



ILKLEY PARISH COUNCIL



Elected to represent the residents of Ilkley and Ben Rhydding

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Annual Council Meeting 24th May

At the Annual Council Meeting on Monday 24th May, Cllr Brian Mann was elected Chairman for the Council year 2010 – 2011.



From left to right: Cllr Brian Mann; Mrs Marjorie Morrell; Mrs Sylvia Mann; Cllr Alan Morrell, retiring Chairman.

Photograph courtesy of Cllr Mike Gibbons.

Chairman's Address to the Annual Council Meeting

On behalf of the Council I would like to thank Cllr Morrell for his leadership and vision throughout this last year

Being Chairman here in Ilkley is like running in a relay race – each year we build on the achievements of the previous year. Looking back over the past decade we can see what the Parish Council and Bradford Council have achieved for the Town. However, there is still more to be done. This year, Cllr Morrell has passed me the baton and I intend to carry on where he left off: there are schemes and facilities that we still need to press for and press for them we will.

Ilkley faces an interesting year with a number of major projects looming: Tesco's, the Grammar School, the Coronation Hospital, pressure for more housing throughout the valley and demands on our sporting facilities. We are entering an era of "What-ifs?" What-if Tesco's application is turned down?

What-if Tesco is not turned down? What-if the Grammar School moves? What if the Coronation Hospital is not re-developed? Each decision affects the one following as in a pack of cards. We do need some positive, careful and perhaps radical thinking to take us through this era. Cllr Brown and her team are currently working on our Parish Plan. I would like to see this renamed the Town Plan for I believe, Ilkley needs more ambition. We need to know where we are going and how we can get there. We perhaps need more pride in our town.

There is, of course, much to be proud of already. The police, led by Inspector Sanderson, now give us a presence on the streets greater than for many years. The Ilkley in Bloom team works tirelessly along with Bradford Council's Parks and Landscapes Department to keep the Town looking smart. Ilkley Civic Society keeps an eagle eye on developments and heritage and the annual awards are to be particularly commended. Good Neighbours and Community Transport continue to support our older folk and KIVCA (Keighley and Ilkley Voluntary and Community Action) looks after our growing voluntary sector.

Continuing Education remains strong in the Town. U3A is flourishing and, although Bradford College's presence in the Town is in decline, the College is still optimistic about some provision in the Valley. This Council recently led talks between the College and parish councils in the Wharfe Valley.

Sporting facilities in the valley remain an enigma. Whilst we have very good private facilities, our public provision is inadequate. The Council recognises the importance of the work of WAG (Wharfedale Activities Group) and will offer continuing support.

The Ilkley Business Forum is one year old this week and with its links to Bradford University School of Management has attracted a strong following from our business community. Can I commend to you the Ilkley Business Showcase at the King's Hall on June 19th. June 19th also saw the 5th Ben Rhydding fete; an event now well established in the Town's calendar.

We have strong road safety groups within the Town and although progress is slow their presence and activities keep these important issues to the fore.

Culturally, we are proud of our theatre groups, choirs and the four festivals: the Wharfedale Festival of Performing Arts, the Ilkley Summer Festival, the Literature Festival and the Ilkley Arts Festival. The festivals organised by these groups bring many people and much credibility to our Town.

Finally, I would like to commend our Friends organisations: the Friends of the King's Hall, the Friends of Ilkley Moor, the Friends of the Lido, the Friends of the Cemetery and the Friends of the Manor House. These all support what amounts to the cultural infrastructure of our Town.

The Council is represented on twenty-nine organisations indicating our commitment to supporting much of the activity within the Town. We are all looking forward to another year of close association not only with these organisations but also with Bradford Council. And I in particular am looking forward to another year of progress, pride and ambition in our Town.

Cllr Brian Mann

Clerk to the Parish Council

Following successful qualification in the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA), Dr Jean Yule was formally designated Clerk to the Parish Council at the Annual Council Meeting on 24th May. Dr Yule, who was appointed Deputy Clerk to the Council in August 2008, takes over as Clerk from Mrs Chris Dale who has held the position for seven years. Mrs Dale will remain with the Council as Deputy until her retirement in May 2011.

From left to right: Mrs Christine Dale; Cllr Alan Morrell; Dr Jean Yule.



Photograph courtesy of Cllr Mike Gibbons.

Unsung heroes

This is to be a regular slot in the Newsletter highlighting the splendid work of our volunteers in Ilkley - work that often goes unrecognised.

Ilkley Talking Newspaper

For many years the Ilkley Talking Newspaper has covered the Wharfe Valley from Addingham to Menston, providing recordings weekly from the *Ilkley Gazette* and monthly from the *Dalesman* magazine.

With advances in medical knowledge more people are retaining their sight. However, the number of recipients of this service is currently about sixty.

The service is free of charge to those with visual impairment or physical difficulties handling a newspaper. The recordings are on CDs and a basic CD player is available on free loan if required.

As a very new Reader to the Group, I was greatly impressed to learn that there are over seventy volunteers working seamlessly together in a series of teams to produce the recordings week after week. The technical team which helps with the recording includes two young men from Ilkley Grammar School who give freely of their expertise and time. It is great to see young people helping within the community and sharing their computer skills. They are a credit to the school.

A vote of thanks goes to all the volunteers at The Talking Newspaper - a good example of one of the many groups of volunteers in Ilkley who are definitely "unsung heroes".

