



# Scholes Sports Pavilion

## Consultation Invitation



## A Vision for the Future

and your opportunity to influence sport facilities in the parish

**Barwick in Elmet & Scholes Parish Council**

## **Brief History**

The Sports Pavilion and tennis courts came under the control of the Parish Council in July 2019 following the demise of the tennis club due to a lack of members willing to pay an annual subscription. The football club who had been sharing the costs of the pavilion also relinquished their lease on the football field.

There was a degree of remedial work required to re instate the unit into a working site that met the required standards. The statutory 5 year electrical safety check had not been completed since the turn of the century, the hot water system was inoperative due to several leaks from burst pipes and no legionella risk assessment or checks had been completed. Exterior security lighting did not function and required replacing.

By the end of January 2020 all the statutory obligations had been fulfilled and repairs completed so that lettings of the Pavilion could commence.

To hire the pavilion from as little as £6.00 per hour email: [scholessportspavilion@gmail.com](mailto:scholessportspavilion@gmail.com) or contact the clerk to the Parish Council 0113 393 5861

## **Existing Facilities for Sport and Recreation in Scholes.**

The enthusiasm for team sports appears to have diminished in the village over the last 25 years with cricket moving from 2 active clubs to a single club that only now supports one team. Tennis has all but disappeared and the Bowling Club has a reduced membership which is also an ageing membership. Out of school activities for younger children is limited to scouts, cubs and guides apart from the junior playground near the library which has been criticised for a non working roundabout for the last 2 years. There is some doubt that Scholes will retain its public library.

Scholes Lodge Field is owned by the Parish Council and designated as a Public Green Space in the Neighbourhood Plan to be used for sport and recreation but is restricted in its potential due to the archaeological nature of the site.

There is always discussion that teenagers don't have anything to do in the village and we now see more individuals and families out running, jogging or walking. This proposal seeks to capitalise on this and encourage exercise as individuals, teams or family groups. The Covid-19 lock down has encouraged more residents out into the open air to exercising.

## **How do we compare to our neighbouring Parishes?**

Aberford, Bramham and Thorner are our adjacent parishes and have all invested in promoting the health and well being of their residents. All are smaller parishes with a smaller population and lower precept yet can be proud of their achievements. We need to look at our own facilities, compare them against our neighbours and then see how to create our own plan for the future.

## Aberford.

Have an excellent young children's playground with modern equipment situated in a rural setting next to Cock Beck. Many of our resident visit with young children.

In 2013 investment was made in providing upgraded sports and recreational facilities with the construction of a single enclosed tennis court with an adjacent Multi User Games Area (MUGA court ). They then took things further with the introduction of outdoor gym equipment, table tennis equipment and picnic tables alongside a football field ( not a full size pitch but sufficient for a good game with any number of players from 5 a side upwards)



## Bramham

Like ourselves Bramham Parish Council inherited their sports pavilion in 2015. It is used by a variety of local organisations including 3 football teams and used as a community facility including children's parties and a personal trainer who also stores some equipment there. The roof space is also rented out as storage. Again the Parish Council have invested in sport and youth with a large children's adventure playground and outdoor gym equipment for adults.



## Thorner

Thorner has limited space available but has created an adventure playground and outdoor sports facilities in recent years (2018 for gym equipment and zip wire)



## Scholes Sports Pavilion & Tennis Courts.

Having taken over the pavilion and tennis courts we now need to look at what next. The football field is adjoining and has a large flat expanse of open space so could be integrated into any scheme put forward.

The car park is shared with the bowling club and is in good condition but lacks lighting which creates an issue for use by the pavilion on darker nights and is a possible area that may attract anti social behaviour.

Preparation of the enhancement of the pavilion and tennis courts should therefore include car park lighting and possibly CCTV. Building security should also be considered. (Window shutters, upgraded burglar alarm)

The use of the pavilion for small social function should be encouraged especially children's parties with the availability of both the tennis courts area and football field as open areas for bouncy castles, sports themed party's, etc.

In the medium term it can be seen how exercise equipment has been adopted by all our neighbouring parishes and could be installed into a section of the tennis courts without the need to re surface the existing tarmac. (*soft surfaces are not needed for equipment that has a working height of less than 1.5 m.*). This type of equipment is designed for all ages to use with the only restriction being the minimum height of the user. This provides a village enhancement for a wide section of residents and provides a facility that will be used to promoting healthy outdoor exercise.

**But let's not stop there, let us be bold in our vision.**

Bicycle racks could also be added to a small section of the car park or within the gym equipment area so as to encourage cycling to this destination.

For many years there has been a wish by the Parish Council for a MUGA pitch and by re aligning the layout of the tennis court area this can be achieved and just as Aberford have done still provide a single community tennis court for use by residents.

