

# **BARWICK in ELMET and SCHOLES PARISH**

## **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

held at Barwick Methodist Schoolroom on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 7pm.

**PRESENT:** Councillor Claire Hassell (*Chair*) and a minimum of thirty-five other electors (including Parish Councillors).

**In attendance:** Ward Councillors Ryan Stephenson and Sam Firth and two people from outside the Parish.

### **1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Joanne Austin and Paul Remmer

### **2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

### **3 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

Copies of the draft minutes were available to those present. It was agreed that they were an accurate record of the previous year's meeting but that there was an omission regarding the vote taken concerning the Elmet Greenway, i.e. one elector had had to request four times that this vote to be taken before his request was granted. It was **RESOLVED** that subject to this omission being added, the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting, held on Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018, be taken as read and signed as a true and correct record, proposed by Graham Slater, seconded by Karen Dales, all in favour.

### **4 STATEMENT OF PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS – for Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019**

The Clerk of the Parish Council presented a summary of the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2019 which showed a comparison with spend for the year ended 31 March 2018. This showed an overall income of £65,085.01 and expenditure of £64,226.69. The income included £13,398.95 Community Infrastructure Levy which is ring-fenced for specific capital projects. There were questions from those present regarding Allotments and the Conservation Fund.

### **5 PRECEPT**

The Precept for the year 2019-20 had been set at £37,148, i.e. no increase on 2017-18.

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

The Chair gave her annual report.

She thanked Scholes residents for decorating the village for the Tour de Yorkshire event, highlighted successful campaigns against development (in particular regarding Scholes PAS land), reported on the success of the centenary of the end of World War One event on Hall Tower Hill and thanked members of the Parish Council for their support. A full copy of her report has since been published in the Parish Newsletter.

She concluded by suggesting that 2019/20 would present new challenges and be equally as busy as the previous year.

### **7 REPORT on the ANCIENT PARISH OF BARWICK in ELMET TRUST**

Last year the Trust made eight grants totalling £2,374.98.

### **8 OPEN DISCUSSION of PARISH AFFAIRS**

Les Goddard and Martyn Simpson of the Royal British Legion spoke about their plans to commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the D-Day landings. A veteran of those landings who lives in the Parish who is now 94 years old and who will officially open the event. There will be stalls from local businesses and both schools will be represented with children dressing in 1940s evacuees' clothes. Local media will be present. Three Legion members will dress as an RAF pilot, a WREN and a British Army officer. There will be a singer singing 1940s songs. Leaflets will be produced and there will be a bouncy castle and funfair rides for young children. They would like a donation of £1,000 towards costs.

Margaret Wild thanked all volunteers who decorated Scholes for the Tour de Yorkshire best dressed village competition. Karen Nash who organised this was thanked. There will be a feature in the next Parish newsletter. Ward Councillor Ryan Stephenson complimented organisers on the very high stand of decoration in the village.

It was proposed by Pat Slater that when there is a vacancy on the Parish Council for the position of chair, that wherever possible, this should alternate between Barwick in Elmet and Scholes Councillors and that the Parish Council Standing Orders be amended to reflect this. There was discussion about this including input from Ward Councillor Ryan Stephenson and from a resident who made comparisons with election of the Chair for School Governing Bodies. A vote was taken with a majority of twenty votes to eleven against the proposal.

Ward Councillor Ryan Stephenson commented on recent large planning applications and related matters. Regarding Scholes PAS land and the Parlinton Site, he had never seen a respond like it and he was very impressed with the evidence presented by Joanne Austin at the Core Strategy review. He thanked residents on behalf of his fellow city Councillors. He congratulated the new Councillors on being successfully elected and expressed commiserations for those who were unsuccessful.

Maurice Walker expressed disappointment that since January 2018, there had not been one week when those attending Scholes Community Care at Manor House had been able to park noting that there were only three spaces. Phil Maude has been in correspondence with Chartford Homes, one or two of the properties are now occupied. Stella Walsh added that site vehicles were not being cleared, she will e-mail the site manager and copy to Ward Councillor Firth.

The meeting closed at 8pm

Chair 11 May 2020