

**MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018 at 7:30pm at Scholes Methodist Hall.

**PRESENT:**

Councillor	Claire Hassell (Chair)		
Councillors	Craig Barker	Karen Dales	Paul Remmer
	Glyn Davies	Matthew Clover	Phil Maude
	Howard Bedford	Neil Beaumont	Stella Walsh

**In attendance:** Ten residents, Ward Cllrs. Matthew Robinson & Sam Firth, PCSOs Geoff Nottingham & Gaynor Duffy (both part) and the Clerk.

**1 APOLOGIES:** Cllr. Baker.

**2 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST** Cllr. Beaumont restated his position regarding item 7.8 (due to business interests in the HS2 project). Although not pecuniary, Cllr. Walsh advised that she was affected by the issues relating the item 7.4 due to close proximity to her home address.

**3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

It was **resolved** that, subject to the changes listed below, the minutes of the Parish Council (PC) Meeting (3/2018) held on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018 (504-507) having been circulated, be approved and signed, proposed Cllr. Beaumont, seconded Cllr. Maude, all in favour.

- Open Forum should read *Scholes Country and Wildlife Preservation Group* (not Society)
- Item 8 should read *public inquiry* (not enquiry)

There were a couple of retrospective corrections to the May minutes;

- The quotes that Cllr. Beaumont had for the planters by the school were excluding VAT (**item 9.6**)
- Regarding **item 8** (correspondence), Cllr. Bedford volunteered to *support* Cllr Matthew Robinson's initiative regarding dog-fouling (not to set up a meeting as suggested).

**4 CRIME REPORT**

The PCSO reported that there were ten crimes in the Parish in June as follows; four burglary residential (Chapel Lane, Richmondfield Lane, The Boyle and Main Street, Scholes), three thefts from Motor Vehicles (Gascoigne Road, Richmondfield Lane and Leeds Road, Scholes), one case of Interference with Motor Vehicle (Richmondfield Walk) and one of Theft Non-Specific (Main Street, Barwick in Elmet). Items taken from the four Residential Burglaries included an empty till, a hammer and garden power tools (in the latter case, the vehicle used had false number plates). A doctor's bag was taken from one of the vehicles. Eight of the ten crimes were committed the same day.

Cllr. Hassell would contact the website designer with a view to getting a page for crime reports/crime prevention advice. There was discussion regarding use of speed guns to control traffic speeds.

**5 FINANCE**

**5.1** The **cash book, bank reconciliation statement and budget monitor** had been circulated showing payments made during June of £1,610.34 (eight cheques totalling £1,435.10 and four direct debits of £175.24).

**5.2** The **cash book** showed fourteen cheque payments to be made in July amounting to £5,267.29 and two known direct debit amounts of £77.60.

**5.3 Getting the signatories changed** - it was **resolved** that Cllr. Clover be added as one of the signatories to the bank account, proposed Cllr. Barker, seconded Cllr. Remmer, all in favour.

## 6 CORRESPONDENCE

A list of correspondence had been circulated. It was confirmed that there was no fee for receiving the National Allotments Society Newsletter (2956), the PC is a member of the Society for insurance purposes. Item 2952 (Aberford Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 14 Consultation) would be considered by the Planning Committee (it was noted that a policy relating to the proposed development on the Parlington Estate had been withdrawn). Although too late for formal consideration, concerns about overhanging trees from a resident whose property adjoins the public right of way behind Parlington Meadows were noted (2957).