Grant funding will be needed to complete such a major project and as Sport England grants are normally only match funded up to 50% of the cost. The Parish Council has made finance from the Community Infrastructure Levy account (CIL) available. Add this to a grant for the pavilion of £10,000 recently received we will avoid the need to fund this project wholly from the precept. **This means there will not be a requirement to increase the precept to cover the cost of this project.**

*(The precept is the local part of your Council Tax bill )*

It may be necessary to create a new entrance to the outdoor gym equipment area from the sports field so as to provide 24-7 access whilst retaining some measure of control over the other sections including pavilion building which will retain the present entrance via the lockable gates.

There is no standard sizes for a **Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)** court. The present width of the tennis court area being just over 37m. Using the full width of the existing area allow us to use the existing high quality fence already in place. Typical MUGA courts will be used for Netball, Basketball, Cricket practice and of course football. For Grant Funding from Sport England with the Community Asset Fund a MUGA court would need to be at least 35m x 17m and so we would qualify in terms of the physical size available.

The existing fence is in excellent condition and can have additional perimeter gates or open access sections added so as to provide an area with unlimited access and/or an area that can be locked so as to restrict access to pre determined times.

### **The Proposal for our 'Vision for the Future' is :-**

Segregate the section of the present tennis courts furthest away from the pavilion with a 3m high fence across the width of the existing area and create a new entrance from the playing fields with a tarmac or similar path from near the car park/playing field gate. This will allow 24 hours a day access to this area which can be the home of the outdoor gym equipment whilst keeping the pavilion area secure. The remaining area becomes a MUGA court and a tennis court. This layout reduces the amount of new fencing that will be required and so reduces the total cost. A larger open space immediately in front of the pavilion is also available for possible temporary options such as a bouncy castle, marquee or other shared use. By having removable posts for the tennis net then this area can be further enlarged if required.

Additional features can also be incorporated into the scheme such as outdoor table tennis and bench seating or picnic tables. We really would welcome your suggestions on this.

Other layouts can be considered but they should take into account any possible impact on the neighbouring properties and of course costs. **The Parish Council would welcome your suggestions and details are given at the end of this leaflet for an open session that will be held on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Sports Pavilion.**

The addition of a cycle parking facility will further enhance the area as a destination for residents of all ages from both villages. The Parish Council will be seeking to work with LCC to improve the condition of Rakehill Road so it is more accessible for walkers and cyclist and to provide safe access for Barwick residents to this new facility.

The scheme will provide the facilities for all ages from 8 years old to exercise and keep fit either as an individual or in small groups and have a facility that the whole parish can use.

**Make sure you respond to our questionnaire so the Parish Council know your views.**



An artistic impression of what the proposed project will look like once completed.



3m High sports fencing and access gates



Outdoor Gym Equipment

2 x Benches

		
Double Cross Country Skier	Seated Leg Press	Double Air Walker
		
The Arm and Back Elbow	360 Shoulder Wheel	Combination Full Down & Chest Press



# Your Views Matter.

Your Parish Council are asking for your opinion on this scheme and other potential uses that this area of the village can be used for.

Should the sports pavilion and tennis courts to be retained as a sports facility.

Yes  No

If you answered NO above then what would you want the facility used for:-

If the Outdoor Exercise equipment, MUGA Court and new Tennis Court were available.

How often would you or a member of your household use the facility .

Daily  Weekly  Monthly  Quarterly  Yearly  Never

Should any such scheme be 'FREE to Use'

Outdoor Gym Yes  No

MUGA Court & Tennis Court Yes  No

Should any such scheme have open access at all times.

Answer NO if it should be locked at night.

Outdoor Gym Yes  No

MUGA Court & Tennis Court Yes  No

Have you any observations or comments that you would wish to make.

Please provide your details below. *We will only keep this to verify you are a resident of the parish and all personal information will be deleted within 3 months. No personal data will be divulged to any 3<sup>rd</sup> party.*

Name : .....

Address : ..... Scholes / Barwick Age if under 18 : .....

Contact details (*Optional*) if you would wish to be kept informed on the progress of this project

email : .....

Scan and email this page to [scholessportspavilion@gmail.com](mailto:scholessportspavilion@gmail.com) or complete the online form at

<http://www.123formbuilder.com/form-5555826/form>

See over the page for details of an address where your reply can be put through a letter box.

Please come along to the presentation of this proposal at Scholes Sports Pavilion, Belle Vue Avenue on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm when we will be on hand to answer your questions and listen to your comments.



You can tear off this page and put your completed forms through one of the following letter boxes;

33 Flats Lane, Barwick.  
 Black Swan, The Cross, Barwick. ( through letter box if possible )  
 Barwick Village Hall, Chapel Lane, Barwick.

59 or 77 Nook Road, Scholes.  
 1, The Villas, Lynnfield Gardens, Scholes.  
 Storm Hair Design, 40 Station Rd, Scholes ( please just put through letterbox )  
 Grange Croft, 94 Main Street, Scholes. ( next to the doctors )