

Ilkley Parish Councillors 2006 - 2011

CHAIRMAN 2008-2009: Cllr Kate Brown

VICE CHAIRMAN: Cllr Alan Morrell

Ilkley North

Pauline Dixon	431994	8 Goodwood, Owler Park Road, LS29 0BY
Brian Mann	602262	19 Owler Park Road, LS29 OBG
Lexa Robinson	608418	113 Leeds Road, LS29 8JS

Ilkley West

Heathcliffe Bowen	600762	8 Woodlands Rise, LS29 9BU
Kate Brown	604521	12 Goodwood, Owler Park Road, LS29 0BY
Angus Hartley	600645	1 Victoria Terrace Addingham LS29 0NF
Alan Morrell	432511	Brambletye, Owler Park Road, LS29 0BG

Ben Rhydding

Mike Gibbons	605313	Apt 3, 19 Low Beck, LS29 8UN
Anne Hawkesworth	600701	29 Manley Road, LS29 8QP
Dawn Emsley	609123	13 Collyer View, LS29 8NE
Andrew McKie	600820	89 Wheatley Lane, LS29 8PP

Ilkley South

Kathy Best	607568	73 Leeds Road, LS29 8EG
Stuart Goddard	430015	21 Leeds Road, LS29 8DP
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.*

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES:-

All Saints' PS Governor	Cllr Walbank
Bandstand Management Committee	Cllr Bowen
Churches Together in Ilkley	Cllr Emsley and Cllr Mann
Ilkley Cemetery	Cllr Robinson
Coronation Hospital	Cllr Gibbons and Cllr Best
Coutances Twinning Committee	Cllr Bowen
Darwin Gardens Millennium Green	Cllr Robinson
DDA Representative on behalf of IPC	Cllr Best
Fair Trade	Cllr Mann
Friends of Ilkley Moor	Cllr Walbank
Friends of the King's Hall	Cllr Dixon and Cllr Gibbons
Ilkley Voluntary Services and Good Neighbours	Cllr Mann
Ilkley Flower Show	Cllr Dixon
Ilkley in Bloom	Cllr Dixon and Cllr Brown
Ilkley Senior Citizens	Cllr Robinson
Ilkley Youth & Community Association	Cllr Hartley
Parish Liaison Meetings	Chairman, Vice Chairman, Clerk
Police and Community Together	Cllr McKie and Cllr Mann
Road Safety	Cllr Goddard
Tourism Partnership	Cllr Brown
Transport – Metro	Cllr Best
Wharfedale Festival of Performing Arts	Cllr Emsley
Wharfedale On Line Trust	Cllr McKie
Wharfedale Rail Users Group (WRUG)	Cllr Best
Yorkshire Local Councils Association YLC	Chairman and Vice-Chairman / Cllr Bowen
WAG	Cllr Mann

PROJECT MANAGERS:-

Allotments - Cllr Walbank	Benches in the Town - Cllr Mann
Parking / Traffic Management - Cllr Mann	Christmas Events - Cllr Mann
Cemetery - Cllr Robinson	Concert on The Grove - Cllr Gibbons
Riverside Pathways - Cllr Robinson	



ILKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Elected to represent the residents of Ilkley and Ben Rhydding



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APRIL/MAY 2009

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Chairman's Annual Report to the Annual Parish Meeting 18th March 2009

The Council Year started off on a high note with the election of David Roberts as Chairman. Dave had been working very hard during his year as Vice Chairman getting to know many people and organisations in the Town. On taking over as Chairman he stressed his main priorities would be the Youth of the Town and the Coronation Hospital.

Youth issues are moving forward albeit slowly. Dialogue with the students at Ilkley Grammar School is taking place. Representatives of the Student Council attended a Parish Council Meeting in January and they have been invited back in May. Last autumn the police organised a public meeting following which they are working hard at trying to put on an additional evening at The Warehouse on a Friday evening. The Parish Council has been asked to consider making up their shortfall in funding.

On the issue of the Coronation Hospital, things are moving very slowly. However, this morning, as Secretary of Ilkley in Bloom, I received consultation documents which indicate that £3.3m is to be invested in the creation on the same site of a purpose-designed, two-storey hospital to become fully operational as early as 2011. This is good news and consultation events are being held in Ilkley next week.

Unfortunately in the summer, events within the Council led David Roberts to resign both as Chairman and as a Councillor as he did not feel able to continue within the atmosphere generated. I would like to thank Dave for all his hard work and active participation whilst on the Council.

Vice Chairman, Alan Morrell, looked after matters in the interregnum, and in September Councillors elected me as Chairman for which I thank them.