## 7 OTHER ITEMS

**7.1 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of World War One** – it was **resolved** that a budget of £1500 be set aside for a Parish event on Hall Tower Hill to commemorate 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of World War One, this would pay for fireworks and a beacon, proposed Cllr. Maude, seconded Cllr. Barker. There would be no entry fee but those attending would be encouraged to donate to the Royal British Legion who would be involved with Standard Bearers. Cllr. Hassell had applied to a charity for small Tommy figures. Regarding the Barwick six-foot Tommy, All Saints' Parochial Church Council (PCC) had declined the offer to put this in the church yard due to time constraints. A Barwick in Bloom member was seeking permission to put it on privately owned land adjacent to the bus stop opposite the Post Office. There was a suggestion that it go on the grass verge at the Long Lane/Main Street/Leeds Road junction. A plaque would be put up alongside both Tommies – there were suggestions about making suitable approaches to someone in Allerton Bywater, the person who did the owl at Barwick orchard or a resident with appropriate skill sets. It was suggested that a plaque be put up regarding the memorial trees on Station Road as many residents are unaware of their special status. There was discussion regarding purchase of memorial benches similar to those seen elsewhere by Councillors.

**7.2 Concerns about non-residents car parking near Manor House** – non-permit holders often park outside the sheltered housing when attending events at Manor House – some of those living there are afraid to go out in their cars for fear of losing their space. Cllr. Walsh had e-mailed the PCSO about this. Evidence would be needed, i.e. vehicle registration numbers.

**7.3 Securing land and removing access to Barwick playing fields from Richmondfield Mount** – following the last meeting, consideration had been given to allow adjoining residents opportunity to purchase the piece of PC land at the top of Richmondfield Mount. The Chair had sought legal advice which suggested that the cost would be prohibitive as this was only a part of a greater piece of land, a licence to maintain this would be more cost effective. Cllr. Beaumont had spoken to the Chair of the Cricket Club about this – they offered apologies that an unauthorised gate had been cut into the fence by one of their members and promised to make good repairs. Cricket Club are interested in the licence and it was felt that as they already have an agreement with the PC, that it would be better to offer this to them. Cllr. Beaumont would liaise with Cricket Club.

**7.4 Permanent structures on the Wedding site off Bog Lane** – concerns were expressed regarding some of the structures on this site as it was believed that they could no longer be considered as temporary. This would be considered by the Planning Committee.

**7.5 Trees –concerns about Scholes Lodge Lane and Jubilee Gardens** – A resident had expressed concerns about trees overhanging his property which were growing on the PC land on Scholes Lodge Lane. A local contractor has been asked to provide a quote and deal with any necessary planning permission. A member of the Scholes Lodge Farm Working Party had expressed an interest in maintaining this plot. The boundary wall belongs to the PC and is in need of repair (it is bowing and needs rendering). Cllr. Hassell will reassure the residents that appropriate action is being taken. It was noted that tree work on Jubilee Gardens had been approved.

**7.6 Hall Tower Field** – the transfer to the PC is now complete.

**7.7 Dog-Fouling meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> June** – this meeting had been cancelled. Forthcoming anti-social behaviour legislation regarding dog-fouling was reported.

**7.8 HS2 consultation of 30<sup>th</sup> June** – Cllr. Beaumont brought HS2 route maps to the meeting having attended the event at Church Fenton. This has yet to go to full consultation. A five-pier bridge is proposed for the Garforth-Barwick Road to be built alongside the existing road. There will be no associated road improvements going towards Barwick. Public Rights of Way numbers 5, 8 and 10 will lose connectivity between the two communities. This will go for Royal Ascent in 2019, construction will not be before 2024 and completion is expected in 2033. HS2 will largely be built in a cutting but the stretch past Garforth will not be. It was suggested that an appropriate link go on the PC website and that this be an agenda item for the October meeting.

**7.9 Facebook/Website** – There are 687 followers and 3,128 views/posts. There were seventy-two followers on Twitter. New Data Protection Privacy Notices have been put on the website. Concerns had been expressed about the bus service. The General Purposes and Finance Committee would look further at the Social Media Policy at its next meeting.

**7.10 Scholes Village Gala** – Cllr. Walsh thanked everyone who had been involved and reported that feedback had been positive.

**7.11 Parish Council surgeries** – Cllr. Walsh reported that two residents had attended the last surgery. One had concerns about the proposed opening of the old railway line as a public right of way. The other expressed concerns about car parking on the pavement and bus reliability. Cllr. Walsh had contacted the PCSO about the former and West Yorkshire Combined Authority about the latter. Cllr. Walsh will man the surgery on 28<sup>th</sup> July, Cllr. Barker on 25<sup>th</sup> August and Cllr. Remmer in September.

