

COUNCILLOR'S ANNUAL REPORT APRIL 2018- MARCH 2019

Councillor:	Vick Jenkins
Ward:	ShIPLEY
Party:	Labour
Date Elected:	May 2018
Basic:	£12,087.89
Special Responsibility:	N/A
Other Allowances:	N/A

Positions held in 2018 – 2019:

ShIPLEY Area Committee
Area Planning Panel (Keighley/ShIPLEY) (Alt)
Social Services Appeals Panel

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

Salt Foundation
Community Health Partnership North 1
Saltaire Steering Group
Higher Coach Road Residents Association
Ward Action Team Meetings
ShIPLEY Area Committee Grants Panel
Neighbourhood Police Briefings
Saltaire Village Society – toilets working party
Hirstwood Regeneration Group (Director)

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

- To ensure that I represent resident's issues and concerns to the council and to other service providers to the ShIPLEY community. To work creatively to find solutions to our communities problems looking to work with the Council and also in partnership with other agencies, funders and businesses to get the best for ShIPLEY.
- To work and campaign, with ShIPLEY residents, to improve local transport and air pollution. To work towards creating no idling zones, encourage walking to schools and create better walking and cycling routes.
- To support and initiate projects to reduce the use of single use plastic in the Council and the district.
Keep the community informed about local changes and help them have their voices heard and take part in any consultation. Issues for ShIPLEY this year include ShIPLEY Town Council proposal, the new junction at the Branch and proposals for new crematoria in Northcliffe Park.

- I will provide a link by working closely with newly formed neighbourhood Police teams, local area office, Fire Services, Housing, and Youth Services to help get residents voices heard and their concerns addressed. Work with other providers to obtain additional funding to extend Youth Services in Shipley.
- Listen to and work with local businesses to help to create a vibrant economy in Shipley. Champion the Community Wealth Building Model at Bradford Council where councils and other anchor institutions help to keep spending local so money is kept within the local economy.
- Support initiatives set up by local groups to support the local community, such as period poverty and food banks.

My priorities for the coming year (May 2019 to April 2020) are:

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

- To represent resident's issues and concerns to Bradford Council and other organisations that impact on the lives of Shipley Residents and to represent Shipley's interests within the ruling Labour Group at City Hall.
To continue to work creatively (to keep stepping out from behind the keyboard) to find solutions to our communities problems working with the Council and in partnership with the community and agencies, funders and businesses to get the best for Shipley.
- To encourage active citizenship and to encourage our community to all play our part in civic life, clean up's volunteering reporting issues, maximising the use of facilities provided.
- To continue to campaign with and work towards improving local transport and local air pollution. To further the work already achieved on creating no idling zones, keep encouraging walking to schools and achieve proposed better walking and cycling routes. Keep the community informed about local changes and help them have their voices heard and take part in any consultation.
- To work closely with the newly forming Town Council and support them in their work for the local area. Working with the local community groups to help them apply for funding and help strengthen the community where there are no active forums.
- To keep communication at a high level with neighbourhood Police teams, local area office, Fire Services, Housing, and Youth Services to help get residents voices heard and their concerns addressed. Work with other providers to obtain further additional funding to extend youth provision in Shipley.
- To extend work with local businesses to help to create a vibrant economy in Shipley. Work with the local community to help bring in the community to support events in the Town Centre and to work with Market department to improve our offer in Shipley.

What I have achieved in the past year (May 2018 to May 2019)

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

- I make sure I am available two working days a week as well as regular evenings and weekends.
- I have held monthly surgeries in different parts of the ward and make. I have regularly knocked on doors in different neighbourhoods, asking about local issues and case work.
- I have carried a large amount of case work this year, examples of these are support with planning and housing applications, securing of empty properties, help with carer hours, tenancy issues and repairs, neighbour nuisance, school appeals, noise nuisance, fly tipping, abandoned vehicles, Council Tax problems, dog fouling, street lighting, landlord issues. I have managed to achieve good outcomes for residents.

