

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held on Monday 5 February 2018 at 7:30pm. at Barwick in Elmet Methodist Schoolroom

PRESENT:

Councillor	Claire Hassell (Chair)	
Councillors	Craig Barker	Neil Beaumont
	Glyn Davies	Paul Remmer
	Howard Bedford	Phil Maude
	Karen Dales	Stella Walsh

In attendance: Ward Cllr. Matthew Robinson, Police Community Support officer (PCSO) Geoff Nottingham (part), thirty residents and the Clerk.

1 APOLOGIES: Cllr. Baker.

2 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST – Cllr. Remmer regarding item 8.9 being a relative of the Scout representative.

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the Parish Council (PC) Meeting (9/2017) held on 8 January 2018 (484-486) having been circulated, be approved and signed, proposed Cllr. Beaumont, seconded Cllr. Walsh, all in favour.

4 CRIME REPORT

The PCSO reported the crime figures for January. Apart from Aberford and Thorner, all local villages had had an unusually bad month, there being nineteen crimes in Barwick in Elmet and Scholes. There were nine cases of *Burglary Residential*, five in Barwick in Elmet (The Boyle, Richmondfield Cross, Carrfield Road and two on Rakehill Road) and four in Scholes (Oaklea Road, Lyndhurst Crescent and two on Belle Vue Road). In four of these cases, the suspects were unsuccessful in gaining entry and in one case entry was gained but nothing was taken. In two cases, car keys were taken and the vehicle stolen. There were eight other crimes involving motor vehicles including three of *Interference with Motor Vehicle* on Carrfield Road, Chapel Lane and Station Road (including a case of a adult placing nails under a parked vehicle) and four cases of *Theft from Motor Vehicle* on Arthursdale Drive, Lyndhurst Crescent and two on Arthursdale Grange (including theft of power tools from a van parked on the victim's drive). There was one case of *Criminal Damage* (damage to the bodywork of a vehicle on Carrfield Road) and one case where an unattended handbag in a public house was stolen. There was one *Burglary Business* involving the Post Office (two suspects have been identified)

Police advice – make sure locks conform to TS007*** standard (these take at least an hour to break and most criminals give up). Also don't leave power tools in vans or valuables in view (a car window was smashed because £2 could be seen in the car).

Concerns were expressed about the number of vehicles coming off the road on the Barwick to Garforth road, the PSCO advised that his sergeant had carried out a survey of accidents on this road.

5 FINANCE

5.1 The cash book, bank reconciliation statement and budget monitor had been circulated showing payments made during January of £1,985.85 (ten cheques totalling £1,879.13 and three direct debits of £106.72).

5.2 The cash book showed seven cheque payments to be made in February amounting to £7,525.62 and three direct debits of £142.53. The Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) reported a couple of adjustments to the figures since the cash book had been circulated which had been included in the above figures.

5.3 Parish Council (PC) telephone line – the PC telephone line is now working again after considerable disruption. The RFO reported on the additional costs of upgrading to a Business Tariff, although there would be only a modest increase in line rental, there were insufficient benefits to justify switching.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk presented the list of **correspondence** (2902-2918). 2616 (Television programme makers who are in the Leeds/York area and are casting for the show "Come Dine with Me") had been posted on Facebook and generated more visits than any other item posted. There were comments about 2907 (Barwick in Elmet resident concerned that when there are no car-parking spaces left in front of the parade of shops, some people are parking behind the shops in people's private yards) and that 2915 was a duplicate entry of 2908 (Notification of 40mph restrictions on the A64 between the A1(M) and Askham Bar junctions Monday to Friday nights, between 20.00 and 06.00, five months from 22nd January).

7 OTHER ITEMS

7.1 On-site meeting at Chippy's Pond 7th March 11:30am – Cllrs. Bedford, Hassell, Remmer and Walsh will attend this meeting (a couple of people are interested in developing the site for fishing)

7.2 Elmet Greenway – it was reported that money had been made available for a feasibility study. Cllr. Maude will bring this back to the PC once this has been done.

7.3 Peace Flame – it was **resolved** that the suggested terms of reference of the Working Party circulated ahead of the meeting by Cllr. Walsh be formally adopted, proposed Cllr. Beaumont, seconded Cllr. Hassell, all in favour. The Working Party includes representatives of Royal British Legion, Scholes and Barwick in Bloom groups, Saint Philip's Church, the Women's Institute and Elderberries. A grant application to the Community Fund had been unsuccessful but the Ward Councillor had given £500 for a lamp in each village. It was **resolved** that the PC donates £1,000 towards the lamp in Scholes, proposed Cllr. Beaumont, seconded Cllr. Hassell, all in favour. This would cover the cost of the casing and installation if additional costs are less than £1,000 balance to be returned to Conservation Fund.

7.4 East Leeds Orbital Road (ELOR) – the next meeting of the ELOR forum is 20th February, PC representation at this will be limited as this is not a convenient date for most of those who would otherwise have attended.

7.5 Scholes Lodge Farm – Cllr. Remmer had met on-site with representatives of Yorkshire Water to discuss the proposed works across Saint Philip's Church land which would reduce the risk of flooding on Main Street and which would drain into the ditch adjoining Scholes Lodge Farm field. Access to the field would not be required. A concrete apron would protect the bank. Timescales were uncertain, Cllr. Remmer estimated this would be sometime in April or May.

7.6 Barrier across Rakehill Road at the Barwick in Elmet end to prevent unauthorised access – this had been raised at the previous meeting where reference was made to a 2011 PC resolution. Ward Cllr. Robinson had forwarded a couple of relevant e-mails to inform the current PC. As the spare bollards had been used, it was felt that this was a matter for Leeds City Council (LCC) but the Clerk would nevertheless find out the current costs of providing these.

