BARWICK in ELMET S SCHOLES PARISH COUNCIL

Newsletter April 2010



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Monday 10 May at Scholes Village Hall
Planning Committee 7 pm
Annual Parish Meeting & Open Forum 7.30 pm
Annual Parish Council Meeting at 8 pm



...all children's A&E services will be located at Leeds General Infirmary.

There will be no A&E for children under 16 years old at St James's Hospital, Leeds. For more information visit www.leeds.nhs.uk/hospitalchanges or ring the NHS Leeds Patient Advice and Liaison Service on 0800 0525 270

LEEDS FESTIVAL 27-29 AUG

See inside for traffic details & general arrangements— Ticket application forms available from Satnams (Scholes) and Post Office & Virdi Stores (Barwick in Elmet) and on Council website barwickandscholespc.com CLOSING DATE Tues 1 June

BARWICK in ELMET & SCHOLES PARISH COUNCIL

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

These are held on the first Monday in each month (except Aug) at 7.30 pm and preceded by an **OPEN FORUM** for residents to speak at 7.15 pm Meetings are held in the Barwick Methodist School Room (June, Sep, Nov 2010, Jan, March & May 2011) & **Scholes Methodist Hall (note change of venue from July** (July, Oct, Dec 2010, Feb, April 2011)

Agendas, minutes and other notices are posted on the Parish notice boards outside Barwick Post Office and Scholes Library and also on the web site.

www.barwickandscholespc.com

E-mail group: if you would like to receive Council meeting agendas and minutes via email please advise **chrisdhassell@hotmail.com**

CALLING SPORTS ENTHUSIASTS

Summer is here—and time for some exercise TENNIS 393 5123 (Barwick) - 286 7540 (Scholes) CRICKET 281 1231 (Barwick) - 393 5814 (Scholes) BOWLS 287 2573 (Barwick) - 273 3889 (Scholes)

CHANGE of VENUE for Parish Council meetings in SCHOLES Monday 10 May at Scholes <u>VILLAGE</u> Hall—7.15 pm Monday 5 July at Scholes <u>METHODIST</u> Hall—7.15 pm

Barwick in Elmet & Scholes Parish Council Report from the Chairman for the Year 2009/10

Ladies & Gentlemen of the Parish & fellow Councillors, this is my report of the Parish Council's activities for the past year.

We finished the year with a full compliment of Councillors, as no changes were necessary and I thank all my colleagues for their commitment and loyalty.

Two of our more recent appointments, Councillors John Hayton and Helen Elsworth in the Barwick Ward have settled in very well. John has certainly put down his marker by setting up and running our Parish website which carries a host of information with a comprehensive directory of village affairs. We are most grateful to John and thank him for this important work in keeping us up to date with modern communications and technology. Helen is a great help with her legal knowledge and particular expertise on insurance and her contribution is much valued. The other more recent appointee Councillor Gerry McDonough (Scholes Ward) joined us in May last year and has shown great enthusiasm. Gerry has been involved in a number of issues and is currently representing us on the steering group for the Penda's Greenway proposed walking and cycling route from Thorner to Crossgates.

There were three outstanding achievements for Barwick during the year, two individual awards and the other a team effort. Congratulations are due to Councillor **John Tinker** on the award of an M.B.E. for his outstanding "service to the community". John has spent many years serving the public and has been justly rewarded for his unselfish life style. He has had great support from his wife Pauline and family.

Our other champion was **Frank Noble** who received an RHS Britain in Bloom Community Champion Award for his outstanding contribution to Barwick in Bloom.

The third success for Barwick was the wonderful team effort of the whole Village in achieving a **Gold Medal in the Britain in Bloom** competition. This was a huge undertaking and just reward for the many years of hard work by a dedicated team of volunteers who were fully supported by everyone in the Village. Barwick was in fact within a whisker of taking the top award in the large village category—Broughshane in N.Ireland just pipping them. Three fantastic achievements for the Parish to celebrate.

