

BARWICK in ELMET and SCHOLES PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the SCHOLES PLAYING FIELDS COMMITTEE

Held on Monday 8th October 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at the Scholes Sports Association Pavilion, Belle Vue Avenue, Scholes.

PRESENT: Councillors Claire Hassell (Chair), Craig Barker and Phil Maude together with representatives Mary Burrell, and Josie Hall (both Bowling), Mark Sirrell and Steve Young (both Cricket), Andy Moody (Football), Colin Smith (Tennis) and the Clerk.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

James Douglas (Tennis) and Pam Frisby (Bowling) and Cllr. Stella Walsh.

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 23rd April 2018 having been circulated be confirmed as a correct record, proposed Mark, seconded Colin.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

The issue regarding the un-used goalposts was still outstanding, Steve and the Clerk would make arrangements for them to be transferred to Barwick in Elmet once the fair had vacated Jack Heaps field.

5 CLUB REPORTS

5.1 Bowling Club

Bowling Club fielded the same teams again this year. The new people (mainly ladies) who arrived earlier in the season had been retained. Two teams were relegated, the Wednesday night team and the Veterans A team. The Tadcaster A team were runners up in their league and the Veterans B team narrowly avoided relegation. This year, the Sleights Trophy (Barwick in Elmet vs. Scholes) was won by Barwick in Elmet. Time and money had been spent on the green. The Leeds and District Crown Green Bowling Association had asked that Bowling Club appoint a Safeguarding Officer. Bowling Club are still waiting for Scouts to come back to them regarding cutting the boundary hedge and so far, they have just cut their side. Cllr. Barker had spoken to one of the Scout representatives. A letter would be sent to Scouts pointing out that maintenance is one of the conditions of the Bowling Club lease.

5.2 Scholes Sports Association

a. Scholes and Barwick Junior Football club

The Sports Association account is now in the black with a fifty-fifty split between the two sections (Football and Tennis). Insurance continues to be the biggest outlay. They have changed energy supplier. The Pavilion was unused from October to May and when use resumed, it was found that there was a problem with rats which has now been resolved. So far this season, two matches have been played by each team, the under 16s playing at Barwick in Elmet and the under 14s at Scholes. The latter team (then as under 13s) won their league and also two cups last season – losing three players as a result to Hull City and Leeds United professional football clubs. They are continuing to struggle to recruit players to start up another team to represent the club at a younger age level.

b. Tennis

As 2017 champions of the Barkston Ash league, Tennis had to give the cup back having not been able to fulfil all their fixtures. The coach has been going into the school and there had been coaching at the Tennis courts every Wednesday evening, Colin had also attended these sessions hoping to recruit new members. The club needs members willing to be leaders.

5.3 Scouts

Scouts were not represented.

5.4 Cricket Club

Cricket reported on a mixed season with the first team finishing fifth in Division One and the newly promoted second team struggled and finished bottom of their league. At times, opposition teams had struggled to field a team and had conceded the match, at one stage, the second team went two or three weeks without a match. The second team relies on juniors and one grandparent to make up a full team.

Consideration is being given to combining the two teams for next season and just playing with one. They are still deciding which league to play in next season, a committee meeting following the Playing Fields Committee was being held to decide. In the event that the Wetherby League is unable to continue, Yorkshire Cricket Board are obliged to find the club a league to play in but that is a situation Cricket Club are keen to avoid. The club welcomes players of all abilities and girls too. Thursday night is practice night.

Scholes hosted the Hare Cup Final for the first time ever, this match between Garforth and Kippax benefited the cricket club with £650 takings at the bar.

Cricket Club were asked regarding their views of the proposal to build three-hundred houses in Scholes and if planning permission was to be granted, how the land could be used to create suitable space for car parking.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A common theme to all clubs represented was the need for membership. It was felt that the profile of the clubs could be increased with better signage, Ward Cllr. Robinson would be approached to see if brown-background road signs could be put up directing people to the sports ground.

The Parish Newsletter could also be used to promote the clubs. Another idea – raised at a previous meeting – was to have a notice at each clubs' entrance giving contact information for club officials and for the Parish Council. Cllr. Barker asked those present to send him their contact information.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 29th April 2018 7:30 p.m. at Scholes Sports Pavilion.

The meeting closed at 8:30pm

Chair

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