7.7 Response to the Barrett/Wilson proposal to build 300 homes in Scholes – Cllrs. Hassell, Maude and Remmer had met with the LCC Planning Officer dealing with this application. The PC considered the report on this matter prepared for the PC by Councillor Maude. It was agreed to support the recommendations in the report and to ask Leeds City Council to refuse this application for those reasons. The PC valued the variety of views raised by residents in the Open Forum (see below) and the points which strengthened the PC response would be considered.

7.8 Response to the Leeds City Council Air quality public consultation 2018 – Cllr. Bedford would write a suggested PC response for consideration at the March meeting.

7.9 Scouts – request for sponsorship to attend the World Jamboree – This item was taken ahead of 7.1. A representative of Scouts addressed the meeting.. Ten of the Scout group had been selected to go to the 2019 World Jamboree in the United States, each one needed to raise £3,800. They would be aged fourteen to eighteen by the time of the event but fund-raising begins now and some are twelve years old and too young to work. As such, they rely heavily on sponsorship, the scouts selected are representative from across the Parish. Those going come from both halves of the Parish. The representative spoke about the

positive effect the Scout movement had on the individuals taking part and on the wider community benefits. Cllr. Barker proposed giving £50 per head, Cllr. Hassell amended this to £1,000 per village, Cllr. Walsh suggested a further amendment to spread this over two financial years and Cllr. Maude suggested that the money goes to the Scouts rather than the individuals. This will be a formal proposal for consideration at the March meeting. Meanwhile the PC will help raise awareness through Social Media and the newsletter (with a report in 2019 of how it went). Several suggestions for fund-raising were put forward for Scouts to consider.

7.10 Site allocations meeting – Formal PC response – Cllr. Beaumont had circulated a suggested PC response, there were no objections to the substance of this but there were suggested corrections to typographical errors.

7.11 Parlington submission consultation – this agenda item was considered as part of agenda item 7.10 (above)

7.12 Outer North-East Forum – 25th January 2018 – Cllr. Davies and Hassell and the Clerk had attended this, Cllr. Hassell had circulated a report to all.

7.13 Report of activity on Facebook – Cllr. Beaumont reported that there had been 11,265 views including about 3,980 regarding the proposed three-hundred houses in Scholes and even more regarding correspondence item 2616 (above).

7.14 Update on the new web-site – this should now be up and running but those trying to access the site using the old Uniform Resource Locator (URL) were getting a Domain Name Has Expired error message. Cllr. Beaumont will contact Cllr. Baker and ensure that the necessary information to address this reached the website developer to try to resolve this. Training for relevant Councillors and the Clerk has been arranged for 15th February.

8 PLANNING

A report of the decisions of the Planning Committee of 5th February was given and the decisions duly noted, the minutes would be circulated in due course. There were no objections to any of the applications considered apart from one (34 Rakehill Road) where the proposed extension was considered to be overdevelopment of the existing property.

It was agreed that in future the Planning Committee should meet in the middle Monday of the month in the John Rylie Centre, and that Cllr. Maude would chair the meetings, Cllr. Davies continue to do the minutes and Cllr. Maude would draft agreed responses.

9 REFERRALS & RISK ASSESSMENTS – concerns were expressed about the damaged road surface on Long Lane near the speed bumps, the need for resurfacing on Belle Vue Avenue and a suggestion that the anti-slip surface applied on the approach to the Coronation Tree be applied to the road surface on the double bend near the Golf Driving range entrance.

10 TO NOTIFY THE CLERK OF MATTERS FOR INCLUSION ON THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING – no agenda items were suggested other than ongoing items from the above.

11 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Monday 19th February 2018 Planning Committee (6:30pm) John Rylie Centre

Monday 5th March 2018: PC Meeting Scholes Methodist Hall (7:30pm) preceded Open Forum (7pm)

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.10 p.m.

Signed

Chairman
5 March 2018

OPEN FORUM

Many residents spoke about the proposal to build three-hundred houses in Scholes. There was a feeling that the objection submitted by the PC should be as strong as possible. Concerns were raised about several matters including transport, infrastructure, drainage, run off of surface water, the fact that this development was inappropriate for the size of the village, the lack of development of brownfield sites and the weight limit of the bridge entering the village from Scholes Lane. One resident had scrutinised documents submitted by the developer and found errors such as incorrectly stating that there was a public house on Lyndhurst Crescent, the use of out of date traffic management data and the retention of mitigation features. Concerns were expressed about loss of car parking space to allotment holders which the access road would cause and the relocation of the bus stop. Cllr. Maude reported that advice had been given by a retired Highways officer. There was a query about whether the previous offer regarding the land at the back of the school still applied. There was concern that this proposal only covered half the available site with no guarantees regarding further applications. The need to raise awareness to parents of school children who don't live in the Parish was noted. One resident congratulated the PC on the report circulated to all residents. Residents were encouraged to refer to Neighbourhood Plan policies in making their responses.

Two residents were concerned about the development on Belle Vue Road (nine houses) and the effect this would have on Manor House and associated car parking. Objections had been put in. Cllr. Walsh and Maurice Walker, Chair of Scholes Community Care had met with the site manager, Mr Chris Morris. A large Portacabin had been put in the Manor House car park in spite of a previous promise to keep the car park clear, Cllr. Walsh was dealing with this.

Ward Cllr. Robinson has been trying to get agreement for BT Openreach to put a superfast broadband cabinet in the grounds of Saint Philip's Church. He also appraised the meeting of the situation regarding the Scholes School car parking scheme which proposed making use of land which is currently not used.

One resident attended as he was interested in one of the vacancies in the Barwick in Elmet ward.