

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

**MINUTES** of the **BARWICK in ELMET PLAYING FIELDS COMMITTEE** meeting held on Monday 16 April 2018 at 7.30 pm at Barwick Methodist Schoolroom.

**PRESENT:** Councillors Claire Hassell (Chair), Glyn Davies, Howard Bedford, Matthew Clover and Neil Beaumont together with representatives, Chris Swales (Cricket), Adrian Riddington (Mount Saint Mary's Football), Craig Tumilty (Scholes & Barwick Junior Football), Pete Spearman (Allotments), Linda Turp (Village Hall), Lynda Wright (Bowling Club and Village Hall) and the Clerk.

## **1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr. Phil Maude plus Mike Cooper (Bowling), Simon Fenton (Tennis) and Ken Peaker (Allotments).

## **2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 16 October 2017, having been circulated, be confirmed and signed as a correct record proposed Cllr. Beaumont, seconded Linda Turp.

## **4. MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

## **5 CLUB REPORTS**

### **5.1 Tennis Club**

Tennis Club were not represented but had sent a report ahead of the meeting.

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April was their annual work party. The clubhouse had been painted and the courts tidied. New anti-climb paint had been bought for the clubhouse roof which will be applied after the Tour de Yorkshire, because they plan to put a banner on the roof, as they have done previously.

They have entered men's and mixed doubles teams in the Barkston Ash League and have also entered the Barkston Ash plate competition, which is new for this year. Additionally, the club will hold three tournaments and their annual club championships.

As with last year, there will be no junior coaching. However, membership will still be free for juniors, which seems to have been met positively last year. Late last year, they were contacted by a coach from Whitkirk Tennis Club, who is trying to increase participation in tennis throughout the area, particularly juniors. Following this, they have offered the local primary schools free access to the courts for use in Physical Education lessons and given them the contact details of the coach, a reply is awaited.

After several years with the club, the treasurer decided to step down. In lieu of a permanent replacement, the Chair (Simon) has taken over the treasurer's duties, with some responsibilities delegated to the other signatory on the club's bank account, Keith Monkman. At the Annual General Meeting (AGM), they agreed to add two new membership options to encourage new people to join: couples membership, which gives a 50% discount to partners of full-paying members; and a £10 monthly rate, for people who do not want to commit to paying for a full year.

After several complaints from a resident who garden adjoins Jack Heaps Field behind the Tennis Courts, the grass behind the Courts has been cut.

## **5.2 Allotments**

For the first time for several years, all allotments have been taken. A local firm would be putting up fencing at the top of the allotments. This would be a couple of weeks later than expected due to a delay in the delivery of the gates. Funding had been sought for fencing at the bottom – an update was awaited.

## **5.3 Bowling Club**

Concerns had been expressed regarding a banner advertising for new members. This had since been taken down but agreement was given that it could go back up for the first month of the season. There was a suggestion of a finger-post at the car park entrance. The path had been concreted and the flag stones used elsewhere. Work had also been done on the Pavilion.

## **5.4 Cricket Club**

The season was due to start on 28<sup>th</sup> April (for the adults, the juniors start on Friday 20<sup>th</sup>). As there are now ten teams in Division One, the season can start a week later and finish a week earlier than previously and holidays can be avoided.

The Second Team had finished second in Division Three and had originally not been promoted but were subsequently awarded promotion to Division Two after East Keswick folded.

There will be a two-day junior course over the Spring Bank holiday led by coaching staff from Yorkshire County Cricket Club and a week's course the first week in August.

£7,000 is being spent on the car park, this is being extended, a surface of scrapings is being put down and kerb stones will be put round.

The kitchen is being replaced with the help of a grant from the English Cricket Board in respect of the club's status as an All Stars Centre. The remaining money is being provided by the Ladies Section and the club. This should be completed by the end of May.

A kink in the fixed net is being straightened and the artificial strip is being renovated.

The club has a new licence allowing the bar to open to 12:30am any day of the week and requiring everyone to be out by 1am. Music is allowed to midnight on Friday and Saturday and 11pm the other days of the week.

Anti-vandal paint has been applied to the garage and appropriate notices have been put up. There will be no gala this year.

Concerns were expressed that football teams were using the area in April. Mount Saint Mary's advised that they have no more home games and just one away this season. Adrian advised that he would feedback to the league at their AGM on 18<sup>th</sup> June the need for the fixture list to provide away matches during the period when the football and cricket seasons overlap. The last cricket fixture would be 8<sup>th</sup> September (the Beer Festival being the following Saturday).

The overseas player (Australian) was picked up the previous Wednesday.

The Club house had been repainted and doors varnished.

There was discussion about social membership, a website link to the new Parish Council website and the possibility of a women's running team

## **5.5 Village Hall**

Bookings for parties are good. The regular users of the hall are unchanged since the last meeting, line dancing is continuing and there is Pilates one an evening and one during the day.

There had been an enquiry for a regular booking for walking netball following a grant for this given to Scholes Women's Institute.

There was a three day booking for a wedding.

Coffee mornings began in January being held twice a month with a game of bingo. These are proving to be good social occasions.

There had been heating problems in the winter and the number of hours had been increased. A quote for overhead heaters had been obtained which was £6,500.

A new door (paid for from the Festival Fund) had been fitted the previous Thursday. A quote was awaited for a ramp at the back of the hall.

There had been problems with youths getting onto the roof – a quote for spikes was awaited. A new website had been launched that day, this will allow people to make bookings online but this feature was suffering from technical problems. There will continue to be an option for bookings by telephone and e-mail. The bookings secretary (Jo) is stepping down. A new treasurer will be coming in.

The Pilates banner is to be taken down.

There had been an incident involving the Junior Football Club, Craig Tumilty agreed to investigate this.

There is currently about £6,500 in the bank.

## **5.6 Football Clubs (Mount Saint Mary's and Scholes & Barwick Junior Football)**

Mount Saint Mary's finish on Wednesday. There was nothing of note to report regarding the season, they finished sixth out of twelve in the league and had no cup success to report.

They have lost one or two good players but Adrian Riddington is looking to use his links with Lawnswood to recruit from the 16-18 age bracket.

The nets will be taken down. Funding for a container has been received.

The juniors had lost a few players but had retained those who live in the village. They had fourteen boys. They finished the season sixth in a league of ten.

Many matches had been rearranged due to fixtures being cancelled.

Two boys had been excluded from the club as their behaviour was not what was expected of them.

There had been no progress on the suggestion at the last meeting of using the Tennis Courts during the winter for training. They currently use facilities at Brigshaw for Wednesday night training but still have to pay for this even if the training is cancelled.

## **6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Cricket are looking at their lease which was agreed in 1979 as all those involved at the time are no longer around.

## **7 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 22 October 2018 at 7.30 pm**

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

Chair  
Monday 22 October 2018