Scholes in Bloom continued their run of **Silver Gilt Medals** from Yorkshire in Bloom and congratulations are extended to all their workers and supporters. We feel that the excellent work by the Bloom teams makes both villages very desirable and attractive places to live. Grants are made to both Bloom groups and this is money well spent and the Council will continue to give them every encouragement and support with this important work which is so much appreciated by everyone passing through the Parish.

In my previous report I did say that due to changes in the **planning system** with the introduction of general permitted development rights, we were expecting the number of applications to fall and this did happen with 58 evenly split between our two villages against 78 for last year and 91 in 2008. Our hard working Planning Committee considered these applications with fairness and skill and I express particular thanks to **George Hall** and his committee colleagues for their diligence. In addition we took a keen interest in the significant local planning appeals at Boston Spa and Grimes Dyke where George drafted our responses and appeared on our behalf at the Grimes Dyke Appeal Hearing.

The Finance & General Purposes Committee has been very busy with several major projects. The heritage lighting in Barwick has been extended to 59 columns against 61 in Scholes. The cost for Barwick's upgrade was £28,000 of which £18,000 came from a section 106 contribution from the Apple Homes Development at the Sycamores in Leeds Road. Replacement of the old concrete lamp posts in the Belle Vue area at Scholes now completes the upgrade in both villages. We were also able to persuade the contractors

to add a new heritage lamp at Wood Lane behind the War Memorial and also in the ginnel adjacent to Jack Heaps Field.

We now have a lovely new **Children's Playground** in Station Road. Children fror Scholes along with Ward Councillor Ann Castle and myself performed the opening ceremony duly reported in the local press. It has taken quite some time to bring this upgrade to a satisfactory conclusion. We started the project about 4 years ago and with the help of our three Ward Councillors received a grant of £10,000 from the Outer Area Committee Community Well Being Fund towards the £45,000 cost. Thanks also to the Village sub-committee of Kate Sibson, Sam Moscrop, Parish Councillors and others who helped to choose the right equipment and looking at the faces of the children using the swings they made some good choices.

Christmas Lights were extended to Scholes this year with three areas lit up at the Coronation Tree, the War Memorial and Green Court. The three trees gave a real feeling of well being and showed the lights off to good effect and were much appreciated along with the addition of a further set at All Saints' Church in Barwick. Thanks are again due to our Ward Councillors for their help in securing grant funding to cover the initial costs.

The Parish Council was able to offer funding support to **Barwick Village Hall** in the form of a loan of £5,000 for vital roof repairs whilst **Barwick Bowling Club** received a grant of £1,000 towards a new mower. The **retaining wall at All Saints' Church** also warranted our support and a grant of £1,000 was given towards the substantial cost of repairs in Aberford Road. In order to maintain our commitment to various initiatives within the Parish, I supported the F&GP Committee's recommendation for the **precept increase** of £1,000 (2.7%) to £39,000 which is in common with a number of other Parish Councils. Our F&GP members **Paul Birdsall, Geoff Yapp, Norma Fletcher, Gerry McDonough, Claire Hassell** and **David Leeming** who acts as our in-house auditor, have carefully considered a number of difficult issues and I extend my thanks and appreciation to them.

The Council has a close working relationship with **Inspector Marcus Griffiths** and his policing team and we are grateful for their support. We receive crime figures at every Parish Council meeting and these show a reduction on the year. There have been some changes of personnel recently and the team now looking after our Parish are, PC Andy Katkowski with PCSO's Geoff Nottingham, Dan Sillars and Jennifer Ripton. We wish them all continued success in their efforts to reduce local crime and anti social behaviour. A new vehicle activated sensor (VAS) was installed on Leeds Road near to the Coronation Tree as part of the s106 agreement for Scholes Lodge Farm. Speeding is a major concern in both Villages and the police are working hard to reduce this along with our own volunteers who have given up their time in trying to make our roads safer with the operation of a speed indication device (SID).

