

COUNCILLOR'S ANNUAL REPORT APRIL 2019 - MARCH 2020

Councillor: Cllr Gerry Barker

Ward: Wharfedale

Party: Conservative

Date Elected: May 2018

Basic: £13,463.16

Special Responsibility: £2,954.48

Other Allowances: N/A

Positions held in 2019 – 2020:

- Assistant Whip
- Area Planning Panel (Keighley & Shipley)
- Area Planning Panel (Bradford)
- Health & Social Care Overview & Scrutiny Committee (Alt)
- Shipley Area Committee (DCh)
- Miscellaneous Licenses Panel
- Official Council Observer at the Trustee Board Meetings of the Citizen's Advice Bureau

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

- Burley Neighbourhood Forum
- Menston Neighbourhood Forum
- Burley Dementia Action Group

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

- Continue to work effectively with my fellow Councillors
- Continue to respond positively to enquiries and complaints from residents in my Ward
- Continue to discharge my Council commitments to the best of my ability
- Continue to work in co-operation with my local Parish Councillors
- Support the Dementia Action Group within my Ward
- Continue to support the residents of Burley & Menston in their opposition to unsustainable housing development of the Green Belt.
- Continue to support the residents of Burley & Menston in their opposition to the expansion in flying hours of Leeds Bradford Airport and their objections to aircraft not keeping to the approved flight-path.

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)

- Continue to work effectively with my fellow Councillors
- Continue to respond positively to enquiries and complaints from residents in my Ward
- Continue to discharge my Council commitments to the best of my ability
- Work in co-operation with my local Parish Councillors
- To support the Dementia Action Group within my Ward
- Continue to support the residents of Burley & Menston in their opposition to unsustainable housing development of the Green Belt.
- Continue to support the residents of Burley & Menston in their opposition to the expansion in flying hours of Leeds Bradford Airport and their objections to aircraft not keeping to the approved flight-path.
- To press for an improvement in the transport infrastructure of Burley & Menston

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 expanded my knowledge of how Local Government operates
- I have continued to consolidate a good working relationship with my fellow Ward Councillors
- I have established a good working relationship with several of my local Parish Councillors
- I have received positive feedback from residents whom I have helped
- I gave support to the Burley Community Trust in their improvement work around the village
- I gave support to the Burley Scouts Group in building their new Scout Hut

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).

- Corporate Parenting
- Protecting Information
- Universal Credit
- Every Pound Counts