

**ETHICS AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE
29TH NOVEMBER 2007**

**WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2006/07**

COUNCILLOR P DYKE

WARD: AGGBOROUGH & SPENNELLS WARD

ACTIVITIES

I have been a Governor of Birchen Coppice First School for approximately 8 years and a member of the Temporary Governing Body during the transition to Primary School Status.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

I am a member of the Licensing Committee, the Corporate Services Panel, Ethics and Standards and Vice Chair of Miscellaneous Functions. I am also a member of the Budget Review Panel and the panel looking at the No Barriers Scheme put forward by Councillor Mike Oborski.

As a District Councillor for a Kidderminster Ward, I also became a Charter Trustee when elected and have been lucky enough to be Mayor of Kidderminster during this time.

OUTSIDE BODIES

Nil.

ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE YEAR

I help write and deliver the Liberal Democrat Focus newsletter, which is our way of keeping in touch with people in the ward.

I also attend the Aggborough and Spennells PACT Meetings and when possible the Aggborough and Spennells Community Group Meeting too.

I continue to work hard on issues which are raised by local residents by E-mail, phone calls or letters.

MEMBERS' SURGERIES

None held.

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

29/01/07 - Two hour groupwise session.

ATTENDANCE

92.59%

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COUNCILLOR G H EELES

WARD: HABBERLEY AND BLAKEBROOK

ACTIVITIES

Attend, in an advisory capacity, all Habberley Tennant Consultative Committee meetings which are preceded by an estate walkabout.

Attend all PACT meetings held within the Ward Area.

Respond to all enquiries from constituents ranging from state of roads, car parking problems on the estate, housing problems, planning enquiries, litter problems and occasionally giving advice relating to person health problems in my capacity as a retired Health Professional.

Regular informal routine visits round the ward to identify any potential problems.

As my main focus of interest lies in health, to keep up to date with local Health issues I attend, as an Observer, all Worcestershire Hospital Acute Trust Board and Primary Care Trust Board meetings. As these are meetings open to the public, I take the opportunity to regularly pose questions to the respective Trust Boards.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

See above.

OUTSIDE BODIES

Nil.

ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE YEAR

I believe that all individual enquiries from Ward Constituents have been satisfied by my response.

Jointly by writing to the Health Trusts and the Press with others in Health Concern Group have been instrumental in putting pressure to facilitate return of some medical services locally.

MEMBERS' SURGERIES

Ethics & Standards Committee 29/11/07

None held.

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

09/05/06 Induction
09/05/06 Code of Conduct Training
11/05/06 Planning Training
22/05/06 Licensing Training
22/06/06 Housing Training
20/02/07 Groupwise Training

ATTENDANCE

77.4%

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COUNCILLOR MRS L HYDE

WARD: HABBERLEY AND BLAKEBROOK

ACTIVITIES

A lot of my time is spent dealing with individual cases. Whatever members of public want, I do my best to sort out – if I cannot I am always honest explaining why I cannot do what they want. We have regular Newsletters so people know what's going on and how to be able to contact us.

For me, one of the most important part of being a Councillor is to be accessible, understanding and discreet.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Cabinet Scrutiny.
Miscellaneous Functions.

OUTSIDE BODIES

Youth Trust.
Community Housing.

ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE YEAR

Finally getting plans in place for a decent play area.
Introducing a proper litter collection to enable the Ward to be somewhere you would want to live.

MEMBERS' SURGERIES

People contact me direct. We used to have surgeries but found that people would sooner talk to you in private and not where other people could overhear.

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

None.

ATTENDANCE

77.7%.

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COUNCILLOR M B KELLY

WARD: HABBERLEY & BLAKEBROOK

ACTIVITIES

Over the last 12 months I have dealt with over 200 enquiries and complaints, most of them from my ward of Habberley and Blakebrook.

The main thrust of the complaints are Housing based and I have a very good working relationship with Wyre Forest Community Housing.

I also receive many complaints about Highways and Education matters; unfortunately the working relationship with the County Council is not so good. I find the County Council a very difficult and frustrating organisation to work with.

In conjunction with my fellow ward Councillor, we put out five newsletters a year. This is intended to keep the residents within our ward informed on Council issues and decisions. There is also a return slip on the newsletter with addresses and phone numbers, so that the residents can contact us to request a visit or make any point they wish to make.

I have always done and continue to do walkabouts in different parts of my ward. Meeting people in the street or in their gardens and engaging them in conversation on council issues, this is both popular and effective. I find that people are genuinely interested and want to talk as long as it's not during an election period.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Group Leader (Labour Group) – various extra meetings.
Community and Regeneration.
Licensing and Environmental.
Licensing sub.
Ethics and Standards.
Single Site Project Board (Kidderminster).
Single Site Project Board (Stourport Civic facilities).

OUTSIDE BODIES

Kidderminster and District Youth Trust.

ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE YEAR

Not for me to say. See Electorate Habberley & Blakebrook.

MEMBERS' SURGERIES

Have tried surgeries, they do not work - hardly any turn up – find that newsletters and weekly walkabouts more effective.

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

30/05/06 Overview and Scrutiny Training
29/1/07 Groupwise Training
20/02/07 Groupwise Training
01/03/07 Recruitment and Selection Training

ATTENDANCE

84.2%