The adoption of **Barwick's Conservation Area** Appraisal and Management Plan has now been approved as a material consideration in the determination of planning decisions. There was a well attended Consultation meeting when residents were able to express their views to Matthew Bentley, Leeds City Council's Conservation Officer who, along with members of the Parish Council and others worked hard to bring about the Plan's adoption in order that the Village could be further protected from unwelcome development. Barwick in Elmet is a place of special character and historic interest and the Appraisal sets out the features that contribute to its distinctiveness and identifies opportunities for its protection and enhancement.

The question of the **bus service** through Scholes has generated enormous controversy, resulting in an attendance of 27 at our March meeting in order to express their concern at the possible loss of the bus service plus a petition from other residents objecting to the use of Oaklea/BelleVue/Rakehill/Milton for the bus route. The preferred route for Scholes residents would of course be along Main St/Station Rd to the A64 York Road and then to Seacroft but **First Bus** have stated they are not prepared to adopt that route.



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Letter from MELVIN BENN, re LEEDS FESTIVAL 2010

Dear Resident,

April 2010

I wanted to write, to give you some information on the planned Leeds Festival at Bramham Park.

TICKETS

A number of reduced price residents' weekend tickets have been made available via Barwick in Elmet and Scholes Parish Council. Details of the scheme and the application process have been advertised on the Parish notice boards, the website and by newsletter.

TRAFFIC

The traffic plan for Leeds Festival 2009 was considered a success overall and the main parts of the plan remain the same for 2010. There are some minor changes but the key routes remain as 2009.

The dates of the festival this year are the 27th to 29th August but traffic will start arriving from Wednesday 25th August and will leave on Monday 30th August.

A key route for festival traffic is from the A1 M at Wattle Syke along the new local access road West Woods Road and then left over Tenter Hill bridge and south on Bramham by pass / Paradise Way to Paradise bridge. This route will be used throughout with particularly heavy traffic on Wednesday 25th, Thursday 26th and the morning of Friday 27th August. This traffic will be travelling one way in.

From 9pm Sunday 29th August, this route reverses as festival goers leave along the same route but in the opposite direction. This traffic will be travelling one way out and Monday morning will be another peak period.

The other key consideration, as per 2009, is that throughout Thursday 26th August, the A64 between the Fox and Grapes public house and the A1 M roundabout **will be closed to all traffic travelling eastbound** (i.e. from Leeds to York). This is because our second routing for the peak period uses the A1 and then the A64 towards Leeds using 2 lanes in a one way system and then turning right into site opposite the Dogs Trust.

The one way system runs from 00.01 / midnight overnight Wednesday / Thursday to no later than 05.00hrs Friday morning.

The A64 westbound ie from York to Leeds remains open throughout.

Bus routes travelling along the A64 eastbound from Seacroft to Bramham Interchange will be diverted on Thursday 26th August. For up to date information, please contact Metro www.wymetro.com or tel 0113 245 7676

Alternative route suggestions -

If you would normally use the A64 eastbound to get to York or the A1 (M), could we suggest you use alternative routes via Aberford to Junction 47 of the M1 on Thursday 26th August.

<u>Kiddal Lane junction with A64 York Road & Potterton Lane</u> junction with Kiddal Lane

Following consultation with Barwick in Elmet & Scholes Parish Council and the change of traffic plan in 2009 it is no longer thought that the road closures at the junction of the A64 / York Rd with Kiddal Lane and the junction of Kiddal Lane and Potterton Lane junction are necessary. However, these will still be applied for so that it can be activated if necessary on the day.

Aberford Road junction with A64 York Road

We are again proposing a road closure this year of the junction of the Aberford Road with A64 / York Road for Thursday only during the period of the one way system.

