

## COUNCILLORS' ANNUAL REPORTS 2017- 2018

<b>Councillor:</b>	Gerry Barker
<b>Ward:</b>	Wharfedale
<b>Party:</b>	Conservative
<b>Date Elected:</b>	22.5.14
<b>Basic:</b>	£13,463.16
<b>Special Responsibility:</b>	£2,892.75
<b>Other Allowances:</b>	N/A

### **Positions held in 2017 – 2018:**

Area Planning Panel (Bradford)  
ShIPLEY Area Committee  
Miscellaneous Licences Panel  
Health & Social Care Overview & Scrutiny Committee (Alt)

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### **How many neighbourhood forums have you attended? (Please state a number and not all)**

- Burley Neighbourhood Forum x 1
- Menston Neighbourhood Forum x 1

### **Other meetings/bodies which you regularly attend: (e.g School governing bodies, outside bodies etc)**

- Bradford Council Meetings
- Conservative Group Meetings
- Shipley Conservative Constituency Association Meetings
- Menston Community Association Meetings
- Ward Surgeries
- Burley-Menston Branch Conservative Association Meetings
- Burley Dementia Action Group Meetings
- Official Observer at the Trustee Board Meetings of the Citizen's Advice Bureau

**My priorities for the past year were (May 2017 to April 2018)**

- To continue to try and understand how Local Government works.
- To continue to work effectively with my fellow Councillors.
- To continue to respond positively to enquiries and complaints from residents in my Ward.
- To continue to discharge my Council commitments to the best of my ability.
- To work in co-operation with my local Parish Councillors.
- To support the continued operation of Burley & Menston Children's Centre.
- To support the retention and operation of Libraries within Burley & Menston.
- To oppose inappropriate housing development in the Green Belt.
- To challenge Leeds & Bradford Airport Authority over its inconsistent flight-path.

**My priorities for the coming year (May 2018 to April 2019) are:**

**(Please list or describe your priorities or targets as a Councillor for the coming year)**

- To continue to try and understand how Local Government works.
- To continue to work effectively with my fellow Councillors.
- To continue to respond positively to enquiries and complaints from residents in my Ward.
- To continue to discharge my Council commitments to the best of my ability.
- To work in co-operation with my local Parish Councillors.
- To support the Dementia Action Group within my Ward.
- To support the retention and operation of Libraries within Burley & Menston.
- To oppose inappropriate housing development of the Green Belt.
- To challenge Leeds & Bradford Airport Authority over its inconsistent flight-path.

**What I have achieved in the past year (May 2017 to May 2018)**

**(Please list or describe some of your activities as a Councillor and what you see as your key achievements)**

- I have begun to understand the machinations of Local Government.
- I have achieved a good working relationship with my fellow Ward Councillors.
- I have established a working relationship with my local Parish Councillors.
- I have received positive feedback from residents whom I have helped.
- I have supported my local libraries in becoming local community assets.
- I have supported the Burley Dementia Action Group.
- I have successfully opposed several inappropriate housing developments.

**What training sessions, seminars, briefings and conferences have you attended to develop your skills and gain knowledge that has helped you to serve the people of the district? (Please list them).**

- Data Protection Seminar
- Early Help Member Engagement Seminar
- Safeguarding Against Scams Seminar
- Winter Well-Being & Crime Prevention Workshop