Annual Report - 2016/17

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Introduction

It has, again, been a pleasure to work with all the communities in, Cowlersley, Golcar, Longwood, Milnsbridge, Mount, Paddock Head, Quarmby and Salendine Nook, acting for and with local people. Some of the highlights are:-

- The continuing campaigning to improve the safety of our roads and to get a second bridge in Milnsbridge
- The Friends of Golcar Library (FoGL) is an ongoing success with between 20 and 30 volunteers working alongside library staff and the public. They are there when the library opens but have also organised many other events.
- This year saw consultation on a revised Local Plan (the new plan for development in our area.) Christine, Robert and I organised several open meetings to talk to residents about the plan. Our usual concerns were confirmed - it is difficult and inappropriate to build on many of the sites and at some stage all our roads will be grid locked. Despite finding brownfield sites, in the ward, to replace all the green field sites, we do not feel we were listened to.
- There were some improvements to the movement of Speed Indicator Devices and we received data from the SID on Longwood Edge Road leading to enforcement action by the Police. The process has now slowed down again due to an upgrade in the signs to improve data collection and a change in staff.

Once again, a big thank you to the residents of the ward, who continue to share their concerns with me and to all those I have had the pleasure of working with over the last twelve months. So many people make such a difference to all our villages and communities. Also, a big thank you to Robert and Christine; and my family who have been a constant support.

Council Meetings Attended:

In the 2016/17 municipal year I was a member of the following bodies, committees and groups: -

Full Council

Kirklees Rural Committee

Overview and Scrutiny - Health and Wellbeing

Calderdale and Kirklees Joint Health Scrutiny Committee

Corporate Parenting Board

Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) Member Panel

Ad-Hoc Scrutiny - Children's Service

The Democracy Commission

I attended the following committees as a substitute or ward councillor

Huddersfield Planning Sub Committee Strategic Planning Committee Corporate Governance and Audit Committee Cabinet

Partnership Boards

In the 2016/17 municipal year I was a member on the following Partnership Boards:-

Colne Valley Neighbourhood Management Group (Chair)

The Kirklees Children's Trust

The Learning Board

Participation on Outside Bodies:

Kirklees SACRE (Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education)

Kirklees Faiths Forum

Kirklees Neighbourhood Housing

Golcar Township Lands Charity

Ward Work and Achievements:

Ward surgeries each month (see below)

Information newsletters keeping residents informed about key issues affecting them Casework

Residents' surveys

Regular meetings with ward colleagues

Regular attendance at community events

Surgeries:

1st Saturday of the month - Longwood Mechanics 10am-12noon

1st Monday of the month - Monday@2, Milnsbridge Baptist 2pm to 3:30pm

1st Tuesday of the month - Drop by Shop, Sycamore Avenue 11am-12noon

2nd Saturday of the month - Salendine Nook Shopping Centre 11:15am to 12:15pm

4th Saturday of the month - Golcar Library 10am to 1pm

Training Attended: - Annual Planning Training,

Licensing and Safety Training, Safeguarding Training

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