Traffic Regulation Orders

In addition to the road closure at Aberford Road and the one way system on the A64 for Thursday mentioned in the paragraphs above, we will also apply to Leeds City Council Highways for the following temporary traffic regulation orders:

- 30mph speed limits on the following roads:
- Bramham / Thorner Road from the junction with Kirkfield Avenue to Tenter Hill
- West Woods Road from Wattle Syke to Tenter Hill
- o Tenter Hill
- o Bramham by pass from Tenter Hill along Paradise Way and Spen Common Lane to the Bramham Interchange
- o A64 York Road from the Bramham Interchange to Thorner Lane.
- . No stopping (clearway) on the following roads:
- West Woods Road from Wattle Syke to Tenter Hill
- o Tenter Hill
- o Bramham by pass from Tenter Hill along Paradise Way and Spen Common Lane to the Bramham Interchange
- A64 York Road from the Bramham Interchange to Thorner Lane
- . No u turns on the following roads:
- o Bramham / Thorner Road from the junction with Kirkfield Avenue to Tenter Hill
- West Woods Road from Wattle Syke to Tenter Hill
- o Tenter Hill
- o Bramham by pass from Tenter Hill along Paradise Way and Spen Common Lane to the Bramham Interchange
- A64 York Road from the Bramham Interchange to Thorner Lane

- Restricted movements
- No left turn out of Yellow Gate towards Thorner
- o No right turn onto Bowcliffe Bridge from Paradise Way travelling southbound
- No right turn out of Red Gates 1, 2, 2A or 3

The traffic regulation orders will be advertised by Leeds City Council according to their normal advertising procedures.

Traffic Management Plan

A full and very detailed Traffic Management Plan including full details of all signage, routings, access and exiting strategies etc has been supplied and approved by all relevant agencies as part of the licensing process. Meetings and consultation about the traffic plan with these agencies are ongoing.

TRESPASS / LOOTING / BURGLARY / VANDALISM / SECURITY / ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS / UNAUTHORISED CAMPING

The public parts of the festival site (which comprise the main entertainment arena, the campsites and the car parks) are well away from all residential areas. Although there have been no problems with trespass in the past, if someone should trespass on your land, then please call the Police in the first instance. If necessary, our security staff will be available to assist them.

We will again have an on-site supermarket and there will also be various stalls onsite. We will also be running a shuttle bus to the Tesco supermarket at Seacroft. We will advertise all of these facilities onsite and in the advance publicity. While we are not able to prevent people from accessing public highways or keep them onsite, we feel very confident that the above measures will mean we have done much to reduce the need for people to go into local villages. There are a very significant number of stewards and security on and around the site, some of whom can be redeployed offsite if necessary in co-operation with and in support of the Police.

FOOTPATH CLOSURES

We will apply to Leeds City Council to temporarily close the following footpaths:

Footpath numbers 12, 13 and 30 - these run through Bramham Park Estate and we are therefore applying to close them during the period of the build and load out of the infrastructure as well as the festival itself. The closure dates applied for will be 16th August to 3rd September 2010.

Mangrill Lane bridleway number 33 for all users from the junction of Mangrill Lane and footpath 16 to the junction with Thorner Road. The closure dates applied for will be 20th August to 1st September 2010.

Mangrill Lane bridleway for cyclists and equestrians from the junction with the A64 along the full length of the bridleway. The closure dates applied for will be 20th August to 1st September 2010.

TIMES OF OPENING

The festival is open to the public from Thursday 26th August to Monday 30th August 2010 with the main entertainment taking place on Friday 27th August, Saturday 28th August and Sunday 29th August 2010. The main public access into the car parks will

start on Thursday 26th August although a number of ticket holders who have purchased "Early Bird" tickets will be allowed access from 14.00 hrs on Wednesday 25th August in order to reduce the traffic during the Thursday peak period. From past experience, the vast majority of festival goers will have left site and left the area by 15.00 hrs on Monday 30th August 2010.

NOISE AND HOURS OF ENTERTAINMENT

If you have a complaint about noise you should call the noise hotline number to register the complaint. The telephone company cannot guarantee the number at the moment and so we will circulate it to you in early August via a letter to residents on the electoral roll along with any other further new information not contained in this letter. This telephone line will be staffed by Leeds Festival employees during the hours of licensed entertainment and some hours outside of this.

The noise levels are strictly regulated and monitored by our onsite acoustic consultants and Environmental Health at Leeds City Council. This year there is going to be permanent monitoring of noise levels at the junction of Kiddal Lane with the A64 / York Road to cover Barwick in Elmet village during the high risk hours for public nuisance.