Staff changes have taken place during the year with the Parish Clerk Chris Dale reducing her hours (officially at least!) to ten per week at the end of October and at the beginning of August we welcomed Jean Yule as Deputy Clerk. Once Jean is qualified she will become Parish Clerk. In the meantime Chris stays

as Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Office. Thank you to both Chris and Jean for their hard work throughout the year.

Following the election for a new councillor to replace David Roberts, we welcomed Stuart Goddard to Council and he is proving a very able and active Councillor with plenty of fresh ideas and enthusiasm.

Returning to Ilkley Grammar School, following discussion between Cllr Brian Mann and Mrs Gillian James, the Headteacher, Council agreed to fund two trophies for an ongoing Citizenship Award to be presented to students at the school who showed great commitment to Citizenship – one trophy for year 13 and one for year 15. It was my pleasure to award these to their recipients for the first time at the School's presentation evenings at the end of 2008.

We have once again welcomed year seven to the Council Chamber to see where we meet, to learn a little about the Parish Council, to ask questions and to hold a debate. This year the school chose the subject of lowering the school leaving age to 16 from 18. The majority voted for a halfway house of 17 which currently will be their school leaving age. Questions asked covered a wide range of topics and showed great interest in and awareness of their surroundings.

I believe we have a good working relationship with the school and I hope the school feels the same way. This is very important as the students are our future in so many ways.

We have been pleased to welcome Inspector Sue Sanderson to our Council Meetings at which she talks us through the latest crime figures and initiatives from the Neighbouring Policing Team and answers our questions. We do appreciate her giving up her time to attend.

Working through events during the year, one of the first was Yorkshire Day at which the final of the Junior Town Crier Competition was held, and congratulations go to Sara Parry for being successful.

The next event was the Concert on the Grove which once again was a sell out. Thanks go to Cllr Gibbons for putting the programme together, to Chris for the admin work and to the TIC for selling the tickets on the Council's behalf.

Following the Remembrance Sunday service last year when the British Legion found themselves short of members to arrange things, I held a meeting of the various uniformed groups involved in the Parade and we have offered further help to the British Legion, if they wish it. A change to the Parade Route has been put forward suggesting starting in the Contract Car Park which will make it safer as an assembly point. We are also helping with the production of a new Service Sheet.

With the bicentenary of the birth of Charles Darwin, and the 150 years since he was in Ilkley when his book On the Origin of the Species was printed, the Parish Council was asked to act as a co-ordinator for the various events taking place in Ilkley in 2009. To this end I have put together a flyer of events and a brief history of Darwin's time in Ilkley, which is currently being printed, and which will be available in the TIC, the Manor House, Cliffe Castle in Keighley (where there is a Darwin Exhibition) and elsewhere as requested.

The next event was the Switch On of the Christmas Lights and thanks go once again to Cllr Brian Mann and his team for producing a colourful display of lights and a successful Parade and Switch On. We were pleased that both Chris Richards, our Town Crier and Sara Parry, our Junior Crier were with us on that day. Unfortunately once again it was not possible to include Ben Rhydding in the lights but it is hoped that a tree will be lit in Ben Rhydding in 2009.

The Annual Carol Service arranged by the Parish Council and CTI was held in December on an extremely wet day, but many parents and grandparents braved the weather to support their youngsters who provided some excellent music. Thanks again go to Brian Mann, his wife Sylvia and CTI for serving mulled wine and mince pies.

The Allotments continue to be very efficiently run with our foot soldier and Project Manager Cllr Walbank who is continually monitoring the three sites and coming forward with suggestions for improvement. Thanks to Andrew for the time and effort he puts into this role.

Currently we are working with the Ilkley and Wharfedale Tourism Partnership on applying for the town to be accredited as a 'Walkers are Welcome' town. This is a national organisation and will hopefully attract more visitors to come to the town, using local accommodation and eating establishments and enjoying all the facilities that Ilkley has to offer.

Cllr Robinson has continued her work as Project Manager for the Cemetery and the Riverside paths. As a result of her efforts the Parish Council has agreed to finance the purchasing and fitting of two new gates to the entrance to the Cemetery from Ashlands Road.

The sign at the beginning of the Dalesway Footpath that IPC had provided in conjunction with the Dales Way Association had faded very badly. The Dales Way Association provided a new sign which Keith and I fixed at the weekend. It was immediately much appreciated by some walkers as it is so much clearer to read.

On the subject of signs we were very disappointed that the two new Welcome to Ilkley signs purchased by the Parish Council last year quickly showed signs of wear. These have now been taken down and are awaiting collection from the supplier for refurbishment.

Work is progressing on the suggested transfer of the trusteeship of the Darwin Gardens to Ilkley Parish Council as sole corporate trustee. This proposal was approved at the AGM of the Darwin Gardens and the necessary paperwork is currently with the Council's solicitor. Subject to his finding everything to be in order the transfer will be put onto the first possible Full Council Agenda for discussion and decision as to whether the Council wishes to take this step.