- One of the most exciting parts of the role this year has been working with the Landscapes Department in the Council to bolster Council funding by applying for grants. This has resulted in a new path on the field below Higher Coach Road that residents had been trying to achieve over many years. Improvements for the pavements in Saltaire also came from this funding, and I have been able to put forward ideas that residents had brought up regarding a clean air walk way to Shipley C of E School, and the potential of green screening of the playground. I have since had officers out to discuss these on site.
- The million pounds for Shipley Town Centre from Healthy Streets funding was also secured through this route Landscapes Department. I have been in touch with many interested parties regarding the funding, and am in close contact working with the Landscapes Department to shape these ideas. I have pushed for a creative consultation process with the public.
- Supporting neighbourhoods to improve the local environment has been a real feature of my year as Councillor. I organised and cleared up the Ring O' Bells snicket with residents and pub attendees. I also twice co-ordinated sessions in Northcliffe Park removing the destructive weed Himalayan Balsam. I put work into a big clean up in the Dockfield area and canal path in conjunction with Litter Free Baildon. In March I hosted an Environment Action Day with three local groups providing a team of twelve people at each site. We together improved paths in Northcliffe Park and helped rebuild the bird hide; we supported Aire Rivers Trust with a big river clean-up and Hirst Wood Regeneration Group by removing the grass from the wild flower field. I have supported residents in the Norwood's on their litter picks, and recently helped organise a bigger operation to clear overgrowth on the land behind Chicken Cottage which had become an area for dumping.
- I attend regular Ward Partnership meetings with the Police, Incommunities, Cleansing Services, Youth Services and substance misuse services. These meetings are a good opportunity for joint working and give a good overview of the ward and help to problem solve on the most difficult of situations, such as anti-social behaviour, homelessness and problems with crime and fly tipping.
- I have developed a very positive and productive working relationship with Shipley Area Office.
- I attend our local Community/Health Partnership - a meeting of health professionals, GPs and community representatives working together to improve the health and wellbeing of communities in Shipley. Our priorities are combatting loneliness and isolation, increasing activity and developing dementia friendly communities, we have a small amount of funding to take some of these ideas forward.
- The Branch Pub demolition was of concern to many residents. I objected to the demolition at Planning Committee, and asked for the traffic modelling first to show that air quality would improve in the area before the demolition. I organised a Community Conversation meeting so the community could come together to talk through their concerns and ideas. I collated the information and forwarded it to the Highways Department. I encouraged the public to respond to the survey regarding the Canal Road Corridor and to attend the public events as well as leafleting and talking to parents at Shipley C of E to encourage them to respond.
- Northcliffe Park inclusion as a possible site for a new crematorium was also a concern for the people of Shipley. I spoke against the proposal at the Council Trustee meeting and at the rally organised by Friends of Northcliffe and in the Labour Councillors' Group. I fully supported the petition set up by Stephen Blundell taken to Council, along with the strength of the community action and the unsuitability of the site meant that the park was withdrawn as a possible location.
- On Springhurst Road together with the community group we were able to prevent the land from being sold, and a fence has now been erected to prevent access over the site. My support for residents over the planning and development of this site is on-going.

- Strengthening our community and helping them achieve their objectives is one of my main aims as a Councillor. I have been attending Higher Coach Road Residents' Group, and have helped with resolving issues of parking on the grass, a safer community bonfire, plus of course the new path. I co-organised a well-attended meeting in the summer 2018 with bus companies regarding the deteriorating service. I have also been one of the leads in the Bring Back Our Bus, community campaign which received national interest and we have not stopped yet.
- The Norwood Neighbourhood Association worked with me in developing ideas and securing funding to paint some ugly bollards on the main road, and to create a community garden on a site that has been a real eyesore in the area.
- I have supported Saltaire Village Society the development of a working group to re-open the toilets in Saltaire and co-ordinated with Bradford City of film to set a precedent where people using the heritage site will be asked to make a financial contribution to this community group.
- I have attend Bradford Clean Air meetings and worked with the Schools Subgroup. I obtained leaflets on no idling distributed them amongst local schools, and have supported funding applications for schools in the area. Bradford Council are now initiating an No-idling campaign and working on proposals for School and Play Streets.
- The HALE project invited me to help them administer grants to local grass roots organisations. I publicised these grants widely, and some of the projects we have helped to support in Shipley are Shipley Youth Council, a community garden initiative, free Tai Chi sessions in Northcliffe Park, a men's group in Coach Road, and funding to support clean air initiatives in local schools.
- In October I made my maiden speech in Council on period poverty, in support of initiatives like food banks and Red Box Bradford which I had been supporting from its start. This resulted in a worker from Feeding Bradford supporting Red Box and food banks in the delivery of their work. I initiated a collection of period poverty items at full Council meetings.
- I have supported the Shipley School Uniform Bank to find premises and publicity and fully support these initiatives where I can. I am full of admiration for people from Shipley ward who stand up and run such great initiatives to support our community.
- I made multiple communications to repair Shipley Town Centre steps and the Clock Tower clock fixed and last but not least I ensured we had a Christmas tree in Shipley Town Centre.

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).

Flooding Resilience – Groundwork
 Carbon Neutral Councils – Nuclear Free Councils
 Prevent Council Strategy
 Councillor Role in Emergency Planning
 Plans for Shipley Station – Friends of Baildon Station
 Briefing with Council Officers on Clean Air Strategy – at my request
 Regular briefings with Shipley Police Inspector
 School Appeal Training
 Corporate Parenting Session
 Shipley Dementia Friendly Communities Session
 Unconscious Bias Training
 Equalities Training
 Climate Emergency Officer Briefing – at my request
 Canal Road Corridor 'Improvement' Officer Briefing – at my request
 Child and Adult Sexual Exploitation Training

Councillor Briefing on Health Community Partnerships
Crime stoppers in Shipley Area
GDPR Training
Dementia Awareness Bradford University
Induction to Highways Meeting
Anti-Poverty Council Strategy Officer Briefing – at my request
Council Homeless Strategy Briefing and New Requirements
Health and Safety Briefing
Planning Training
Good Design in Planning Training
Universal Credit Overview
I.T. Training