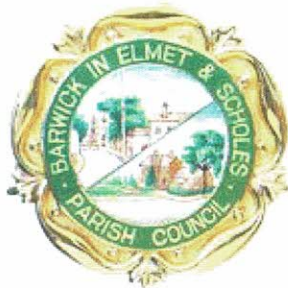


**BURWICK in ELMET
& SCHOLLS
PARISH COUNCIL**

Newsletter

May 2014



**The FUTURE of SCHOLLS
is now at stake
MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD
by sending an objection
745 houses - widespread chaos
for traffic and parking with 10
years of disruption to village
life on a large building site**

Objections could highlight any of the following issues -

Application is premature as site allocations have not been announced
Development is too large and will overwhelm the village
Character and nature of the village will be irreparably damaged
Project is not sustainable with serious drainage and sewerage issues
Other developments in locality will have a huge impact on village
Loss of amenity & negative impact on local natural habitat/wildlife
No account given to the emerging Neighbourhood Development Plan
Highway access to the site is totally insufficient & unacceptable

MORWICK GROVE DEVELOPMENT

Closing date for objections

extended to 30 April 2014

Ref 14 / 00716 / OT

BARWICK in ELMET & SCHOLES PARISH COUNCIL

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Scholes Ward

matt@mattandjillian.com (Matt Baker)
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elkell65@gmail.com (Julian Kelly)
stellawalshparishcouncil@gmail.com
one vacancy for Scholes

NEXT COUNCIL MEETINGS

Monday 12 May

Scholes Methodist Hall
Open Forum at 7 pm

Monday 2 June

Barwick Methodist Schoolroom
Open Forum at 7 pm

Clerk to the Council

Keith Langley
clerkLS154@btinternet.com
0113 393 5861

web sites— **www.barwickandscholespc.com.**

www.barwickandscholesneighbourhoodplan.co.uk

FOOTPATHS and BRIDLEWAYS

Lee Davidson has succeeded Peter Taylor as the Footpaths Officer for the Leeds Group of the Ramblers. Whilst not matching up to Peter's great local knowledge or having his practical skills in erecting or repairing stiles, he is keen to hear about any problems which arise on our footpaths such as obstructions, blockage by vegetation, very poor drainage, the disappearance of signs and way-markers and so on—anything which makes paths hard to use. He can help with reporting such problems to the Rights of Way section of Leeds City Council. At a time of shrinking resources the service depends increasingly on reports from walkers and you can contact the Leeds Group through its web page at

<http://leedsramblers.org.uk/#>

but for footpath problems contact details are **Lee Davidson**—Footpath Secretary—Ramblers Leeds Group
0113 275 7829 : 07790 631198
email - t.t.l.davidson@gmail.com

THE ANCIENT PARISH of BARWICK in ELMET TRUST

The Trust was established in 1996, an amalgamation of seven smaller trusts founded in the 16th and 17th centuries. The object of the Trust is to relieve financial hardship, which it does by making grants of money, or by providing or paying for services, items or facilities calculated to relieve the hardship.

The area the Trust covers includes not only Barwick and Scholes but also parts of Cross Gates, Swarcliffe and Whinmoor, and parts of Fearnville, Oakwood and Ladywood. This was the Ancient Parish in 1856 and is known as "the area of benefit."

The present Trustees are Dr. Alan Stanley (Chairman), Jack Anderson, David Leeming, Sylvia Snowden and Sue Yardley, with Christine Hudson as Clerk, all of whom would be pleased to give further information. Alan can be contacted on **281 2769**. Last year the Trust made 10 grants totalling £2,645

Barwick in Elmet & Scholes Parish Council

Chairman's Annual Report for the Year 2013/14

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Parish and fellow Councillors, I am pleased to present my Chairman's Annual Report of the Council's activities for the last twelve months.

