

Your Councillors 2017 - 2018

Barkisland

Councillor Susan Russell
Councillor Melvyn Smith JP
Councillor Alan Watson

Ripponden

Councillor Geraldine Carter
Councillor Steve McCarley
Councillor Jayne Smith

Rishworth

Councillor Peter Hunt
Councillor Craig Johnson
Councillor Geoff Potts

Soyland

Councillor Jane Moran
Councillor Andrew Naylor
Councillor Sharon Robins

Grants

Grants totalling £5,851 have been made during 2017/2018 year to the following groups:

- Barkisland Old Peoples' Welfare
- Ripponden Childrens Day
- Greenacres Residents Group
- Ryburn United Football Club
- Young at Heart Group
- In Bloom Groups for Barkisland, Soyland and Ripponden
- 1st Ripponden Brownies
- Rochdale Rd telephone box group
- Stones Cricket Club

Getting in touch with the Parish Council

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Have your Say!

The Parish Council welcomes feedback on this publication and other issues local residents have on matters concerning the Parish Council.



The Parish Council would like to thank everyone whose photographs have been used in this publication.

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Annual Report

The Council and Its Work

Welcome to the 12th Annual Report from Ripponden Parish Council, summarising the work carried out by the Council over the past year.

The Parish Council is made up of 12 volunteers led by our Chairman for 2017/18 Cllr Andrew Naylor and supported by our Clerk and Responsible Officer, Anne Haynes.

The full Council meets every two weeks on Thursday evening, and has a number of smaller committees which report to the full Council and manage different areas of work, some of which include:

- Environment
- Civic Events
- Christmas Lights
- Communications
- Buildings
- Neighbourhood Planning

We have representatives on the following Committees:

- Soyland Charities
- Yorkshire Local Councils Association
- Calderdale Council's Town and Parish Council Liaison Group

Work Around the Parish

This year the Parish Council progressed the development of a Neighbourhood Plan, holding four public consultation events around the Parish. We have spoken with elderly community groups and local schools. We are now in the



process of drafting the Neighbourhood Plan which will go out to public consultation later this year. It is hoped that the Plan will be in place by the end of December 2018.

Throughout the year, we have proactively lobbied both the Police & Crime Commissioner and Calderdale Council regarding speeding and other

traffic issues throughout the Parish. We have also closely monitored the area's quarterly crime figures and liaised with the Police & Crime Commissioner regarding any issues.

We have continued with our plan to support our four villages in becoming Dementia Friendly communities. In 2017 we held dementia awareness training sessions for the public, businesses and local organisations and we continue to host the steering committee on a regular basis. In May 2017 we organised a very successful Dementia Awareness day at St Bartholomew's Church. The Riverside Café continues to thrive and Stones Cricket Club hosted its first Tuesday Club in March.

Once again we organised the Remembrance Sunday proceedings and another successful Christmas lights switch on, with temporary road closures being put in place for both events.

New and continuing Initiatives

YOUR PARISH NEEDS



As this year sees the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War, the Parish Council has undertaken to produce a commemorative booklet for local residents with content including local experiences and connections to the Great War. WE NEED YOU to share your family stories and history about the war and to come and work with us to produce the booklet. If you are interested in contributing a story, or assisting us in any way, please contact the Clerk. Details on the back of this report.

Over the last two years the Parish Council has been actively pursuing the

installation of CCTV at crime hotspots in the Parish. This is being done in partnership with Calderdale Council however, due to changing personnel at Calderdale we have to date been unsuccessful in getting to a finalised plan. We hope to implement CCTV in the village in the forthcoming year.

Having already supported the installation of defibrillators in the centre of Ripponden and at Stones church, we will continue to look for other locations throughout the Parish where this essential lifesaving equipment may be needed.

Amongst all this we will carry out our core work, organising community events, liaising with police and Calderdale council and local groups on your behalf, helping to keep Ripponden Parish a great place to live!

The Good Citizen's Award 2017

Our Good Citizen of 2017 is being recognised for years of hard work, and the huge difference he has made to Barkisland. Brian Sofield has worked tirelessly and can be seen in all weathers, making Barkisland 'bloom' and keeping it well cared for. There are helpers of course but Brian is the mainstay.

Congratulations to Brian and thank you to his wife Sandra, for her support over the years.



Mr Brian Sofield

The Chairman's Charity

This year the Chairman's charity has raised over £740 for local youth groups within the Parish. This included £647 raised at the annual

Civic Ball held in March. The money raised will be distributed at the end of the Chairman's term in May 2018.