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Alex Greenwood (Vice-Chairman)	Rishworth			councillor.agreenwood@rippondenparishcouncil.co.uk	30	100	COM, <b>ENV</b> , FIN, RELOC (resigned) REB
Peter Hunt	Rishworth			councillor.phunt@rippondenparishcouncil.co.uk	30	83	COM, EMP, ENV, RELOC, REB
Felicity Issett	Barkisland			councillor.fissott@rippondenparishcouncil.co.uk	24	71	BLD, <b>COM</b> , EMP, <b>STD</b> , RELOC, FIN, REB
James Mellor	Ripponden			councillor.jmellor@rippondenparishcouncil.co.uk	29	76	COM, STD, REB, PLN
Jane Moran (Chairman)	Soyland			councillor.jmoran@rippondenparishcouncil.co.uk	47	98	The Chairman sits on every Committee and Working Groups
Andrew Naylor	Soyland			councillor.anaylor@rippondenparishcouncil.co.uk	12	60	BLD, ENV, STD
Ray Nicholls	Barkisland			councillor.nnicholls@rippondenparishcouncil.co.uk <b>Joined September 2021</b>	29	88	COM, EMP, <b>RELOC</b> , PLN
Philip Nothard	Rishworth			councillor.pnothard@rippondenparishcouncil.co.uk	26	81	<b>BLD</b> , <b>EMP</b> , PLN
Steven Pickles	Ripponden			councillor.spickles@rippondenparishcouncil.co.uk	20	69	COM, STD, RELOC, REB, Flag Master
Robert Thornber	Barkisland			councillor.rthornber@rippondenparishcouncil.co.uk	8	47	ENV
Leah Webster	Ripponden			councillor.lwebster@rippondenparishcouncil.co.uk <b>Joined November 2021</b>	8	89	STD
Nic Winrow	Soyland			councillor.nwinrow@rippondenparishcouncil.co.uk	26	79	BLD, COM, ENV, RELOC, REB

\* Committee abbreviations: Buildings –BLG, Communications–COM, Employment–EMP, Environment–ENV, Standards–STD, Relocations Sub-cttee–RLOC, Heritage Working Group–HER, , Planning Working Group–PLN, Finance Working Group–FIN, Jubilee Working Group–JUB, Rebranding–REB



# Ripponden Parish Council

Every aspect of Ripponden Parish Council's work and activities can be viewed on its website [www.rippondenparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.rippondenparishcouncil.co.uk) and regular updates appear on Facebook too.

Whilst not entirely free of the pandemic constraints, RPC continued to deliver across all aspects of its remit and undertook its most ambitious project to date – the Community Asset Transfer of Ripponden Library. Closed since March 2020, RPC is looking to reopen the building as a combined library and community hub facility. From the submission of its Expression of Interest to CMBC, RPC undertook the huge commitment of producing a comprehensive Business Plan detailing how in the next five years the facility would be funded, staffed and used. Councillors worked over and above their usual volunteer hours to submit the completed document and now await the decision from CMBC.

Business continued as usual with RPC's outreach schemes working with local groups to enhance the parish of Ripponden on a practical level and for improving community engagement.

An added dimension this year has been access to the Welcome Back to the High Street fund which has enabled the delivery of a number of new projects which will bring a long-term benefit to the area.

With a substantially increased workload this year, and the addition of two new cllrs who have already made a significant contribution to the team, RPC has a committed group of volunteers and a Clerk that continues to provide outstanding support at all times, that strive to deliver on its core business whilst adapting to new challenges and roles.



# Council Committee Updates

## Environment Committee

This year has been extraordinary for our committee. Though we started off slowly with noticeboard replacement, work soon sped up with our tree planting scheme, resulting in over 1300 native British saplings planted in the parish to support biodiversity and residents' health and wellbeing. Our garden competition showcased residents' wonderful horticultural efforts, and we continued to fund and support pathway clearance with CROWs and horticultural work with In-Bloom groups through our small grants programme, alongside commissioning tidy-up work for key sites and our handyman fixing bits and pieces here and there.

But it was our engagement with the specific criteria for the Welcome Back Fund, that propelled our activity into the stratosphere. By the time you read this, we will have repainted the Mill Fold Park railings; stripped and repainted the park ISO containers with a commissioned mural with the blessing of Ripponden Childrens' Day; purchased and installed a number of metal animal sculptures in Jubilee Gardens; purchased and sited a hanging basket stand; and had key streets cleaned and swept.

