

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held on Monday 1st July 2019 at 7:30pm at Barwick in Elmet Methodist Schoolroom.

PRESENT:

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| Councillor | Claire Hassell (Chair) | | |
| Councillors | Joanne Austin | Glyn Davies | John Moreland |
| | Neil Beaumont | Matthew Clover | Graham Slater |
| | Howard Bedford | Phil Maude | Stella Walsh |
| | Karen Dales | | |

In attendance: Three residents, PC Andy Katkowski & PCSO Sue Broadbent (part), Ward Cllrs. Sam Firth & Matthew Robinson and the Clerk.

1 APOLOGIES: Cllr. Paul Remmer.

2 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST – Declarations of interest and dispensation were noted for item 7.7 The Chair reminded all of the right to record meetings.

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the Parish Council (PC) meeting (3/2019) held on 3rd June 2019 (547-550) having been circulated, be approved and that the Chair sign the minutes, proposed Cllr. Moreland, seconded Cllr. Davies, all in favour.

4 CRIME REPORT

Full details of the report are posted on the PC website. There were three *Burglary Residential* crimes in June (Nook Road, Nook Gardens & Lyndhurst Road). The suspects were unsuccessful in the former two cases. There were two cases of *Criminal Damage* (Elmwood Lane – damage to a fence and Scholes Lane – a broken windscreen). There were four motor vehicle crimes, one of *Interference With Motor Vehicle* (Lyndhurst Road) and three cases of *Theft From Motor Vehicle* (Elmwood Lane, Lyndhurst Road and Elmete Avenue). PC Katkowski responded positively to a request for information about the dates of these offences and reported that there had been a couple of successful convictions relevant to crimes in the Parish.

He had dealt with the parents of four juveniles who had been taking illegal drugs on Jack Heaps Field resulting in these individuals being made to pick litter.

Councillors raised concerns about inconsiderate car parking on Main Street and Green Court in Scholes.

5 FINANCE

5.1 The **cash book, bank reconciliation statement, screen print and budget monitor** had been circulated showing payments made during June of £2,478.47 (ten cheques totalling £2,304.53 and three direct debits of £173.94). One of the cheques for bench (£200) was unrepresented as the payee no longer accepts this payment method. A resident donated the benches having paid for them at his own expense.

5.2 The **cash book** showed eight cheque payments to be made in July amounting to £2,516.87 plus three direct debits (the value of one is awaited).

6 CORRESPONDENCE

There had been concerns about parking near Scholes school (3032). Cllr. Walsh had made representations to the Head of School resulting in a letter from the school being sent and some reported improvement as a result. Concerns regarding the farm entrance on Wood Lane were noted.

There had been an offer of free first aid training from the British Red Cross (3033), two Councillors expressed interest and Scholes Village hall had been made aware.

Concerns had been expressed about a proposal that Saint Philip's Church opens its hall to ten male asylum seekers (3034). After discussion it was agreed this was outside the PC remit. No further action.

A resident of Station Road had asked how to request double yellow lines (3035). It was suggested that an approach to Leeds City Council (LCC) to request white lines would get a more favourable response.

7.1 Scholes Ward vacancy on the Community Fund Committee. It was **resolved** to appoint Cllr. Maude to the Community Fund Committee, proposed Cllr. Hassell, seconded Cllr. Clover, there were two abstentions.

7.2 Signage to Scholes Playing Fields. Scholes sports clubs had requested a sign so that casual visitors to the playing fields would have appropriate information should they want to contact one of the clubs with a view to joining. The Clerk would liaise with the clubs & ensure compliance with statutory requirements.

7.3 Supporting the PC Apple Day on Scholes Lodge Field with a grant of £450. This item was deferred as the wording on the agenda lacked the clarity for a resolution to be passed.

7.4 Recognising the historical village/hamlet of Arthursdale. A resident had given a detailed presentation in the open forum. Prior to the meeting a leaflet distributed to residents of Nook Gardens, Nook Road and The Avenue seeking views on the proposal to locate a sign noting this historic part of the village. 22 responses of which 19 were in favour. Two offered financial support. A location for a sign had been identified on the bridge over Rake Beck, ownership of which was uncertain, and the adjoining resident had expressed support. A sign would be designed and costed. The appropriate LCC Highways officer would be consulted.

7.5 Quotes for spraying brambles on Hall Tower Hill. This item was deferred as the wording on the agenda lacked the clarity for a resolution to be passed.

