

BARWICK in ELMET and SCHOLES PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the BARWICK in ELMET PLAYING FIELDS COMMITTEE meeting
held on Monday 22 October 2018 at 7.30 pm at Barwick Methodist Schoolroom.

PRESENT: Councillors Claire Hassell (Chair), Glyn Davies, Howard Bedford and Neil Beaumont together with representatives, Mike Cooper (Bowling), Danny Leadbeater (Cricket), Adrian Riddington and Steve Geldard (Mount Saint Mary's Football), Jill Druce (Tennis), Linda Turp (Village Hall), and the Clerk.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs. Matthew Clover and Phil Maude plus Lynda Wright (Village Hall).

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 April 2018, having been circulated, be confirmed and signed as a correct record proposed Linda Turp, seconded Cllr. Beaumont, all in favour.

4. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

5 CLUB REPORTS

5.1 Allotments

All allotments have been taken (though not all cultivated). Renewal letters have been issued; there are four people on the waiting list. Boundary fencing has now been put up along the bottom of the plots and fencing and a gate have been put up at the top. This was paid for by grants from Leeds City Council and from the Festival Fund. The hedging is due to be cut.

5.2 Bowling Club

The season has now finished. A couple of teams finished second/third in their leagues. New members have been recruited. Bowling Club held a meeting last week and would like a sign to the sports grounds to be considered, similar to the sign in Scholes at the end of Rakehill Road. Suitable locations were considered. Cllr. Beaumont had already been in contact with Ward Cllr. Robinson about this. The banner advertising for new members will be taken down for the winter and will go back up in the Spring for a month. The ladies team finished top of their league and won promotion. They are now hoping to start a B team.

5.3 Cricket Club

There had been issues with children interfering with the covers and leaving rubbish beneath them.

They requested access from the gate at the top of the Verity Strip and will be putting a permanent lock on the barrier (which gives direct access to the car park). They are willing to pay for scalpings. It was noted that service pipes for utilities may run beneath the ground at this point and any plans should take these into account.

Some users of the cricket Pavilion had complained about the lack of lighting down the Verity Strip.

Cricket Club will check their septic tank/drainage.

The gated access to the top of Richmondfield Mount has been closed off. Title deeds and outline maps were not detailed enough to establish the boundary of the area cricket club are responsible for.

Senior cricket had a reasonably successful season with the First team finishing third in Division One and the Second team finishing fifth in Division Two. Cricket were particularly pleased with the Second Team's performance as all the other teams in their division were first teams and a majority of Barwick's players were still juniors. A number of juniors made major contributions in the first team.

The Juniors had a very good season. They had six teams at five different age groups and the U13s won their Cup. The All Stars was very well supported bringing many juniors from outside the area to play cricket. The Summer school in August had on average 65 children for each of the five days and Yorkshire Cricket Club organised and ran a two-day coaching course at the Spring Bank holiday. Each junior team now has a paid coach and training goes on in the winter.

The kitchen was completed and passed the inspection for the All Stars grant. The car park has nearly been completed but Cricket are having difficulty in obtaining scrapings to finish the job.

They now have a fortnightly bin collection with AWM which has had a few initial problems, especially with access. There is now a coded lock on the car park gate which unfortunately was vandalised the week before the Playing Fields Committee meeting and a replacement is awaited.

The mobile net was carried over the hedge during a storm in July and was completely wrecked. A new one will be bought this winter using the insurance money received.

Cricket had two work days in April when parts of the inside were redecorated and the benches outside were treated.

In terms of planning, they intend this winter to clear out and renovate the old score box so that it can be used for scoring in the future (scoring is currently done from the veranda which can become crowded and noisy). In addition new solid wheels for the covers are needed together with more substantial pipes.

There will be changes to the running of the club, dependent on the Annual General Meeting. Chris Swales will become President with Keith Leckenby becoming Honorary President. John Swift will become Chairman and in his absence, Chris Swales will assume that role. The Pavilion will run by Will Willey with Danny Leadbeater in charge of the bar.