The hours of entertainment are:

Thursday 26th August – 19.00 hours to 03.00 hours Friday 27th August – 12.00 hours to 06.00 hours Saturday 28th August – 12.00 hours to 06.00 hours Sunday 29th August – 12.00 hours to 06.00 hours

Although Leeds City Council has granted us a licence for regulated entertainment until 06.00hrs, the main entertainment will finish at 23.00hrs and the entertainment between 23.00hrs and 06.00hrs will be low key i.e. cabaret, comedy, some small DJ systems etc and should therefore not cause any noise issues for you.

In addition there may be some sound checks. These are limited in duration to two hours and limited in scheduling to Thursday 26th, Friday 27th, Saturday 28th or Sunday 29th August 2010 not before 10.00 hours.

CONTACT DETAILS / FURTHER INFORMATION

I am always available to meet and discuss any matters that concern the residents of Barwick in Elmet and Scholes with your Parish Council. In addition if any individuals have specific questions that are not covered here, please contact Harmony Blake via email hblake@festivalrepublic.com or write to Festival Republic Ltd, 35 Bow Street, London WC2E 7AU.

Kind regards

Melvin Benn,

Premises Licence Holder, Leeds Festival 2010

The choice therefore is a turn round via Scholes back streets or no service at all beyond the Coronation Tree. We will continue to lobby for a change but the outlook is not good. We therefore ask for residents understanding and to be considerate in their prking on the affected streets or the service will be withdrawn entirely.

On the domestic front we were pleased to see the long awaited repairs to the large sign on the A64 York Road along with resurfacing of Kiddal Lane and Long Lane and pavement repairs to Leeds Road in Scholes. We have battled with flooding problems at the Barleycorn and elsewhere plus serious sewer damage in Elmwood Lane whilst **Desma Thompson** has been keeping a watchful eye on the numerous pot holes appearing on many of our streets following the bad weather.

Peter Taylor and his team of **Parish Paths Volunteers** have been beavering away in the locality keeping our footpaths in good shape and we thank them for their efforts.

There are two ongoing projects for the coming year. Scholes Lodge Farm continues to occupy our attention as the land is due to pass into the ownership of the Council subject to our agreement on the condition of the field. **George Hall** has met with Taylor Wimpey on a number of occasions in an effort to resolve the outstanding issues. We are now considering arrangements for a public consultation on the future use of the site. With the Penda's Greenway project there have been delays in bringing together the various landowners but we are hopeful there will be some progress in the not too distant future.

We are fortunate to enjoy a happy and harmonious relationship within Council with an excellent blend of abilities and expertise and I thank my colleagues for their various contributions and commitment along with our hard working Parish Clerk **Chris Hassell** who is always willing to assist Councillors whenever he can and is well thought of by Leeds City, with whom he works very closely. He has recently gained the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA) which will enable the Council to consider applying for Quality Council status. We congratulate and thank him for his loyal support.

I must pay a warm tribute to our Ward Councillors who support us throughout the year, Councillors **Ann Castle, Alec Shelbrooke and Rachael Procter** and particularly to Ann who attends most of our meetings. We also wish outgoing MP **Colin Burgon** a happy retirement after 14 years at Westminster.

We do receive wide press coverage from Wetherby News Reporter **Ron Miller** who attends nearly all of our Parish Council meetings and gives us a well balanced report. We also thank our regular Council meeting attendees who always keep us on our toes.

It has just been announced that Festival Republic has granted us a small increase in the number of tickets for this years **Leeds Festival at Bramham Park** in August and we really appreciate this gesture and wish our residents good luck when the draw takes place in early June. The receipts from last year were divided between the Scholes Children's Playground and provision of eight new silver birch trees (betula jacquemontii) in Jack Heaps Field.

We are making a change in our venue at Scholes for Council meetings with a move to **Scholes Methodist Hall**, the first meeting being on Monday 5th July. We thank the Village Hall Committee for the use of their premises but, the hall is perhaps too big for our small numbers and the audience find difficulty in hearing us so, lets hope we can put this right in our new home.

