

COUNCILLOR'S ANNUAL REPORT APRIL 2019- MARCH 2020

Councillor:	Rebecca Poulsen
Ward:	Worth Valley
Party:	Conservative
Date Elected:	May 2011
Basic:	£13,463.16
Special Responsibility:	£16,674.60
Other Allowances:	N/A

Positions held in 2019 – 2020:

- Deputy Leader Conservative Group
- Conservative Spokesperson on Sport, Leisure, Culture and Waste

- Employee Appeals Panel
- Keighley Area Committee (Alt)
- Staffing Committee (Alt)

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

- Haworth, Cross Roads and Stanbury Parish Council
- Oxenhope Parish Council
- Haworth Primary School Governor meetings
- Oakworth Village Society
- Cross Roads Village Association
- Haworth Exhibition Trust (Trustee)
- Haworth Village Trust (Trustee)
- Nell Bank Trust (Trustee)
- Friends of Park meetings
- Toilets Working Group
- Tourism Forum

My priorities for the past year (May 2019 to April 2020) were:

- Continue carrying out my duties as Ward Councillor to the best of my ability.
- To be available to residents to offer help, advice and support.
- Work with the local community to improve the Worth Valley e.g. Parish Council's, Friends Groups and Community Groups.
- To support local groups through Asset Transfers from BMDC across the Worth Valley.
- Keep in touch with residents through face to face contact, newsletters and social media.

- Support clean up events across the Ward to improve the local environment.
- Work with partner agencies over combined issues e.g. Police, Parish Council's.
- As Conservative Spokesperson for Environment, Sport, Leisure and Waste to hold the Labour executive to account.
- To support the Conservative Group as Deputy Leader.

My priorities for the coming year (May 2020 to April 2021) are:

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

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- Support local groups through Asset Transfers from BMDC across the Worth Valley.
- Keep in touch with residents through face to face contact, newsletters and social media.
- Support clean up events across the Ward to improve the local environment.
- Work with partner agencies over combined issues e.g. Police, Parish Council's.
- As Conservative Spokesperson for Environment, Sport, Leisure and Waste to hold the Labour executive to account.
- Support the Conservative Group as Deputy Leader.
- Work Closely with our MP, Robbie Moore to benefit the Worth Valley Ward
- Support local residents and businesses during covid

What I have achieved in the past year (May 2019 to May 2020)

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

- Held successful clean up campaigns across the ward including Ebor Lane Nature Reserve, Penistone Hill, Operation Oakworth and Haworth Churchyard.
- Cleared footpaths across the Ward.
- Campaigned for free 30 minute parking in Gas Street Car park
- Held local street surgeries across the villages.
- Dog fouling campaign days.
- Installed new signage for footpaths.
- Represented residents at planning committee meetings.
- New road safety measures installed.
- Worked with highways to get more roads resurfaced across the ward
- Worked with The Shed to set up new group in Oakworth
- Campaigned to Keep Keighley Library open
- Worked with Bereavement Services to make improvements to local cemeteries and investment for an upgrade to Oakworth Crematorium

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).

Introduction to Local Government Finance

Information Security Level 1

Employee Appeals Training

Safeguarding for School Governors

Safer Recruitment

Prevent

GDPR

Child Protection 1 and 2

Social Media Use