The Planning Committee has been busy scrutinizing all the planning applications for Ilkley and Ben Rhydding. Andrew McKie took over the Chairmanship of the Committee when I became Chairman of Council and we are all very grateful to Andrew for his hard work. As well as having the paper plans Andrew does look at all applications and associated documents on line. This gives us a lot more information but it is very time consuming for the Chairman and a possible change to the working of the Planning Committee is to be discussed at its next meeting.

Councillors continue to have representation on a wide variety of other organisations within the town and this is an excellent way for the Parish Council to be kept in touch with what is happening around us. The list continues to grow and the recently formed Friends of Ilkley Lido have said they would also like a representative on their committee.

It has been my pleasure to have attended, as Chairman, various events put on by widely differing groups within Ilkley. The energy and time put into work in the Town by volunteers is wonderful to see and experience, and the mixture of younger and older residents in some of these organisations works really well and is a credit to the organisers. We are exceptionally fortunate having this level of involvement and commitment in the community.

Several Councillors, and Chris and Jean, have attended training courses run by both the Society of Local Council Clerks and also the Local Councils Association. This has been an excellent way of keeping up to date with new legislation affecting Parish Councils and also mixing with other Councillors and learning what happens elsewhere and how widely Parish and Town Council differ in what they are trying, and indeed manage, to achieve.

This has been the first year of the reduction of meetings to Full Council once a month plus planning meetings. This has still enabled full discussion of the necessary issues but without duplication and is a more effective use of Councillor and staff time.

On the financial side of the Council work we have once again granted awards to groups and organisations within the town from a budget of £45,000.

Awards and Projects

Tree Plaques for East Holmes Field	£180
Clarke Foley Centre kitchen equipment	£1,000
Friends of Ilkley Moor	£650
W/dale FofPA IPC evening 2008	£350
IRUFC (pledge)	£20,000
All Saints Presch Playgroup fence/gate	£1,305
Cllr Robinson printer ctrdgs project work	£42
IGS Trophies years 11 & 13	£127
Cemetery bin	£301
Ilkley Senior Citizens outing S137	£500
W/dale Scouts railings/insulation	£1,130
Bradford Dist Sports & Leisure sponsor	£150
Cemetery Gates Ashlands Rd entrance	£2,950
Plaque for Cemetery Gates	£158
CTI 2000 Oasis Café kitchen equipment	£3,317
Ilkley in Bloom planter	£794
Civic Society 2 blue plaques	£500
Ilkley Players structural flooring/seating	£1,000
3rd BR Scoutgroup lighting	£2,575
FoKing's Hall lighting Winter Garden	£5,000
La Leche League toys & books	£100
Ilkley Cricket Club	£2,500
	<u>£44,449</u>

Community Events

Ilkley Summer Festival	£6,200
Ilkley Flower Show	£1,000
Wharfedale Festival of Performing Arts	£1,000
BR Community Fete	£300
Ilkley Arts Federation	£500
	<u>£9,000</u>

Our expenditure for the year is within Budget. The financial year ends on 31st March and shortly after that full figures will be available.

When preparing the Budget for 2009/10 Councillors were very mindful of the credit crunch, and it was agreed that there should be no increase in the Precept. This will mean being very careful with the resources available but all were agreed this was the correct way forward.

Finally, I would like to offer my thanks to all Councillors who have supported me during the year. If I have missed anything I do apologise. It was not intentional.

I would also to express my thanks to Eileen Attak and her staff at Ilkley Town Hall.

I end by saying thank you for coming here tonight.

Cllr Kate Brown

Bradford Council Community Warmth Scheme

You may have read in BMDC's newspaper "Community Pride" of the Community Warmth scheme which was started in Ilkley and will continue for the next year or so. There is funding to provide free cavity wall insulation where practical and subject to survey, also free loft insulation for the over 60s and people on certain benefits. The qualified surveyors will offer practical advice about installation. Find out more by contacting 0800 694 0418. So far over 1,500 lofts have been insulated and more than 1,000 cavity walls.

Ilkley in Bloom

Ilkley in Bloom would like to remind residents that Ilkley is representing Yorkshire in the Britain in Bloom competition this year, and would like residents' help in keeping Ilkley looking its best throughout the summer. Judging for Britain in Bloom will take place during the first two weeks of August – the exact date has yet to be announced.

The local competition will be held prior to the national competition. Full details will be announced in the Gazette and also at the Ilkley in Bloom section of the ilkley.org website. Good luck to all those who enter.

Cllr Kate Brown

Meetings for the remainder of the Council Year:

11th May	FULL COUNCIL
12th May	TUESDAY
18th May	ANNUAL COUNCIL
	Start of new Council year