## Gill Jennison

I am writing to express my interest in joining the Town Council as a co-opted councillor for the East ward.

I have lived in Baildon since 1983 and have loved our village since the first day I arrived here as a young wife and mother. The village made us feel welcome when we arrived and has never stopped being an amazing place to live, with neighbourhood spirit, a range of clubs and activities to meet our needs at various stages of life, good schools for our 3 children, a well-maintained commercial and retail centre, and of course the beautiful moors where we love to walk.  I realise that none of these things “just happen” and the ambition and support of the Town Council helps to make Baildon the place it is.

I trained as a secondary school teacher, and then my career interests took me into colleges of further education where I worked with young adults with learning difficulties and/or disabilities.  I loved my career, working with some of the most disadvantaged young adults and seeing them develop to their individual potential. I worked in several colleges and my final full-time post was as Principal at Henshaws College in Harrogate, a specialist college provided by a regional charity.

I then took early retirement from my full-time career to support my elderly parents, who had moved to Baildon. Over the next few years, I cared for my mother and then my father in their last years.  At this time, I took a post with Bradford Council as a Clerk to School Governors, a part-time role that I could fit around my caring responsibilities.

I am now retired from paid employment, although I am a willing helper with childcare for my two grandchildren. I am enjoying retirement and hobbies including: country walking, our motorhome, singing with a choir and Baildon Belles.

I feel I now have the time to give something back to Baildon, and would like to offer my services to the Town Council, where I hope I could make a useful contribution drawing on my professional experience and skills (education; administration; the third sector; disability and health; governing boards / committees; budgeting; policy development) as well as my lived experience as a Baildon resident.

I confirm I am available on 6th December.

## Clive Melleney

I have lived in Baildon for over thirty years, though I am a southern softie in origin I hope I now qualify as an honorary Baildonian. Over those years I’ve lived in three different properties in Baildon at varying heights above sea level and helped raise my two children here. In short with Baildon I have a sense of place and belonging.

I became aware of these positions through Councillor Gill Dixon following a chance meeting (well I’m lead to believe it was!) with my wife. Although I’m nearing retirement age I retain my motivation, enthusiasm and drive. I think I have a ‘big project’ still left in me, this might be it. I see the role of a councillor as helping build community facilities, be that in terms of a social resource or enabling others. This would be achieved by employing whatever available resources - social, financial etc – as effectively as possible.

I have worked for Ordnance Survey for nearly 38 years in a variety of roles; Field Surveyor, Region Manager, Senior Technical Consultant and Senior IT Consultant. I have an in depth knowledge of the mapping of this country and the uses of mapping in both central and local government, including on the ground support during the Cumbria floods of 2016 for which I received a letter of commendation from the Cabinet Office. I have delivered multi million pound contracts by developing new processes and solving customers problems by utilising project management skills and process analysis.

I was involved for approximately 15 years at Baildon Rugby Club. I coached my son’s team from U7’s to Senior Colts age group and another team to Junior Colts age group. I also coached for about half a dozen years at Salts School providing after school rugby coaching to both boys and girls. In addition to these roles I also held the position of Junior Fixtures Secretary and Team Manager for a number of years. In these roles I learnt to develop my knowledge and appreciation of rugby but also how to get volunteers recruited and involved to spread the workload.

Hopefully these skillsets and experience would be a useful addition to the Town Council. In my spare time I enjoy walking, visiting places of interest and taking our dog for walks in the local area. I also enjoy researching the local landscape and the historical remnants that can still be seen.

Thank you for considering me for this post.

## Leon Oakley

I have lived in Baildon the majority of my life and I love this village like no other place, I want to be a councillor to help shape and develop Baildon’s future for my children and future generations. Baildon is a special place which unfortunately gets forgotten about by central council and needs more people to continue to drive it forward and support our growth and development.

Through my work at ACS Business Supplies I am a part of Baildon town council’s Technical Advisory Group (TAG), so have a small feel for the workings of local politics and relish the opportunity to expand my skill set and contribute to Baildon’s development for both current and future generations.

