

BARWICK in ELMET and SCHOLES PARISH

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

held at Scholes Methodist Hall on Monday 14th May 2018 at 7 pm.

PRESENT: Councillor Claire Hassell (*Chair*) and twenty-eight other electors including Parish Councillors Glyn Davies, Howard Bedford, Karen Dales, Matt Baker, Matthew Clover, Neil Beaumont, Paul Remmer, Phil Maude and Stella Walsh

In attendance: Ward Councillors Matthew Robinson and Sam Firth and the Clerk.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Craig Barker

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting, held on Monday the 8th May 2017, having been previously circulated, be taken as read and signed as a true and correct record, proposed by Cllr. Remmer, seconded by Cllr. Baker, all were in favour.

4 STATEMENT OF PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS – for Year ended 31st March 2018

It was **RESOLVED** that accounts for the year ended 31 March 2018 showing balances carried forward of £78,264.62 and receipts totalling £50,200.30 and payments totalling £47,840.41 be approved, proposed by Cllr. Bedford, seconded by Cllr. Beaumont, all were in favour. There were no questions.

5 PRECEPT

The Precept for the year 2018-19 had been set with no increase to residents. The Chair reported that Barwick and Scholes were alone the Leeds area in not having a net increase in precept over the last two years.

6 CHAIR'S REPORT ON THE WORK OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Chair gave her annual report.

She thanked all those involved with the successful Maypole raising in May in Barwick and those involved in the Scholes Gala in June.

The Chair then reported on the changes to the Parish Council since the last meeting. In Scholes, Amanda Munro and Tom Crosfill had both resigned and had been replaced by Craig Barker and Phil Maude. In Barwick, Graham Field had resigned and had been replaced by Ian Westmoreland who had resigned some months later. Geoff Yapp also resigned after over twenty years on the Council – his knowledge and expertise would be missed. He had been replaced by Matthew Clover from Potterton – it is great that Potterton is now represented on the Council. All those who have served as Councillors were thanked.

The Neighbourhood Plan had become a statutory document just in time for big planning applications for 300 houses in Scholes and proposals for a crematorium in Barwick, the East Leeds Orbital Road and the proposals for the Parlington Estate. The Planning Committee were thanked for responding to these applications as well as those for property extensions.

The In Bloom groups were thanked for making the villages look beautiful but both need volunteers, on Monday mornings for Scholes and Wednesday mornings for Barwick.

The Scholes Lodge Farm group continue their work and the field looked really great in the Spring with all the daffodils.

The Council have nearly completed taking over the management of Hall Tower Field. Anyone wanting to use the field for an event should contact the Parish Council first as there are some English Heritage restrictions in place.

Barwick in Elmet and Scholes British Legion now have a new standard – dedicated on 28th April 2018. An event to mark the hundredth anniversary of the end of the First World War and formation of the Legion is planned.

The year concluded with the second visit of the Tour de Yorkshire men's and women's races, unfortunately these races passed through the Parish on a Friday.

Following her report, a vote of thanks to the Chair for her hard work and commitment was recorded.

7 REPORT on the ANCIENT PARISH OF BARWICK in ELMET TRUST

Last year the Trust made nine grants totalling £3,787.55.

8 OPEN DISCUSSION of PARISH AFFAIRS

Apart from Parish Councillors, most of those present wanted to discuss the proposed footpath /cycleway known as Elmet Greenway which seeks to connect Manston with Thorner using the route of the old railway line.

There was a proposal put forward which suggested that an alternative route be considered using Miry Carr Lane. Cllr. Maude suggested waiting for the outcome of the feasibility study before making any proposals. The route proposed by the Elmet Greenway group had been suggested as there was already a bridge allowing users of the proposed cycleway to avoid crossing the A64. Concerns were expressed that the proposed route would attract motorcyclists with an easy exit point at 2A The Avenue. Views were expressed regarding conflict of interest and consultation costs. The original proposal was revised as follows;

The Electors present at the Annual Parish meeting oppose the proposal for a cycleway between Chippendale's Quarry and Miry Carr Lane via the old railway line in favour of a cheaper alternative and this creation of a Public Right of Way through open greenspace.

It was **resolved** that the above proposal be accepted with fifteen votes in favour and nine against.

A resident of Barwick in Elmet noted the proposal made at the last Parish Council meeting to consider bollards at the top of the Verity Strip to prevent car parking following incidents where children had only narrowly avoided being hit by drivers vacating such spaces. She suggested that flower beds would be more attractive. The Parish Council had received an e-mail from the school suggesting that the beds could be maintained by the children, possibly with help from Barwick in Bloom. Councillor Beaumont had researched prices.

It was claimed that photographs of properties along Nook Road had been taken and posted online and that some of those present felt aggrieved that they had not been consulted.

Chair 13 May 2019