I usually start by saying, this has again been the **busiest year** since I joined the Council in 2000 and I am not going to disappoint, as it has indeed been our busiest ever year with the threat of **large scale developments** being put forward particularly for Scholes. There are also substantial developments being planned in neighbouring areas such as Grimes Dyke (364 houses) and Bramley Field (2,000 houses). Such developments will have a significant effect on the **traffic movements through our villages** and we hope that the East Leeds Orbital Road (ELOR) will be completed at an early date in order to avoid traffic jams on our local roads. The A64 Scholes Lane junction is of particular significance. Meantime we have been grappling with the GMI development of 745 houses within Scholes itself and trust that all residents will have **made their objections to Leeds City planning department**.

The **Neighbourhood Development Plan** which is a very important planning document for the future of our Parish has been taking up a lot of our time with vital and much appreciated support from Leeds City Council and Mike Dando (Planning Aid) along with a grant of £6,300 from "*Locality*". We also express sincere thanks to our NDP group who have been working steadily on this very difficult and complicated project.

On a brighter note, it has been another good year for our "In Bloom Groups", where **both achieved Gold Awards**, with Scholes in "*Yorkshire in Bloom*" and Barwick with "*Britain in Bloom*". These awards were the result of much hard work by many dedicated helpers including those who tend the many flower beds and verges each week, our fund raisers, the caterers and all those who show their support in other ways. Anyone who would be interested in joining either of the groups should get in touch.

We are now starting to think more seriously about the future of **Scholes Lodge Farm field** and have set up a working party led by our youngest Councillor Tom Crosfill. We feel that the younger people in the Parish will play a big part in deciding how we get the best use out of this asset as a "**Public Open Space**". The group is made up of volunteers from throughout the village and from all age groups so if you wish to take part please contact Tom. The group has already held three meetings and some interesting ideas have come forward.

I thought we would get through the year without any resignations but, we have just received one from **Councillor Gerry McDonough** who regrets that due to increased activity at work and also family commitments he feels unable to give the time required to this important position. Gerry set up and ran our web-site for many years, was our link man with the proposed "Sustrans" project of resurrecting the old railway line as a cycle route from Wetherby to Crossgates and has contributed to Parish affairs in many other ways. He will be greatly missed and we thank him for his time & commitment.

We continue to receive great support from our three **Ward Councillors**. Matthew Robinson is our regular link and is up for re-election this May so we wish him good luck. Ann Castle – Lord Mayor of Leeds in 2012-13 – has as usual been of great help as a member of the Plans Panel East. Rachael Proctor, on the City Plans Panel has been very much involved with our current battles over the large scale development proposals on our doorstep.

The **Leeds Festival at Bramham Park** is very much part of our local scene and we are most fortunate to have an efficient **Community Fund committee** led by Raymond Budd to administer the distribution and ballot for tickets and the allocation of grant funds resulting from the generous donation made to the Fund by Melvin Benn, MD of Festival Republic. A total of £18,000 was distributed to 14 good causes within the Parish. A further 4 applicants had received grants in the previous year where it was not possible to offer further assistance. This level of funding is ongoing each year and has contributed to a good number of our voluntary groups. It should be noted that all applications are treated strictly on their own merits.

In terms of our own **support to the community** we have made sizeable grants for the upkeep and refurbishment of **both Village Halls** which are so important to the community including new notice boards along with support for our **Bloom Groups** and to Barwick Primary School towards the building of an *Agile Learning Centre* which will benefit the community as a whole. Many other small grants have been made, the war memorials cleaned and goal posts provided at Jack Heaps Field which has proved an enormous hit with the youngsters. We are very keen to find a suitable site for a similar facility in Scholes and there are discussions ongoing with a view to providing a multi use play/games area for teenagers. You will hopefully have noticed too on your recent rates bill that the **precept has been maintained with no increase**.

Finally I wish to **acknowledge and thank my Parish Council colleagues** for their excellent support throughout such a busy year. We have had a considerable number of extra meetings particularly with the NDP, Scholes Lodge Farm, housing developments and bus issues. Whilst we are unable to please everyone all the time, we do try our best and do receive appreciation from those who understand the difficulties we face.

Having been on the Council now for 14 years and Chairman for seven I feel it will **almost certainly be my final year**. I hope by the end of May 2015 the NDP will be finalised and helping to protect the Parish from developers for the next decade or more. If that proves to be the case then it would give me much satisfaction.