I am a good listener and communicator and act as an advocate for others, this is demonstrated through not only my role as a trustee for two charities, but my role within ACS as a member of the company’s Impact team and as a director of the ACS Social Enterprise. All of which require talking to a wide-ranging group of people to gather information and organise it and work as part of a team to action successful responses.

I thrive in a group environment and feel the role of parish councillor is one that appeals to my skillset of group working and making collective decisions for the greater good of the community.

I am a dedicated, driven, and compassionate individual who has spent the majority of his adult life volunteering for charitable organisations to improve the lives and social conditions of the Bradford community.

Over the years I have developed a strong skill set that would make me an ideal candidate to work as a town councillor, I am the Chairman of a Bradford based charity and have many years’ experience dealing with city council to get things done and gathering support. As Chair, I oversaw, and project managed to conversion of derelict land in the Bankfoot area of Bradford into a community park and garden. This required extensive planning, organisation, teamwork, and co-ordination between a range of organisations and government bodies to be able to successfully deliver on time and on budget.

I feel that I would bring a wide range of skills and experiences to the role of Town councillor and look forward to hearing from you.

## Jon Wall

I would like to express my interest in filling one of the town council roles currently available.

I was born in Shipley in 1962 and have lived in the Baildon area all my life.

My working life has been within the Wool textile and garment sectors and I still run a small bespoke tailoring business on a lifestyle basis. For many years I was a member of the Bradford textile society, and served as president in 2005.

Sport has been a big part of my life where I was an active player of both rugby and cricket up to my mid thirties at which time a stroke ended this involvement. I was lucky enough to have three sporty children and enjoyed being a spectator for the next 15 years in a large variety of sports and creative arts. Over the last 15 years cycling and walking have been a big part of my life and I never miss the opportunity to champion the positive body and mind outcomes from these activities, especially into later life.

My other passion has been growing vegetables both at allotments and in my own garden, and enjoying cooking and preserving these delights of nature.

My motives for my interest in the council are from firstly a desire to serve the Town (nee village) that has given my family and I so much joy, and secondly to be instrumental in projects that could have a positive mental health and wellness improvement for fellow Baildonians and visitors to our area.

Two specific projects of interest are-

Baildons snickets and paths.

Creating a walkers map (colour coded for difficulty) of all our routes with a focus on the history of the area in a fun way that children would buy into. Backing the route map with a maintenance programme and ongoing improvement to the aesthetics of the routes to create a new 'Attraction for Baildon', with a link up to local hospitality and tourism centres such as Bracken Hall etc.

Community Allotment

A volunteer run allotment for the whole community with an emphasis on disability inclusion and mental health improvement. I feel there is an area between the play park area at Jenny lane and the rugby club training pitch, that would fit this remit perfectly. Good accessibility, parking and closeness to a concentration of the retired population.

Whilst I have never been involved in the public sector and its way of working, I am used to working in a team at all levels and would hope I could fit into the council way of working.

I look forward to hearing from you.

# Mike Whitehouse

I would like to be considered for the Co option to Baildon Town Council.

I would like to become a Councillor because I have lived in Baildon for around 20 years now and am very proud of the town and the various initiatives that are presently taking place, such as Baildon in Bloom, Harley Rally, Farmers Market and Baildon Lights, just to mention a few.  I would like to offer my time to help and preserve these and help enhance Baildons role within the larger bradford Council

I feel I have alot of skills and experience that would help support me in my role. I have been a Councillor before when it was a Parish Council and was proud of the work done to get farmers market up and running - and pleased to see it now well established as a key event. I have over 15 years working to support businesses in Bradford and Shipley and believe good businesses are crucial to help the town develop

I volunteer to give me support to many local attractions and have been a volunteer at Shipley Glen Tramway for over 15 years and am now undertaking training to become a driver. I was also a trustee for many years.

I volunteer with MIND in Bradford as a befriender and visit a chap in Baildon once a week who is housebound and welcomes a good chat !

I hope you find my application of interest and I look forward to hearing from you