Letter to the Ilkley Gazette

Dear Residents

I would like to thank all those who attended the Annual Parish Meeting on the 1st May at the Memorial Hall.

The Parish Council has had another busy year being involved in many projects including responding on behalf of the village to Bradford’s Local Plan. Working with The Tour Addingham 2014 committee to prepare for the many visitors that will come to the village for the Tour De France. Looking at parking and traffic issues. Working with the Civic Society on many issues including the implantation of Blue Plaques on buildings of heritage in the village. Continuing to support the Garden Friends and Working with other community groups such as the Cricket Club where we are supporting them by allowing them to use the William Hoffman Wood field for cricket nets. The xmas market organised by Totally Locally when the xmas lights were switched on was a wonderful success that we also supported and Heartstart saw most of the Councillors receive training for the use of the defibrillators that has been extended in the village this year.

I would also like to extend my thanks for the continuing support of my fellow councillors and the PC clerk and thank them all for the unpaid work that they do on the Parish Council.

We have a lot of work ahead of us to address with the impending cutbacks planned by Bradford . I am confident that as we move forward we will have to take on many more responsibilities from Bradford. By acting now and addressing the proposed cuts and working with our neighbouring councils i hope that we can maintain the present services and keep the village as a picturesque place that we are proud of.

Best wishes

Catherine Coates Chair of Addingham Parish Council.