As far as the ground is concerned, the cutting and preparation of the wicket for the matches we will be taken in-house. Dave Clapham will still be used to do the pre and post season maintenance. Bedfords will still maintain the outfield.

A large number of social events and bookings this season had been held but there will no longer be bookings for teenage functions.

5.4 Village Hall

Bookings for parties are good with eight or nine weekend booking per month in October and November. There were no bookings the weekend following the Playing Fields Committee and an offer was made to Mount Saint Mary's football club to allow them to use the toilets.

The hall is now being used for walk-in netball organised by Scholes Women's Institute – grant funding has been obtained for training and equipment.

There have been two new enquires for regular bookings, one for a yoga class and one for 5* Sporty Tots. Some days the Hall can be used by three or four groups. There are two bookings for weddings next year.

The website is proving to be very successful resulting in more bookings with the online booking facility working well. Belinda Wright is the I.T. expert and she is the one who designed the website.

The Committee is running two coffee mornings a month and held an afternoon tea in July; another one is planned for 30th November to raise funds for improvements to the heating.

The heating has been considerably improved by the installation of three new radiators (which have doubled the radiator surface area) and the sliding doors have been removed. This has been evidenced by positive feedback from the users. There are four screens; the Village Hall may keep two of them. The back wall has been restored and a new clock put up. The fire hose/reel has been removed exposing an area which needs filing and painting. There had been a problem with the roof; the Village Hall had had to dip into their funds to make the improvements above.

Concerns were expressed about maintenance of the gardens and boundary fences. The gate by the kitchen door had been vandalised, the fence was broken and fence panels had been kicked in. Tree growth was affecting some of the fences. Barwick in Bloom are not charged for hire of the hall and Cllr. Hassell agreed to approach their Chair to see if they could return the favour by addressing some of these issues.

The cigarette box had been damaged and the paper set alight inside – an approach would be made to the local Police Community Support Officer.

An application had been made to the Community Fund to alter the disabled ramp at the rear of the hall which youngsters use to climb onto the hall roof.

There are now eight Committee members who work well together, a new treasurer (Sharon Gibson) has been appointed.

5.5 Mount Saint Mary's Football Club

Issues with the septic tank have led to Mount Saint Mary's having to use chemical toilets. A replacement septic tank would cost thousands and it was suggested that laying a pipe for a connection to the main sewerage pipes on Chapel Lane would be more cost effective. The grass is being cut by a local contractor.

The container for storage of equipment had been delivered. The club are starting to attract players with village connections, three such players were mentioned. Twenty players attend training each week.

Concerns were expressed regarding loss of footballs, four landed in the bowling green, Mike Cooper will speak to the Bowling Club committee to see if they would be willing to disclose the code to the combination lock. One football landed on the conservatory window of one of the adjoining properties – it took a week for the resident to return the football. The club are considering having nets put up. Having lost their mobile net in a storm (see above), Cricket offered to give this to Mount Saint Mary's so that it could be rebuilt as a net to stop footballs going over.

New football nets have been bought – these have been left out for the juniors.

An application had been made to the Community Fund for a ride-on lawn mower. Mount Saint Mary's had approached the Parish Council for support regarding the cost of grass maintenance.

5.6 Scholes and Barwick Junior Football Club

Not represented.

5.7 Tennis Club

The mixed doubles team finished fourth out of six in their division in the Barkston Ash league and the men's doubles team finished sixth out of six in their division. Some matches had been conceded when Barwick had been unable to find enough players to fulfil the fixture. Three mixed doubles tournaments had been held.

The area has been used as a hang around for youngsters; several black sacks of the resulting litter had been collected.

The club continues to struggle to attract members – free membership is being offered in 2019 in the hope of attracting new people.

A flyer appealing for new people will go out with the Spring edition of the next Parish Council newsletter.

No junior lessons had been offered this year.

6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

7 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 22 April 2018 at 7.30 pm

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

Chair
Monday 8 April 2018