## Standards Committee

The standards committee met once in the year to agree the standing orders that the council will abide by in all meetings.

The council also has a planning committee that meets fortnightly to look over and comment on any planning applications from across the parish. In the last year this committee has looked at over 100 planning applications

## Communications Committee

What a year it has been for our communications committee as we were allowed once again to put on public events and gathering following the covid restriction of 2021- 2022. The first of our events took place in November of 2021 as we were allowed to gather in remembrance. We may not have been able to parade from Rishworth to Ripponden, but we were able to hold a service at each of our war memorials and uniformed groups were once again able to attend. We were also very fortunate to have the West Yorkshire Fire Brigade Brass Band to provide the appropriate music

Storm Arwen unfortunately prevented Father Christmas from visiting us and taking part in a tractor parade, in fact the entire event had to be cancelled. Hopefully the same won't happen next Christmas.

In December we held an exceptional Carol Concert in St Bartholomew's Church attended by many residents and this time Father Christmas did manage to make an appearance along with the parish councillors for the 12 days of Christmas. Again the Welcome Back Fund was used to support this event and funded a performance by 3 Valleys Gospel Choir.

Our photographic competition once again got record entries with over 140 photographs submitted making it very hard for our judges to pick only 12. Finally the Easter trail through the village provided some entertainment for children during their Easter break looking out for letters hidden on our high street that spelt out an Easter related word.

## Employment Committee

The employment committee continues to ensure the welfare and look after the RPC employees

## Building Committee

The buildings committee continued to maintain the assets within the Parish Council. And the Council can celebrate the work through 2021/2 and for the Relocation Working groups work on library business case and asset transfer, which has recently been accepted by CMBC. The process to bring this asset back to the community will continue through 2022/3

# Looking at the year ahead

RPC is holding a future strategy planning day in July and will update the four-year plan at that point. Once this has been complete the updated plan will be published on our website and advertised to the residents.

Looking forward to this coming year RPC will continue and stabilize current activities. It will hold the Gardening and Photographic Competition. In June RPC will be hosting events to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

RPC will continue to work on providing Christmas lights throughout the parish and pursuing a way to install much-needed railings at the front of Ripponden War Memorial.

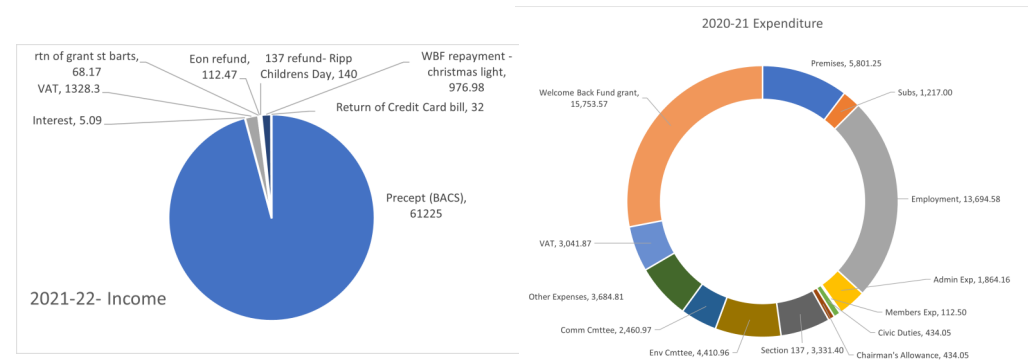
Once the planting season comes around again the tree planting scheme will continue. We hope for as big an uptake this year as we had last year.

The RPC will continue to work hard on moving the library into a community assets as quickly as possible., supporting small groups and providing assets such as battery recycling.

Longer term plans include: expanding boundaries to include Mill Bank, fostering a love of and pride in our area, promoting our ancient woodland, and protecting bio sites.

# Financial Report

In line with legislation the Council has conducted both internal and external audits. The reports can be found on our website. Accounts are also published on our website and can be requested at any time from the Clerk. Details of the public review of the accounts will be published on our website and on our Facebook page.



The precept for 2022/3 was raised by £2200 over the entire parish, which for a Band D property is an extra 55p a year. The increase is to help pay for the renovations and running costs we anticipate from taking on the library building. The majority of these costs are being funded from the RPC capital funds. The RPC has attempted to keep the precept as low as possible while still providing an excellent service to residents.

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