



# ILKLEY PARISH COUNCIL



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

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## Chairman's Report

Looking forward to the coming Council year, I will be happy if we can steer a steady course in a difficult economic climate. In administrative terms we are part of, and rely upon the services from a larger community which has more than its fair share of problems. These create a huge demand for limited financial resources which are certain to be dramatically reduced, not just for this year but well into the future. This Council uses its position to influence, support and direct activities which affect the quality of life in our community and we will have to be even more proactive than previously in our demands for our fair share of the resources necessary to at least maintain, if not improve, the standard of our environment here in Ilkley.

There are a number of projects under consideration which, if progressed, will have a significant bearing on our quality of life in the future, namely the proposed Tesco Development, the Ilkley Grammar School proposals, the Coronation Hospital, and the Rugby Club stand. In addition, there are of course all the usual areas of interest where this Council must continue to have an influence. These include litter, peeling paint, broken fencing, unkempt verges, and traffic issues. These things must be given attention if we want to remain proud of and satisfied with our environment.

There is a great deal of work to be done in Ilkley and we are fortunate in having many strengths. We have excellent neighbourhood policing with a complement of seventeen officers and ten reactive patrol staff on shifts. Our tourist heritage, twin town linkage and festivals together with our facilities at the King's Hall, Lido, Clarke Foley Centre, Playhouse, Manor House, Churches, Darwin Gardens and the Moor along with many others are much admired. The Council will be pleased to continue to support these areas of activity, and the people who contribute so much to them, in the coming year.

*Cllr Alan Morrell*

## Certificate of Merit

A Certificate of Merit was presented by Cllr Kate Brown, retiring Chairman, at the Annual Council meeting on 1st June to Margaret Poole for her work with the students at the Oasis Café.



*Cllr Alan Morrell and Mrs Marjorie Morrell*



*Cllr Kate Brown presents a Certificate of Merit to Margaret Poole*

The aptly named Oasis Café is an island of calm on the busy A65. It is a joint venture between Bradford College, Churches Together in Ilkley (CTI 2000) and All Saints Parish Church. The aim of the project is to provide education and training for students with learning difficulties .

The Parish Council contributed a grant of £3,000 towards the cost of the recent major kitchen refurbishment. Grassroots Bradford also made a generous financial contribution and most of the work was done by voluntary labour.



*Cllr Kate Brown with Margaret Poole and three of the students at the opening celebrations for the Oasis café's newly refurbished kitchen*

The café is open from 10.00am until 2.00pm on Tuesdays and Fridays during term time. When not in use by the students, the premises are available for lettings. Enquiries should be made to Mrs Irene Wright on 01943 600001.

## **Thoughts on Ilkley Library**

Of all the public buildings in the town, Ilkley Library is probably one of the most visited, both by local people and those from further afield. From fiction to reference books, local history to daily newspapers, internet access to information about local groups, the Library provides a valuable community service.

Since it was opened in 1907, the Library has rightly been seen by many as one of the precious assets of the town, along with its neighbouring civic buildings, the Town Hall and the King's Hall and Winter Garden.

As with all public buildings in Ilkley, the Library is owned by Bradford Council, which bears the considerable costs of maintaining both the building and the library service. As local taxpayers, the Library is our concern and it is in the interests of everyone that we have a well-resourced facility which caters for many different tastes and provides a service which can be used by all.

Perhaps the time has come for local people to become more involved in supporting the Library and enhancing the services already provided, maybe through a users group, an association of patrons, or a civic trust. What do you think? If you have a view on the future of the Ilkley Library, we would welcome your comments.

*Cllr Heathcliffe Bowen*

## **Darwin Gardens Trust**

At the June Full Council meeting the transfer of Trusteeship to the Parish Council came a little nearer with the signing by the current Trustees of the Deed of Amendment naming Ilkley Parish Council as sole and only Trustee of the charity number 1076337. A Deed of Appointment, Consent, Covenant, Undertaking and Release was then signed by the outgoing Trustees and the Parish Council, together with the Completion Authority Document.