You will gather from the foregoing report that there has been an enormous amount of activity within the Parish during the past year and it has been most rewarding to have received a number of appreciative comments relating to the successful initiatives in making life in our Parish more enjoyable.

My thanks to you all, I am very proud to be Chairman of this Council.

Ben Hogan Chairman of the Parish Council

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DRAFT ACCOUNTS for year ended 31 March 2010

2009			2010
38,000 469 3,196 3,910 947 1,562	RECEIPTS Precept for 2009-10 Allotment rents Bank interest Grant income Vat refund received Sports rents & other income Leeds Festival tickets		38,000 425 100 14,234 2,097 1,419 2,000
48,084	Total Receipts	£	58,275
11,087 1,463 563 256 1,015 168 5,505 3,910 656 5,028 7,272 2,096	PAYMENTS Administration Insurances Newsletters & website Footpaths Allotments Planning Conservation & environment Heritage lighting (see note below) Christmas lights Sports & recreation Scholes playground Grants & Loans Vat paid (for reclaim 2010-11)		12,640 1,019 775 256 499 42 5,439 9,830 6,411 857 38,442 7,400 8,524
39,019	Total Payments	£	92,134
60,132 9,065 69,197 54,172 15,025	Budget balances brought forward Excess of receipts (payments) Total Budget balances carried forward Contingency Reserves carried forward	£	69,197 (33,859) 35,338 19,428 15,910
69,197	Total bank balances	£	35,338

Note: An additional amount of £18,242 was credited to the Parish Council for a section 106 greenspace contribution in respect of the Sycamores Development at 15B Leeds Road, Barwick. The total cost of the Barwick Heritage Lighting upgrade was therefore £28,072 adding 36 new heritage columns to the 21 original heritage columns.

SCHOLES CENTENARY PLAY AREA

For children of 13 and UNDER

- No bikes or skate boarding
- No football
- No dogs (except guide dogs)
- No stiletto heels please
- Young children to be supervised at all times

Nearest A & E at Leeds General Infirmary or 999 in emergency

Damage to equipment should be reported to Leeds City Council Parks & Countryside 0113 395 7400 or 237 5206 The Playground was officially re-opened on 29 March 2010 by Leeds City Harewood Ward Councillor Ann Castle & Parish Council Chairman Ben Hogan ably assisted by children of Scholes with costs of £45,000 funded through Leeds City East North East Outer Area WELL BEING FUND & BARWICK in ELMET and SCHOLES PARISH COUNCIL.

PARKING: please be considerate and park sensibly to allow BUSES, fire engines, bin wagons and ambulances free access to all streets and roads.

There are NO ROAD CLOSURES planned for Barwick during the LEEDS FESTIVAL this year.

CRIME—REPORT	2008-9	2009-10			
BURGLARY—other	36	37			
BURGLARY—dwelling	34	23			
CRIMINAL DAMAGE—motor	18	8			
ASSAULT	8	15			
CRIMINAL DAMAGE—no specific	10	3			
THEFT from VEHICLE	7	6			
TAKING without consent	7	3			
THEFT—from dwelling	5	3			
CRIMINAL DAMAGE—dwelling	5	2			
INTERFERENCE with motor vehicle	5	2			
CRIMINAL DAMAGE—building	3	3			
THEFT of VEHICLE	1	4			
ARSON	2	1			
ROBBERY / THEFT from person	2 = 143	1 = 111			
ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR—REPORT					
ROWDY inconsiderate behaviour	96	76			
MALICIOUS communications	8	12			
ROWDY noisy neighbours	14	5			
VEHICLE nuisance	7	16			
ABANDONED vehicle	9	6			
ANIMAL RELATED problems	6	6			
STREET DRINKING	3	1			
OTHER anti social behaviour	3 = 146	3 = 125			



Local children enjoying the new facilities at SCHOLES CENTENARY PLAYGROUND in STATION ROAD

