, several projects successfully started and a number planned for the months ahead. Our links with voluntary groups and associations throughout the town, particularly the churches, continue to grow and are a source of much pride to councillors.



Photograph courtesy of Cllr Rory Marshall.

Building on the success of the permanent Jubilee Lights display on The Grove and Brook Street, the Project Manager for the Christmas Lights, Cllr Rory Marshall, and his team, organised a first-rate switch on event and a superlative display of festive lights.

Despite the bad weather, several hundred townspeople and visitors crowded onto The Grove to watch Father Christmas switch on the lights. Accompanied by VIP civic guests and the Town Crier, the Chairman of the Council, Cllr Heathcliffe Bowen, thanked all those for attending and praised the efforts of the Council team who organised the display.

Comments from members of the public following the switch-on:

'I've never seen Ilkley look so nice...'

'The tree in Ilkley is absolutely outstanding this year and in my 12 years as an Ilkley resident I have never seen it looking this good'

'The delicate lights on the trees look especially lovely and add a fairytale appearance to the town. Well done'

'I would like to congratulate you all for the fantastic display of Christmas lights. I think they are the best yet'

'It brings a smile to my face as I walk through the town in the evening'.

Thanks to an allocation of funding from our three ward District Councillors, work will soon be underway to light up Mill Ghyll, albeit in a different manner to the existing Jubilee Lights display. Consideration is also being given to extend the Jubilee Lights to other areas of the town centre.

In raising the precept last year, the Parish Council always intended to put on a superb display of Christmas Lights, believing that it was well-worth the investment and would give a much-needed boost to the local economy and encourage visitors to the town. Furthermore, the Council also felt it was much better to invest funds in a permanent lights display in the centre of the town as a way of marking the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

Certainly the reactions of both residents and visitors have been extremely positive to both initiatives, and councillors are extremely grateful for all the support received from those who expressed their views in writing and in person.

Co-option to Ilkley South Parish Ward

Since the last edition of the newsletter, the Council has co-opted Bryan Websdale to fill the remaining vacancy in the Ilkley South Parish Ward.

In welcoming Cllr Websdale at the December Full Council meeting, the Chairman of the Council thanked the electors of Ilkley for their patience during the co-option process and expressed his confidence that the Council will move forward with a strong, talented team of councillors.

Civic Service Sunday 9 September 2012

The Civic Service this year was held once again at St Margaret's Parish Church and was led by Canon Philip Gray. The Service was attended by the Deputy Lieutenant of West Yorkshire, the High Sheriff of West Yorkshire, the Lord Mayor of Bradford, civic leaders from the district and many members of the community.



From the left: Lord Mayor of Bradford, Cllr Dale Smith, Mrs Elizabeth Whittaker, Chairman of Ilkley Parish Council, Cllr Heathcliffe Bowen, Deputy Lieutenant of West Yorkshire, Mr Roger Whittaker, High Sheriff of West Yorkshire, Mr Stephen Davidson, Mrs Carol Davidson, Canon Philip Gray.

The theme of the Service was public service and members of the congregation were delighted to hear readings relating to the Jubilee. The St Margaret's Church choir was once again in fine voice and the organ was played superbly by Christopher Rathbone.

Christmas Shop Window Competition 2012

Winners of the annual Christmas Shop Window Competition attended an awards ceremony at the Council Chamber prior to the Full Council meeting on 7th January 2013.



Cllr Heathcliffe Bowen presents the charity shop award to Chloe Haines from Oxfam.

Photograph courtesy of Cllr Mike Gibbons.

Awards were made to Leaves and Linens (Independent Retailer), Oxfam (Charity Shop) and Bettys (Multiple/Chain).

Many different businesses around the town entered the competition and were judged on their window displays being eye-catching, imaginative and seasonal. The independent judges, Kate Brown and Tony Gilroy, were impressed with the standards of many displays and hoped that more businesses would take part in future.

Parish Council agrees Budget for 2013-14

Following extensive discussions, Ilkley Parish Council set its budget for 2013-14. These discussions took into account the present economic climate, the widely-held desire to keep any increase to a minimum, and the need to provide overdue investment for the Darwin Gardens Millennium Green.

At a Full Council meeting on 14 January, councillors agreed unanimously to raise a precept of £126,600, which means that the annual charge for a Band D property will be increased by 35 pence to £19.60 per annum. Unlike in previous years, this small increase was achieved without allocating monies from the Council's reserves.

Councillors believe that the precept levied by Ilkley Parish Council remains very modest in comparison with other parish and town councils across the county. Strenuous efforts are made year on year to moderate expenditure and the Council remains committed to achieving value for money for Ilkley residents.

Community Expenditure 2012-13

The Parish Council budgeted £50,000 this Council year for awards to local groups and councillor led projects. So far this year, grants were awarded to community groups as follows:

- Friends of the Manor House costs of holding a celebratory open day £400
- 3rd Ben Rhydding Scout Group resurfacing of car park and entrance area £4680
- Ilkley & District Road Safety Committee computer compatible with mobile speed indicator device £395
- St John's Parish Church contribution towards cost of replacing parish hall roof £5000
- All Saint's Primary School trips to donkey sanctuary for children with special needs £950
- KIVCA contribution towards cost of holding the Ilkley & District Community Showcase £500
- Ilkley & District Good Neighbours Over 90s Party £500
- Marie Curie Cancer Care Ilkley Support Group contribution to hospice for Ilkley residents £255
- Ilkley Senior Citizens Club day trip to Lightwater Valley £500
- Ilkley Choral Society contribution towards cost of holding a Jubilee concert £375
- Churches Together in Ilkley contribution towards cost of establishing a community café £5000

£4000 was allocated to a project led by Cllr Lexa Robinson to renovate the steps into the Riverside Gardens and refurbish the memorial stone. The Parish Council is grateful to Bradford Council for working in partnership to fund this joint project, which will enhance this part of the Gardens and act as another permanent reminder of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

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

- Ben Rhydding Community Fete £411
- Ilkley Flower Show £1000
- Wharfedale Festival of Performing Arts £1000
- Ilkley Summer Festival £7000
- Ilkley & District Arts Federation £1000

Diary Dates 2013

- Saturday 31st August Concert on the Grove (tickets on sale from the Visitor Information Office, Town Hall from Saturday 6th July).

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 Town Hall Council Chamber is accessible by lift. 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.

4th February 2013	8th April 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

18th Feb 2013	11th March 2013
9th April 2013 - Tues	29th April 2013
21st May 2013 - Tues	

Awards and Projects Committee

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