7.6 Quotes for wall repair on Scholes Lodge Lane and garden area. Cllr. Slater had spoken to the adjoining resident and had inspected the wall. Local builders had been considered but in the absence of any quotes, it was agreed to use an appropriate website to invite quotations. Meanwhile, the Clerk would check the deeds and ask the adjoining resident to do likewise. It was noted that the wall was within the conservation area.

7.7 Pedestrian/cycle crossing at the junction of Scholes lane end/A64 and cycle path link from there to the A64/East Leeds Orbital Road (ELOR) junction. It was proposed by Cllr. Hassell to give dispensation to allow Cllrs. Moreland and Slater to speak on this issue due to a perceived interest, all were in favour. Cllr. Moreland had engaged with residents of Morwick Terrace and noted their concerns about exiting onto the A64 and of pedestrians crossing the road. The construction of the ELOR affords opportunity to address this and for a short cycle track to be built to run alongside the A64 from the ELOR to Scholes Lane End. All were in favour of the PC pressing for this in discussions with LCC. The project manager of the ELOR had been made aware.

7.8 Clearing the footway between Scholes and Barwick. It was noted that the day after the last PC meeting, a resident had come off his mobility scooter whilst trying to get from Scholes to Barwick in Elmet. There had also been a complaint from a resident about overgrown hedges. Letters from the PC had gone out to thirty properties along Leeds Road and there had been two replies including one which was very positive. Grubbing works by LCC had been due to start on 24th June but other than a couple of short stretches reported by Cllr. Dales, nothing had been done.

7.9 Commemorations of VE (Victory in Europe) day in May 2020. It was agreed that there should be further discussion on the form that the commemoration of the 75th anniversary of VE day should take. It was hoped that appropriate village organisations would take the lead in organising something with the support of the PC. Cllr. Bedford agreed to draft an article for the next newsletter which would encourage those interested to liaise with the PC.

7.10 Locations for Christmas Lights. The Clerk would contact LCC to request a quote advising them of the £4,000 budget. This item would be considered further at the September meeting. The asset register would be updated to reflect that the PC no longer owns the lights. Further discussion on this item was deferred as the wording on the agenda lacked the clarity for a resolution to be passed.

7.11 Adoption of the General Power of Competence. This item was deferred as the wording on the agenda lacked the clarity for a resolution to be passed.

7.12 Supporting the 2019 Beer Festival/Barwick Maypole Trust by sponsoring a barrel. All Councillors were happy to support Barwick Maypole Trust, but some had concerns regarding giving financial support to an event involving the sale of alcohol. Further discussion on this item was deferred as the wording on the agenda lacked the clarity for a resolution to be passed.

7.13 Facebook/Website/Newsletter. Cllr. Beaumont encouraged Councillors to submit material for the next newsletter by 20th August. There had been over 10,000 hits on Facebook. As new accessibility legislation comes into effect on 20th September 2020, a new website would be considered, Cllrs. Bedford and Slater would investigate.

7.14 20mph proposals and proposal to consider Speed Indicator Devices (SID). The local Police Community Support Officer (PSCO) had confirmed that warning letters would be sent to those caught speeding using a SID (subject to the registration number and speed being reported). An approach would be made to Shadwell and Thorner Parish Councils (who share a device) to see if they would be willing to lend it to the PC. It was noted that the speed indicator sign on Leeds Road near the Coronation Tree junction was still not working.

7.15 East Leeds Orbital Road. Cllr. Maude reported regarding the 5th June meeting of the ELOR working party. There was concern that Leeds City Council (LCC) were seeking to engage with a single working party covering other affected parishes at the expense of direct engagement with Parish specific groups. However this had now been resolved and the working party for Scholes will continue alongside the other working party covering the whole route. The ELOR team had also arranged a drop-in event in the village on 27th June. There was a correction to a previous statement, there would be 8.8 hectares for trees, not 88 hectares.

7.16 Scholes Lodge Farm report. Cllr. Walsh gave a report of the Working Party meeting of 19th June. The grass had been cut that day.

7.17 Surgeries. All surgeries are now being held at Saint Philip's Church café (coffee and wi-fi are available). Cllr. Slater agreed to man these. Two people attended the last surgery to discuss wildflower garden provision on Scholes Lodge Farm and to express concerns about cutting of the grass verge outside their property on Main Street.

