

# **BARWICK in ELMET and SCHOLES PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES of a meeting of the SCHOLES PLAYING FIELDS COMMITTEE**

Held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at the Scholes Sports Association Pavilion, Belle Vue Avenue, Scholes.

**PRESENT:** Councillors Claire Hassell (Chair), Craig Barker, Karen Dales, Phil Maude and Stella Walsh together with representatives Mary Burrell, Pam Frisby and Josie Hall (all Bowling), Mark Sirrell and Steve Young (both Cricket), Colin Smith (Tennis) and the Clerk.

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor Matthew Clover and Andy Moody (Football)

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest

### **3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017 having been circulated be confirmed as a correct record, proposed Mark, seconded Steve.

### **4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Colin apologised for not attending the previous meeting.

Concerns had been expressed by Scouts about Bowling Club maintaining the boundary hedge between them. It was suggested that Bowling Club leave the maintenance to the Scouts and if the hedge is not getting cut, to flag their concerns to the Parish Council via the Clerk. Cllr. Barker agreed to take this up with one of the Scout leaders.

Since the last meeting, a letter had been sent to the resident who appeared to have gated access to the Scouts area of land – this had now been resolved.

Cricket advised that the problems with the goalposts had not been resolved, being mobile goalposts, children tended to drag them away from the wettest part of the field causing damage to the outfield in doing so and wear and tear at the point at which the goals were repositioned. As these are no longer needed by the Scholes and Barwick Junior Football Club, they will be moved to the Parish Council garage for safe storage, Steve has a van and a trailer.

## **5 CLUB REPORTS**

### **5.1 Cricket Club**

Cricket reported that they had held winter net sessions at Brigshaw which had been well attended, this being their first year at this venue. Membership was stable with the possibility of two new junior members becoming eligible to play for the men's team. The first game would be the weekend following the Playing Fields Committee meeting. The league's Annual General Meeting had been held the previous week, a lot of clubs were asking that their fixtures be postponed due to the ground still being too wet for play, Scholes were not in this situation. There had been much talk about the status of the Wetherby League, Scholes had voted to keep the league as it is. A merger with York leagues would result in considerably larger distances to travel to get to away fixtures. They would be running two teams. As there are now ten teams in the division, the season can start a week later and finish a week earlier than previously

and holidays can be avoided (being a total of four less fixtures to be played). A dog-fouling sign would be given to Steve Waller to put up.

## **5.2 Bowling Club**

The season started two or three weeks ago. All teams fielded last year are being fielded again in 2018 (although on occasions, they struggled to field a full team). Membership is stable. There is no official green keeper but the green is nevertheless in good condition. Grant funding has been received for a new lawn mower and scarifier and for the edging round the green. There had been a temporary loss of the electricity following a burst pipe. A new water meter had been installed, they now have two such meters. They also reported that there had been cycle tracks across the green.

## **5.3 Scholes and Barwick Junior Football club**

The Scholes and Barwick Junior Football club were not represented but had sent a written report.

- i) The Scholes Sports Association (SSA) bank account has been resolved. The bank has the new mandate and all Direct Debits are now paid from the SSA bank account. Colin was thanked for taking this forward.
- ii) The Athletics club has notified the Sports Association that they no longer wish to use the facilities.
- iii) Scholes sports field has not been used since late October due to extremely bad weather and waterlogging. A short term solution is required and assistance from the Parish Council would be requested.
- iv) The Table Tennis table is no longer required. The scouts had showed an interest so if anyone can make use of the table and can pick it up, then it is free to a good home.
- v) Football update – U13's are having a successful season and are top of Division 1 with three games to play. U15's are safe for another season but need to recruit. Both sides will play in the Garforth Junior league next season.
- vi) Anyone wishing to follow or sponsor the junior sides for next season can follow on Twitter - @scholesJfc
- vii) A sixteen page report by the Football Association had been produced.

## **5.4 Tennis**

Scholes Tennis Club won the Barkston Ash league. The coach (Dwight) will be coming back again and will be going into the school. Tennis would be having a stall at the gala day. They are hoping to get another coach to help out. Membership was up compared to last year.

## **5.5 Scouts**

Scouts were not represented. They will be sending eight Explorers to the World Jamboree in 2019. There had been an incident last year when the Scouts were doing archery and one of the Scouts accidentally fired an arrow which landed on the bowling green (which wasn't being used at the time). The child's grandfather, being a member of the Bowling Club had got a key and recovered the arrow. Bowls advised that they regularly get footballs landing on the green; they were unaware of this incident but would make enquiries. It was noted that Ben Holme is no longer involved in Scouts.

## **6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Cricket Club were asked if they had concerns regarding the size of their pitch given that the developer proposing to build three-hundred houses might be minded to release a portion of land. Cricket advised that they had objected to the proposed development as a club citing as

one of their reasons the likelihood of damage to gardens and property by cricket balls if new houses were built adjoining the pitch.

Cllr. Barker has taken on the responsibility of the Parish Council newsletter and encouraged clubs to celebrate successes or appeal for new members by submissions via the Clerk. He also requested that concerns about dog-fouling on the Sports Field be e-mailed to him for inclusion in an article appealing to dog owners to be responsible.

There were also queries regarding charges by Yorkshire Water for surface water and a comment that a notice board with club contact details discussed at a previous meeting had not materialised.

## **7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018 7:30 p.m. at Scholes Sports Pavilion.

The meeting closed at 8:30pm

Chair  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018