

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held on Monday 4th February 2019 at 7:30pm at Scholes Methodist Hall.

PRESENT:	Councillor	Claire Hassell (Chair)		
	Councillors	Joanne Austin	Neil Beaumont	Phil Maude
		Matt Baker	Howard Bedford	Stella Walsh
		Craig Barker	Glyn Davies	

In attendance: Eight residents, Ward Cllr. Sam Firth, PCSOs Susan Broadwell and Louise Crossland (part) and the Clerk.

1 APOLOGIES: Cllrs. Karen Dales, Matthew Clover and Paul Remmer and Ward Cllr. Robinson.

2 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST – None

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the Parish Council (PC) Meeting (10/2018) held on 7th January 2019 (530-532) having been circulated, be approved and that the Chair sign the minutes, proposed Cllr. Walsh, seconded Cllr. Maude, all in favour.

4 CRIME REPORT

The Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) reported that there were three *Burglary Residential* crimes in January in Barwick (Fieldhead Drive) and Scholes (The Avenue and Milton Drive). There had been two arrests relating to the incident on The Avenue. There were three reports of *Criminal Damage* on Belle Vue Road and Belle Vue Estate (one being a retrospective report of an incident last October). There was one case of *Theft Non-Specific* on Scholes Lane.

Ward Cllr. Firth reported on a case where fly-tipping had been prevented due to a resident's vigilance – however as the crime had been prevented, no criminal charges could be brought against the suspects.

5 FINANCE

5.1 The cash book, bank reconciliation statement and budget monitor had been circulated showing payments made during January of £3,548.52 (fourteen cheques totalling £3,408.16 and three direct debits of £140.36).

5.2 The cash book showed eleven cheque payments to be made in February amounting to £3,152.34.

5.3 It was resolved that under Section 137 of the 1972 Local Government Act, the PC **donates £145 each to Barwick and Scholes in Bloom** in lieu of their annual insurance premium, proposed Cllr. Barker, seconded Cllr. Baker, Cllr. Maude abstained from the vote due to a family member having an interest, everyone else in favour.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence list had been circulated (3006 to 3010). There were comments regarding 3006 (Response to the High Speed Two Phase 2b working draft Environmental Statement on behalf of the Manor House Farm resident's association) and 3010 (Resident asking what consideration was given to correspondence items 3000 and 3001). The Chair assured residents that the PC does not hold private meetings and explained the purpose of signing in sheets at consultation events.

7 OTHER ITEMS

7.1 Closure of Convenience Store Scholes – Cllr. Barker had met with representatives of the Brain Rehabilitation Unit (Osman House) to discuss relocation of the defibrillator following the closure of the

convenience store. They are happy to receive the defibrillator but had concerns about staff using the defibrillator without training, the PC would look to arrange this. The next newsletter would see if local residents would be willing to be volunteers, for example if the idea of a Community Shop was put forward.

7.2 Friends of Chippy's Quarry – the presentation at the Open Forum was noted.

7.3 It was **resolved** that the **terms of reference for the Staffing Committee** as circulated be adopted, proposed Cllr. Walsh, seconded Cllr. Baker, all in favour.

7.4 It was **resolved** that the PC Policy is to allow **the exercise of dogs on Hall Tower field**, proposed Cllr. Beaumont, seconded Cllr. Barker, all in favour. Signs suggesting otherwise would be removed.

7.5 Facebook/Website – Cllr. Beaumont reported that there had been 3,468 views with 746 followers. There were 98 followers on Twitter. There had been a comment about agendas not being posted on the website. It was noted that the Clerk's wife had posted agendas in notice boards when he had been ill, Cllr. Walsh would write to thank her.

7.6 Surgeries – Cllr. Walsh would man the February surgery.

7.7 Bus Services meeting – Cllr. Baker attended a meeting on 14th January with representatives of the bus operators. They accepted that the route of the 11 was too convoluted. There had been suggestions of an express 11. Possible connections between Scholes and Barwick in Elmet were discussed. The 64 bus service was running well. The bus operators advised that lack of observance of the law regarding yellow boxes was having a negative impact on their service.

7.8 Report of the meeting of the Crime Reduction Working Party - 14th January – little progress was made at the last meeting as the Police representatives had been called to deal with an emergency.

7.9 Report of the Outer North-East forum. Cllrs. Davies & Hassell and the Clerk attended this event at Wetherby on 24th January. Reports had been given by Environmental Action and Police representatives. The gully cleaning in the Parish due on 31st January had been postponed due to unsuitable weather conditions.

7.10 General Purposes and Finance Committee meeting held 31st January – Cllr. Barker reported that the Committee would now be known as the Finance & General Purposes Committee. The last meeting considered additions to the assets register, a programme of works, an annual tree inspection programme, Scholes Roundabout (the Committee had agreed that a quote for repair be put to the PC for formal consideration), issues around the cost and quality of Christmas Lights, a budget review, electronic payments (a resident had suggested Lloyd's Bank) and had agreed to that charges to the Fair which uses Jack Heaps Field annually remain unchanged. It had also considered the closure of the Convenience Store.

7.11 It was noted that the **Living Memorial display board** has now been installed. The meeting recorded its thanks to Cllr. Dales for taking the lead on this.

8 PLANNING

8.1 The draft minutes of the **Planning Committee** meeting of 21st January had been circulated and the decisions taken were noted. The decision regarding the appeal for the 300 houses in Scholes is expected on 22nd February.

9 REFERRALS & RISK ASSESSMENTS– the Vehicle Activated Sign is not working. There is an upturned tree on Belle Vue Avenue.

10 TO NOTIFY THE CLERK OF MATTERS FOR INCLUSION ON THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING – introduction of 20mph zone, April and May surgeries, Scholes Roundabout, Scholes Library.

11 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Monday 4th March 2019: Barwick Methodist Schoolroom: Open Forum (7pm), Meeting of the Parish Council (7:30pm).

Monday 18th February: Planning Committee (6.30pm) John Rylie Centre
Thursday 21st March: Finance & General Purposes, 7pm, John Rylie Centre

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:04pm.

Signed

Chair
4th March 2019

OPEN FORUM

The following items were raised following a recap of the issues raised at the last Open Forum,

- There was a comprehensive report from the Friends of Chippies Quarry. The group were set up last year and are working with Leeds City Council Parks and Countryside. They have a Social Media page.
- There was a suggestion that letters of thanks go to all those who contributed to the appeal hearing regarding the proposal to build 300 houses in Scholes. The Clerk will write as suggested.
- There was feedback regarding the Newsletter
- Councillors and residents were encouraged to vote for Nellie's Tree in the European tree of the year competition, TreeOfTheYear.Org.
- Cllr. Bedford advised that a four-week consultation on the proposal for a 20mph zone in the Parish would commence on 15th February.
- The Feasibility Study regarding the Greenway proposal was with Ward Councillors.
- There was comment regarding availability of car parking and garages on Belle Vue Road.