These documents have been sent to Natural England for its consent and transfer date. It is hoped that this will be within the next few weeks.

We are fortunate that the outgoing trustees are still willing to work as volunteers and that the actual handover is to be gradual. They have achieved a very high standard with the Darwin Gardens which the Parish Council definitely wants to maintain. Our link with the outgoing trustees is Cllr Stuart Goddard who will be Project Manager.

It is hoped to have some form of ceremony at the Darwin Gardens once the transfer is complete – so apt in this celebration year for Darwin.

## **Blue Plaque**

Cllr Alan Morrell unveiled a Blue Plaque on the Pinfold (a former cattle enclosure) on Weston Road on 3rd July. This is one of a number of Ilkley Civic Society Blue Plaques around the town. Two Blue Plaque Trail self guided walks are available from the Tourist Information Office.

## **Trees and Hedges**

This is the time of year when everything in the garden suddenly seems to burgeon. So do make sure your trees and hedges are not overhanging pavements and roads. It is important to keep pathways clear for pedestrians and sight lines clear for road users.

## **Ilkley in Bloom**

The judging of Ilkley as Yorkshire's representative in the National Britain in Bloom competition will take place in August. Anything you can do to help Ilkley achieve success would be much appreciated.

## **Don't Forget Ilkley Summer Festival**

Starting on 1st August with Yorkshire Day celebrations and ending with the Parish Council's famous Last Night of the Proms Concert on the Grove on 29th August. Full details from the Tourist Information Office, Town Hall.

## Fly Tipping v Golden Butts Recycling Centre

Fly tipping has a number of disadvantages. It is anti-social in that it makes parts of Ilkley less pleasant for other residents and for visitors, someone has to clear up, and this clearing up has to be paid for. Fly tipping is also illegal. So, if you're caught fly-tipping not only would you be known in Ilkley for your anti-social activities, you may also have to pay a fine.

So rather than chucking your garden refuse over the back fence or dumping it in a nearby park, field or lay-by, take it to the Golden Butts Recycling Centre.



The Centre is open as follows:

<b>Monday to Friday</b>	<b>8.0am to 5.0pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8.0am to 4.0pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.0am to 4.0pm</b>

The service is free at the point of use, is organised on an easy to use drive through basis, and is staffed by friendly and helpful operatives. You've paid for the service through your Council Tax, so make use of it.



Golden Butts Recycling Centre

## Meetings for the Council Year 2009-2010

All meetings are on Monday evenings at 7.30 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, except for the Annual Parish Meeting (venue to be confirmed) and unless indicated otherwise.

August 24th	Plans Committee
September 7th	Full Council
September 14th	Plans Committee
September 28th	Plans Committee
October 5th	Full Council
October 19th	Plans Committee
November 2nd	Full Council
November 9th	Plans Committee
November 30th	Plans Committee
December 7th	Full Council
December 21st	Plans Committee
January 4th	Full Council
January 11th	Plans Committee
January 25th	Plans Committee
February 1st	Full Council
February 15th	Plans Committee
March 1st	Full Council
March 8th	Plans Committee
Wednesday March 17th	ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
March 29th	Plans Committee
April 12th	Full Council
April 19th	Plans Committee
Tuesday May 4th	Plans Committee
May 10th	Full Council
May 17th	Plans Committee



## Ilkley Parish Councillors 2006 - 2011

### 2008-2009

**CHAIRMAN: Cllr Alan Morrell**

**VICE CHAIRMAN: Cllr Brian Mann**

#### 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

#### Ilkley North

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

#### 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 (PACT)	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 (YLCA)	Chairman and Vice-Chairman / Cllr Bowen
WAG	Cllr Mann
Friends of Ilkley Lido	Cllr Bowen

### 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	Darwin Gardens Trust - Cllr Goddard