

BARWICK in ELMET & SCHOLLES PARISH COUNCIL

**Newsletter
September 2011**



"AWARDS for ALL" Grant Funding to support new PARISH PLAN and VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENTS

We are delighted to announce that the **BIG LOTTERY FUND** has agreed to support our exciting new plans which we feel sure will secure the future character and well being of our Parish community. Public meetings to launch the scheme are as detailed below so why not come along to tell us what priorities you see as important for the future well being of our villages. What are the burning issues which concern you—crime / anti social behaviour / dog fouling / litter / youth facilities / parking / speeding—and many more no doubt.

If you feel you have a contribution to make or particular skills which would help us along the way then please contact our Clerk, Chairman or Councillors as listed on the back of this newsletter



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PUBLIC MEETINGS

will be held at

BARWICK VILLAGE HALL

Sat 17 Sept : 0900-1300

SCHOLLES VILLAGE HALL

Sat 24 Sept : 0900-1300

BARWICK CRICKET CLUB

Tues 27 Sept : 1900-2100

New Parish Plan & Village Design Statement for Barwick in Elmet and Scholes !



Your Parish Council has agreed to develop a new set of local planning documents, to guide our way through the next 5-10 years of planning for the future of our communities. This process will result in -

- **A new Parish Plan, building on the one we published in 2006 but 'refreshing' it with new priorities and projects.**
- **A Village Design Statement, which will help to ensure that our villages retain their character, and that future development is in keeping with a vision for the controlled future development in the parish.**

Funding to develop these projects has been forthcoming from the Big Lottery Fund with additional support provided by Leeds City Council.

THE PARISH PLAN is a document that will seek to identify the strengths and weaknesses of our communities through a process of community consultation - expect events, surveys and questionnaires over the coming months! The finalised Plan will provide an assessment of the parish, propose a Vision for the parish for the coming 5-10 years, and build a set of 'policies' to address key issues identified, for example in relation to community facilities, services, young people, the elderly, transport, community safety etc. Finally, the Parish Plan will incorporate an Action Plan for projects designed to address key concerns, some of which will be driven forward by the Parish Council, but many of which will be the responsibility of other groups and agencies to develop.

THE VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT may be defined as a document that describes the qualities and characteristics which local people value in their community, and one which sets out clear and simple guidance for the design of all development in the Parish and recommended actions for improvement.

The Village Design Statement will be a guidance document that we aim to have adopted by Leeds City Council as a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) giving it some legal clout in considering development proposals by the local authority, government departments, developers and individual property owners wishing to carry out alterations.

It will cover the whole Parish and dovetail with the new Parish Plan and also the recently completed Conservation Area Plan and Management Guidance for Barwick in Elmet and a similar Plan soon to be undertaken by Leeds City Council for Scholes.

The process of preparing this document is being lead by the Parish Council but will include other residents in the village who may have a specific interest or particular strength that will contribute to this important document. In addition, there will be further public consultations, as well as with the local authority and government departments, to ensure that this is a clear blueprint for the future.

The document will influence developers, ensure that new buildings respect and reflect local character, and be measured against, when considering planning applications. It is hoped that applicants and designers will take these into account in advance of applications, in preparing design details.

As well as the built environment, the Design Statement will identify the character of the countryside and green spaces in and around the parish, including areas of special landscape and historical interest, and influence the design and management of such, including street furniture, roads and footpaths, as well as trees, hedgerows and green spaces.

The Parish Council's work in developing these new documents is being led by David Gluck of '**Ruralis**' - who hails from neighbouring Aberford where he has recently completed their Master Plan. David has been a professional in Rural Development for 25 years, and worked extensively across Yorkshire. His company specialises in working with councils such as ours - helping to undertake consultation activity and drawing together the issues identified by residents into cohesive and deliverable plans. David is an Aberford Parish Councillor and it is nothing but helpful to have such an experienced hand to help us develop our own thoughts so close to home! For more information about David and his work, take a look at www.ruralis.co.uk.

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

at Barwick Methodist School Room - Mon 3 Oct, Mon 5 Dec 2011

Scholes Methodist Hall—**Tue 6 Sept**, Mon 7 Nov, 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.

NEW COUNCILLOR for SCHOLES Ward

SIMON WALKER

**to be co-opted to the
Parish Council at the
September meeting.**



Age 37, Simon has lived in Main Street for the last eleven years and is married to Julie . They have two children, Holly who attends Scholes Primary School and Jessica 14 months. For a living Simon is a landlord of residential property in Leeds. His principal interest, indeed passion in life is motorbikes and races in cross country and enduro events as often as family life permits and also enjoys the maintenance of his bike and the physical and mental challenge of racing. He also trail rides for pleasure. His motivation for joining the Parish Council is in the hope that it might allow him to make a positive contribution to village life