

BARWICK in ELMET and SCHOLES PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the **BARWICK in ELMET PLAYING FIELDS COMMITTEE** meeting held on Monday 8 April 2019 at 7.30 pm at Barwick Methodist Schoolroom.

PRESENT: Councillors Claire Hassell (Chair), Glyn Davies, Howard Bedford and Phil Maude together with representatives, Pete Spearman (Allotments), Mike Cooper (Bowling), John Swift (Cricket), Adrian Riddington (Mount Saint Mary's Football), Craig Tumilty (Scholes and Barwick Junior Football Club), Simon Fenton (Tennis), Keith Monkman (Tennis – part), Linda Turp (Village Hall), and the Clerk.

The meeting began with introductions.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs. Matthew Clover, Neil Beaumont and Stella Walsh plus Ken Peaker (Allotments), Chris Swales & Danny Leadbeater (Cricket), Steve Geldard (Mount Saint Mary's Football) and Lynda Wright (Village Hall).

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Following a recap by the Chair, it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 22 October 2018, having been circulated, be confirmed and signed as a correct record proposed Linda Turp, seconded Cllr. Davies, all in favour.

4. MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk will chase Leeds City Council Highways regarding the putting up of a fingerpost sign on Long Lane directing visitors to the Sports Fields. The other matters arising would be considered as part of the club reports.

5 CLUB REPORTS

5.1 Bowling Club

The outdoor season had started the previous week. Bowls now have enough players to form a second ladies' team. The green is still a bit rough, seeds planted on patches have not germinated. They are advertising for new members and still have the banner from last year which they will put up for four weeks. Contact details are on a sign at the entrance gate. They have a Committee meeting the following week. There have been no issues with the venue used for the indoor season.

5.2 Cricket Club

The new season will start the Saturday following the meeting. Hedges have been trimmed and new metal railings have been fitted – these match those around the barbeque area.

A survey has been done of the drainage and no issues had been found. There had been problems with the lady's toilet and a contractor had carried out a sub-scan survey using a closed-circuit television camera (CCTV) and a fault had been identified. The toilet had been replaced on 8th April.

The scoreboard is being revamped following new league rulings regarding safeguarding. The pavilion will be repainted. Wicket care is now in-house. Festival funding had been received for a new net which was being delivered on 8th April. More scalplings would be needed for the car park.

The club still have aspirations to use the top gate to create access to the club and whilst this is not immediate, would like the issue left open for possible future discussion.

The overseas player is due to arrive from Australia on the 14th. He will have work in the village and will be doing some coaching. The club has a lot of juniors meaning that some who did not get into the team for their age level had left the club in order to play elsewhere.

5.3 Village Hall

Bookings for parties remain good. There is a new yoga class but an enquiry from a local football coaching business didn't lead to a new booking. The Hall is booked Monday to Friday by regular users. The Hall continues to attract ad-hoc bookings including two weddings, a dance school, a social evening for the line dancing group and a yoga day in December. The website has proved valuable in attracting bookings. The coffee morning is very popular with twenty-five to thirty people coming regularly. There is added interest at many of these such as the one on the 23rd April when there will be a demonstration by Wilshire Foods. Last November, there was an afternoon tea which attracted about sixty people, another one is planned. Barwick in Bloom have been contacted regarding outside maintenance and the lawns will be cut before the weddings. A grant application for a ramp at the back was unsuccessful. A full inspection and test of the electrical wiring had been done, nothing dangerous had been found but the electricity box needed attention. It was found that the light in the car park was connected to the Village Hall supply – the need for a separate meter was noted. Additional lighting had been put up on the outside of the Hall. A risk assessment had been carried out and improvements were being made including signage. The ramp needed yellow strips. The path at the front of the kitchen was uneven and the step needed to be addressed, quotes were being sought. The back wall had been decorated. The Clerk would confirm that the Parish Council insurance covered against public liability claims on the outside of the Hall.

5.4 Mount Saint Mary's Football Club

The club have four games left to play to the end of the season, all away from home. They had received £2,000 funding towards a ride-on mower. The grass will be cut in the summer and painting would be done on the inside of the pavilion. They finished mid-table in the league. The concerns regarding the septic tank were ongoing and a sub-scan survey using a camera may be needed to identify the problem. Cllr. Remmer had visited the club (as he works in the industry) but had been unable to identify the problem whilst the tank was full. Cllr. Davies volunteered to meet representatives of the club after the end of the season to seek to find a solution. The club are looking to extend their licence, they are currently in year three of a five-year licence.

Cricket Club had complained that both Mount Saint Mary's and the juniors had used the cricket outfield when warming up for matches. Both football clubs felt that this complaint was unnecessary and suggested that a face to face chat would have been better than using e-mail.

5.5 Scholes and Barwick Junior Football Club

The Junior Football team had had a successful season and had mounted a serious title challenge but the last couple of fixtures hadn't gone their way. The boys are at an age where other interests distract them from football. At the start of the season, they had eighteen boys, thirteen of whom were from Barwick in Elmet.

5.6 Tennis Club

The club needs four men for a team and currently can only get two or three for a fixture. They will merge with Scholes for the coming season's men's doubles, the venue for home fixtures is to be agreed. They are offering free membership this year. Funds are healthy and the courts

need work. Flyers have been produced to encourage new members to join, these will be distributed with the next Parish Newsletter and a digital version will be posted on the Parish Facebook page and website. There would be a working party the Sunday following the meeting to paint etc.

5.7 Allotments

High winds had brought down a tree on the Public Right of Way at the bottom of the plots resulting in one panel of the newly erected fence being badly damaged. Leeds City Council had cleared the fallen tree and had been approached about getting the panel repaired. Most plots had been taken (though not all cultivated), plot 2 still being vacant but was the subject of an expression of interest.

6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Many of the club reports made reference to anti-social behaviour. Tennis reported graffiti, the shed being broken into and petrol stolen, theft of guttering and damage to the roof, a hole in the wall and damage to the metal work on the shed where the drainage is. They also find large amounts of litter throughout most of the winter. Both Football Clubs have had problems with youths and there is a group who regularly hang around the back of the Village Hall and distract users by looking in through the windows and who climb onto the roof. They also cause damage and burn things and there is evidence of cannabis use. Cllr. Maude advised the Committee that the Parish Council has set up a Crime Reduction Working Party which seeks to find ways to reduce crime in the Parish. The Tennis Club were considering CCTV cameras. The meeting was briefly interrupted when a member of Tennis Club arrived to break the news that the Tennis Club had been broken into, the door had been forced open and the fire extinguisher had been used to spray the hut. The Village Hall has bought CCTV cameras and has got a monitor and will be getting the covers at the weekend. Both the Police and youth workers have tried to address concerns, but Police lack the resource to attend as often as complainants would like and advice given by telephone calls to 101 is not always consistent.

All clubs were reminded that the editor of the Parish Newsletter is happy to feature reports or appeals for new members.

7 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 28 October 2019 at 7.30 pm

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

Chair
Monday 28 October 2019