7.18 Site Allocations Plan (SAP). Cllr. Bedford had circulated a report ahead of the meeting. The SAP had been accepted and would now go to a full meeting of LCC for formal adoption on 10th July, Cllr. Bedford planned to attend this.

7.19 PC representation to Leeds City Council regarding the Core Strategy Selective Review (CSSR). There had been a consultation regarding the twenty-seven main modifications to the CSSR with a deadline of 28th June. Cllrs. Austin and Bedford had submitted a formal response from the PC (having circulated it to all beforehand). Both were thanked for their considerable efforts. The CSSR will be considered by the Secretary of State.

7.20 Security Leaflet. Cllr. Clover suggested a leaflet to be drawn up and distributed throughout the parish for the purpose of informing the residents that there is an incentive to survey houses for security

purposes (possibly with details of Closed-Circuit Television on the reverse). Formal approval would be considered at the next meeting.

7.21 Resolution for the PC to adopt the Terms of Reference for the Crime Reduction Working Group. Carried forward to the next meeting.

8 PLANNING

The **Planning Committee** had met on 17th June and considered newly received planning applications and ongoing items.

9 REFERRALS & RISK ASSESSMENTS

Fly-tipping on Cattle Lane just after Ass Bridge.

10 TO NOTIFY THE CLERK OF MATTERS FOR INCLUSION ON THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING – Councillors were asked to notify the Clerk of any matters they wished to be discussed.

11 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Monday 29th July: Extra-ordinary meeting (7pm) to consider items 7.3, 7.5, 7.11 and 7.12. Venue to be confirmed.

Monday 2nd September: Scholes Methodist Hall: Open Forum (7pm), Parish Council Meeting (7:30pm).

Tuesday 2nd July: Meeting with LCC officers to discuss dog-fouling issues, Barwick Methodist Schoolroom (3pm)

Tuesday 2nd July: Meeting with members of FC Scholes and Scholes Tennis Club (7pm), Scholes Pavilion

Friday 5th July: Meeting with Scholes Village Hall (6:30pm), Village Hall

Monday 15th July: Planning Committee (6.30pm), John Rylie Centre

Thursday 18th July: Crime Reduction Group (7pm), John Rylie Centre

Wednesday 24th July: Finance & General Purposes Committee (7pm), Barwick Methodist Schoolroom.

Monday 12th August: Planning Committee (6.30pm), John Rylie Centre

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10:00pm.

OPEN FORUM

Following a review of items raised at the previous Public Session, the following items were raised

- A resident of Nook Road gave a presentation supported by photographs regarding the historic hamlet of Arthursdale explaining how prior to housing developments, this was once a distinct hamlet. She sought PC support in having a named sign in recognition of this hamlet and was happy to support this financially (see item 7.4).
- A resident asked for an update regarding a Traffic Regulation Order for The Boyle.
- Concern was expressed regarding land just off Flats Lane (historically a nine-hole golf course) which is being cultivated. It may have historical significance with associated restrictions in place. The Clerk will enquire with Barwick Historical Society.
- Cllr. Beaumont had been into the school to speak to the Year Three (Mulberry) class about the work of the PC. The children had written letters raising concerns about dog-fouling & litter and requesting new playground equipment. The children would be thanked for their letters. Cllr. Walsh would pass on details to Scholes Head of School.
- In response to concerns about anti-social behaviour, Ward Cllr. Robinson had met with the Youth Service. The Youth Service provides a bus which visits Barwick in Elmet on a Thursday evening. The PC were invited to consider providing; new nets for the existing goalposts (a set are in the garage); a second goalpost; alternative locations for litter bins and a shelter. The PC requested if the bus could visit more frequently.
- Ward Cllr. Firth reported on the bus meeting involving himself, Cllr. Walsh, local residents and representatives of the bus companies. The number 11 no longer goes to Pudsey and from 29th July

when a new timetable is introduced, will operate an hourly service and will no longer go to the Springs. A request for an express service had been declined. New buses will be introduced for the 64 service which still do not use the guided bus lanes. Two early 64 buses will be withdrawn. There had been discussion about connectivity with timetables allowing easy movement between the 11 and 64 services for residents wanting to travel between the two villages. A new public transportation consultation began on 1st July.

- Ward Cllr. Firth was expecting the Belle Vue Road flagstones issue to be addressed from around 10th July.
- Cllr. Hassell reminded everyone of the Annual General Meeting of the Yorkshire Local Councils Associations being held on 13th July, she will circulate details.

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