Would you, or do you know of someone who might benefit from receiving the Talking Newspaper? If so please contact the Parish Office and the details will be passed on to the Secretary of the Group.

Chris Dale, Deputy Parish Clerk

Yorkshire in Bloom - Ilkley wins Gold

Ilkley in Bloom was delighted that its work and the work of others was rewarded with a Gold medal in the Spring Judging of the Yorkshire in Bloom Competition.

The Competition is not just concerned with the attractiveness of floral displays. Entries are also judged on the efforts of the whole community to make their locality an attractive and active place in which to live. Thanks therefore go to all concerned.

Summer Judging takes place on the afternoon of Tuesday 27th July. Please keep up the good work to enable Ilkley to achieve Summer Gold!

Cllr Kate Brown

Ilkley in Bloom – Local Competition

Ilkley in Bloom invites entries into its Local Competition for 2010. There are six 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
- For further details of the criteria please contact either Lorraine Hockey on 600869 or Cllr Kate Brown on 604521.

Closing date for entries is 16th July 2010 and judging will take place on Wednesday 28th July.

Diary Dates 2010

Saturday 28th August: Concert on The Grove.

Sunday 14th November 3.00pm:
Remembrance Service Memorial Gardens.

Saturday 20th November 5.00pm:
Christmas Lights Switch-on outside Christchurch.

Saturday 11th December 3.00pm: Carol Service.

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.

- 12th July 2010
- 6th September 2010
- 4th October 2010
- 1st November 2010
- 6th December 2010
- 10th January 2011
- 7th February 2011
- 7th March 2011
- 4th April 2011
- 16th May 2011

The Annual Council Meeting which is the first meeting of the new Council year will be held on 23rd May 2011.

Plans Committee

- 19th July 2010
- 9th August 2010
- 31st August 2010 - Tuesday
- 20th September 2010
- 11th October 2010
- 25th October 2010
- 8th November 2010
- 29th November 2010
- 20th December 2010
- 4th January 2011 - Tuesday
- 24th January 2011
- 14th February 2011
- 28th February 2011
- 14th March 2011
- 28th March 2011
- 18th April 2011
- 9th May 2011

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.

- 27th September 2010
- 21st February 2011

Civic Service

The Parish Council's Civic Service took place on Sunday 20th June at Sacred Heart Church.

Led by Mgr Kieran Heskin, the Service was attended by the Deputy Lord Lieutenant Mr RLI Whittaker and Mrs E Whittaker, the Lord Mayor of Bradford Cllr Peter Hill, Kris Hopkins MP, and representatives from the Parish and Town Councils of Burley in Wharfedale, Keighley, Otley and Steeton-with-Eastburn.

The theme of the Service was leadership and the positive tone was established at the outset when Rosie Emsley, Ilkley Grammar School student, delighted the congregation with her reading of Roger McGough's "The Leader".



From left to right: guest Mrs Brenda Wilkinson; Mrs Elizabeth Whittaker, wife of Deputy Lord Lieutenant of West Yorkshire; Cllr Brian Mann, Chairman of Ilkley Parish Council; Mrs Sylvia Mann.

Ilkley Parish Councillors 2006 - 2011

2010-2011

CHAIRMAN: Cllr Brian Mann

VICE CHAIRMAN: Cllr Heathcliffe Bowen

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
Ben Rhydding PS Governor	Cllr McKie
Bandstand Management Committee	<i>(v) to be appointed</i>
Bradford College Liaison	Cllr Brown, Cllr Best, Cllr Emsley
Churches Together in Ilkley	Cllr Emsley, Cllr Mann
Coronation Hospital	Cllr Best, Cllr Gibbons, Cllr Goddard
Coutances Twinning Committee	Chairman, Cllr Bowen, Cllr Gibbons
DDA representative on behalf of IPC	Cllr Best
Friends of Ilkley Lido (FOIL)	Cllr Bowen
Friends of Ilkley Moor	Cllr Bowen
Friends of the King's Hall	Cllr Dixon, Cllr Gibbons
Ilkley and District Good Neighbours	Cllr Mann
Ilkley and District Road Safety	Cllr Best
Ilkley Business Forum	Cllr Morrell
Ilkley Fairtrade Group	Cllr Mann
Ilkley Flower Show	Cllr Dixon
Ilkley in Bloom	Cllr Brown, Cllr Dixon
Ilkley Senior Citizens	Cllr Robinson
Ilkley Youth & Community Association	Cllr Hartley
Keighley and Ilkley Voluntary Community Action	Cllr Best
Parish Liaison Meetings	Chairman, Vice Chairman, Clerk
Police and Community Together (PACT)	Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Cllr Mann, Cllr McKie
Tourism Partnership	Cllr Brown
Transport – Metro	Cllr Best, Cllr Morrell
Wharfedale Festival of Performing Arts	Cllr Emsley, Cllr Gibbons
Wharfedale On Line Trust	Cllr McKie
Wharfedale Rail Users Group (WRUG)	Cllr Best
Wharfedale Activity Group (WAG)	Cllr Mann
Yorkshire Local Councils Association (YLCA)	Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Cllr Bowen

PROJECT MANAGERS

Allotments - Cllr Walbank	Benches in the Town - Cllr Mann
Parking / Traffic Management - Cllr Mann	Christmas Events - Cllr Mann
Cemetery / Riverside Pathways - Cllr Robinson	Concert on The Grove - Cllr Gibbons
Youth Project - Cllr Hartley	Darwin Gardens Trust - <i>(v) to be appointed</i>