

COUNCILLOR'S ANNUAL REPORT APRIL 2019- MARCH 2020

Councillor:	Jackie Whiteley
Ward:	Wharfedale
Party:	Conservative
Date Elected:	15 November 2012 (By Election)
Basic:	£13,436.16
Special Responsibility:	£4,632.00
Other Allowances:	N/A

Positions held in 2019 – 2020:

- Regeneration and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Alt)
- Shipley Area Committee (Alt)
- Hackney Carriages and Private Hire Panel

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

- I attend our surgeries held throughout the year alternating each month between the two villages.
- I attended the regular liaison meetings between District and Parish Council members for the two villages.
- I attended meetings of BRAG (Burley Residents Action Group) against development on the Green Belt.
- I attended meetings of the Menston Community Association.
- I attended a meeting of the liaison meeting between representatives of Leeds Bradford Airport and representatives from both villages.
- I represent Bradford Council on The Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation. The committee I sit on responds to activities and proposals raised by the Board of the company. As a founder member of the organisation and a key share holder Bradford receives an annual dividend from the trading company.

My priorities for the past year (May 2018 to April 2019) were:

- To work with my ward colleagues and our local MP to secure the best possible services for Wharfedale Ward.
- To work on behalf of residents to answer questions and articulate issues to Council officers on their behalf.
- To campaign for adequate infrastructure in the light of the proposed increase in housing development in the ward. In particular:
- Adequate school places at primary and secondary level.

- A solution to the parking problems at the railway stations and surrounding areas.
- Campaigned as part of the Air Space Consultation conducted by Leeds Bradford Airport to minimise the amount of overflying of both villages.
- Campaigned for improvements to the A65 where it links Burley in Wharfedale and Menston and obtained double white lines for 'no overtaking or parking on that stretch of road' as part of a casualty reduction scheme.

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)

- To continue to support the residents of Wharfedale Ward on issues that they raise with me.
- To continue to work with officers to look for solutions to the parking issues in Burley in Wharfedale and those affecting Menston Village particularly around the train station.
- Safety around our schools is of utmost importance and there is on-going dialogue with officers of the council on how to best provide safety to children and how to monitor and deal with inappropriate parking. I am campaigning for a pavement widening scheme outside Menston Primary School.
- To obtain a change to the layout of the junction at the traffic lights on Bradford Road to allow the ambulances to enter and leave without hindrance by motorists who stop in the boxed junction and thereby endanger lives by delaying this important emergency service.
- To continue to seek a positive resolution to the issue of overflying of both villages.
- To support parents in their quest in obtaining more school places to meet the growing demand caused by increased housing development.
- To work with both Parish Councils on the issues raised by them.

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)

- I have engaged with residents and listened to their concerns and where appropriate taken these up with officers of the Council to find a resolution.
- I have spoken in Council on issues related to Adult Social Care, Planning and the implications of inadequate infrastructure and against building on the Green Belt and green field sites.
- I have asked many questions relating to issues affecting Wharfedale Ward and the district of Bradford.
- In line with my responsibility as Shadow Spokesperson for Health and Wellbeing
- I have asked questions in Council relating to issues affecting my ward specifically relating to funding for the library service, lack of infrastructure that impinge on individuals' enjoyment of their environment- for example, parking, doctors' appointments and isolation.
- I have kept residents aware of issues affecting the ward by writing a monthly newsletter which is mailed out to residents on a rolling programme throughout the year.
- I have written letters to the local newspapers on issues which concern the public to provide detail on the implications of planning decisions on our villages.

- I have provided my opinion to local newspapers when asked on issues relating to my responsibility as Shadow Spokesperson for Health and Wellbeing. Issues that affect all wards of the Council.
- I have worked with Council Officers on the parking review of Burley in Wharfedale and secured the best possible result in challenging conditions in the village. A balance between safety and keeping parking available at the station and on main street. Double yellow lines have been added on Prospect Road to stop dangerous parking on the bend. On street parking is now available all day after 10.30 to allow non-commuter use of the trains. The bus bays on Main Street have been turned into parking bays and an application to make parking time limited has been submitted to the Area Committee.
- Following campaigns for safety on the A65 between the two villages new VAS warning signs have been erected to show motorists' speed to encourage responsible driving speeds. Double white lines have been installed to prevent overtaking on part of the road.
- The small roundabout at the beginning of Bingley Road has been removed and a new layout which gives right of way in and out of the village has been completed. A stop sign at the junctions makes traffic on Bingley Road stop greatly improving safety.
- As a member of the Parish Council, I raised a motion to keep the Burley Library Building and voted to spend money on its renovation and also renovation of the Queens Hall to keep these valuable buildings for future generations.

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).

- On line training for Corporate parenting