## **8 PLANNING**

The decisions of the Planning Committee of 18<sup>th</sup> June were duly noted (no objection to applications on Schoolgate and Beck Meadow and objection to an application on Rakehill Road which is already the subject of Planning Enforcement investigation)

M & G (the developers associated with the Parlington Estate site) had written to all Parish Councils in the Outer North-East excluding Aberford and Barwick & Scholes. Aberford's had circulated a response to this stating their position and Cllr. Bedford had circulated a suggested response. Cllr. Hassell would make some final adjustments and a copy would go to the programme officer.

**9 REFERRALS & RISK ASSESSMENTS** There was a suggestion that a gate is put across Potterton Lane to prevent fly-tipping. There was also concern about work done on Aberford Road near the former garage. Cllr. Bedford would speak to Leeds City Council about this. Both these items would be agenda items next time

**10 TO NOTIFY THE CLERK OF MATTERS FOR INCLUSION ON THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING** – Scholes defibrillator.

## **11 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018: Barwick Methodist Schoolroom: Open Forum (7pm), Meeting of the Parish Council (7:30pm).

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July: Planning Committee (6.30pm) John Rylie Centre

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July – General Purposes and Finance Committee

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> August: Planning Committee (6.30pm) John Rylie Centre

NB: No Parish Council meeting in August

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:25pm.

## OPEN FORUM

Ward Cllr. Robinson updated the PC regarding the following issues;

- Car Parking concerns down The Boyle. As these residents don't have drives, parked vehicles have caused problems for farmers and refuse collection lorries (resulting in missed collections for Maypole Mews). A traffic regulation order had been considered with yellow lines down one side but there were concerns that this would simply transfer the problem elsewhere. Councillors offered suggestions of alternative access and allowing parking outside Jubilee Gardens. A meeting to discuss options would be arranged.
- A second telecommunications cabinet has been installed in Scholes which will give improved broadband speeds for residents but will result in possible disruption of service during the switch over. Possible use of section 106 and Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) money was being considered, Ward Cllr. Robinson would be meeting with officials. Concerns were expressed that connections sometimes drop out.
- There were concerns regarding the company who run wedding events in the woods off Bog Lane. The latest event had been excessively noisy and there were concerns about the use of a fire pit to burn rubbish following weddings and the lighting of smoke bombs in the adjacent field (especially given the recent prolonged spell of hot dry weather). It was noted that this is trespass and as such is a matter for the land owner to pursue. There were concerns about camping onsite. Ward Cllr. Robinson stressed the need to keep a log of such concerns as an evidence base and he had asked officers to go back to the company running these events. Access to the wood is along Bog Lane and as such, such access is subject to agreement with the land owner of the lane and Ward Cllr. Robinson had written to the land owners and will e-mail Cllr. Walsh and the Clerk. The lack of use of traffic marshals was a concern. PSCO Geoff Nottingham had e-mailed Andy Katkowski (the West Yorkshire Police Harewood Ward Manager) to make LCC licensing officers aware. There was a suggestion of an appropriate article in the next PC newsletter.

A member of the Scholes Country and Wildlife Preservation Group supplied evidence for crime on the stretch of the disused railway line behind Nook Road which was passed to the Clerk, these being statements from officers involved. He also provided photographs showing deer passing beneath the A64 bridge, eleven deer had used this in three days.

The same resident asked about progress regarding the use of Closed Circuit Television (CCTV). The Chair reported that she had spoken to a local security firm about this as well as Andy Katkowski, the various legal obligations associated with putting up CCTV cameras in public places meant that it was not viable for the PC to pursue this but residents can put up CCTV within their property boundaries and can agree to allow the Police to view footage taken.

Some residents expressed dissatisfaction that they had not had opportunity to speak before the time allowed for the Open Forum ended and the PC meeting began.