COUNCILLORS' ANNUAL REPORTS 2014 - 2015

Councillor: Rebecca Poulsen

Ward: Worth Valley

Party: Conservative

Date Elected: 05/05/11

Basic: £13173.36

Special Responsibility: £4532.28

Other Council Remunerations:

Positions held: Corporate Parenting Panel Keighley Area Committee Social Services Appeals Panel

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

5

I attended all the Forums held across Worth Valley

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

Ward Surgeries
Parish Council Meetings
Oakworth Village Association
Community Groups
Friends of Haworth Community Centre
Friends of Haworth Fire Station
Haworth Village Trust
Haworth Education Trust
PACT Meetings
Local Resident Groups
Ward Partnership Meetings
Single Issue Meetings
Nell Bank Trustee Meetings
Children's Centre Advisory Board

My priorities for the past year were (May 2014 to May 2015)

To continue carrying out my duties as Ward Councillor, along with my colleagues Russell Brown and Glen Miller, to the best of my ability.

To work with the local community to enhance and encourage investment in our Ward and work to improve service provision from Bradford Council across our Ward.

To be available to residents to offer help, advice and support.

To keep in touch with residents through face to face contact, newsletters and use of social media.

To work with partner agencies across the Ward to improve residents lives.

As Conservative Spokesman on Sport, Leisure and Environment to hold the Labour Executive to account in this area.

My priorities for the coming year (May 2015 to May 2016) are: (Please list or describe your priorities or targets as a Councillor for the coming year)

To 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.

To work with local community groups to improve the Worth Valley eg. Haworth Community Centre, Friends of Haworth Fire Station and Friends of Park Groups.

To keep in touch with residents through face to face contact, newsletters and use of social media.

To work with partner agencies to improve residents lives.

As Conservative Spokesman for Sport, Leisure and Environment to hold the Labour Executive to account.

What I have achieved in the past year (May 2014 to May 2015) (Please list or describe some of your activities as a Councillor and what you see as your key achievements)

Worked with the newly formed Haworth Community Centre Group to move towards an Asset Transfer.

On going support to Friends of Haworth Fire Station.

Successfully campaigned against Tesco opening at Mill Hey following public consultation.

Worked with the Friends Groups at the parks across the Ward to improve facilities and bring in investment to improve facilities.

Campaigned for youth service provision across the Ward.

Supported residents over planning and enforcement issues.

Worked with local parents and the pre-school learning alliance to set up new stay and play toddler groups across Worth Valley.

Worked to keep under 5 provision at Treetops Children's Centre.

Worked to bring funding into the ward for highway improvements and worked with residents to design schemes eg. VAS West Lane and Marsh Lane.

Represented parents at successful school appeal panels.

Worked with residents to resolve issues on a one to one basis.

Regularly communicated with residents across the ward using many methods including face to face, regular newsletters, email, facebook and twitter.

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).

Safeguarding
Planning-Community Infrastructure Levy
Child Sexual Exploitation Workshop
Corporate Parenting Training