Ben Hogan
Chairman

SCHOLES HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS HAVE YOU SUBMITTED YOUR OBJECTION ?

**745 new houses with traffic & parking chaos
the choice is yours - say "NO" TODAY**

BARWICK in ELMET & SCHOLLS PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2014

£	£
2013 RECEIPTS	2014
42,135 Bank balances brought forward	51,252.66
39,000 Precept for 2013-14	37,148.00
0 Council Tax Support Grant	2,387.00
705 Allotment rents	682.50
29 Bank interest	33.56
900 Grant income	7,700.00
11,533 Vat refund received	2,940.16
1,467 Sports rents & other income	1,560.43
95,769	103,704.31
PAYMENTS	
13,700 Administration	12,975.20
0 New clerk costs	3,265.37
891 Insurances	278.54
1,740 Newsletter & website	2,351.13
265 Footpaths	345.00
728 Allotments	960.88
11,578 Conservation & environment	6,091.29
2,200 Parish Plan & Village Design Statement	0.00
1,620 Christmas lights	1,710.00
713 Sports & recreation	930.10
80 Jack Heaps goalposts (Children's playground)	954.50
655 Grants	11,008.31
2,940 Vat paid (for reclaim in 2014-15)	1,634.65
2,151 Neighbourhood Development Plan	1,441.76
5,255 Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations	0.00
32,162 Budget reserves carried forward	39,757.58
19,091 Contingency reserves carried forward	20,000.00
95,769	103,704.31

The accounts are checked twice yearly by in-house auditor Cllr David Leeming
Internal auditors are Yorkshire Internal Audit Services who examine the books
twice yearly and report to the Council.

External auditors are Littlejohn LLP, Westferry Circus, Canary Wharf, E14 4HD
and a copy of their report is available on the Parish website

Residents have the right to inspect the accounts and to ask questions of the
Parish Council and the auditors - details available on Parish Council website

BARWICK in ELMET & SCHOLES PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCILLOR ELECTIONS and CO-OPTIONS

serving in 2006 Elected Co-options

in May 2007 Elections Elected in May 2011 Elections

all un-opposed

BARWICK in ELMET WARD

Colin Bond	electd un-opposed	resigned	John Hayton June 2008 resigned	Neil Beaumont Feb 2011	electd unopposedstill serving
Bernard Davisworth	Claire Hassell	electd un-opposed		electd unopposedstill serving	
Ken Shutt	electd un-opposed	resigned	Helen Elsworth May 2009	electd unopposed	resigned	Julie Burrow Sept 2012
John Tinker	electd un-opposed			retired May 2011	Andrew Glyn-Mills May 2011	Elaine Jeffers July 2012
Geoff Yapp	electd un-opposed				electd unopposed	resigned
David Leeming	electd un-opposed				electd unopposedstill serving

SCHOLES WARD

serving in 2006	Elected in May 2007 Elections costing £1,723	Elected in May 2011 Elections all un-opposed	
Ben Hogan	electd	electd unopposedstill serving
Geoff Holmes	electd	electd unopposed	resigned new Councillor May 2014 election ?
Paul Birdsall	electd	electd unopposed	resigned Matt Baker Jan 2012still serving
Malcolm Lawson	Norma Fletcher	electd unopposed	Stella Walsh Dec 2012still serving
Christine Hudson	Desma Thompson	electd unopposed	resigned Julian Kelly April 2012
Brian Bartle	George Hall	electd unopposed	S Walker Sep 2011 resigned T Crosfill Dec 2012

refused to sign acceptance form

DO IT NOW - SAY "NO"

to 745 new houses in Scholes

SUBMIT YOUR OBJECTION before 30 APRIL

OBJECTIONS MUST be in ONE NAME with ADDRESS

ref 14 / 01211 / OT

Encourage your friends & neighbours to say "NO"

the number of objections is very important

via post, email or direct on line

website - <https://publicaccess.leeds.gov.uk>

email - planning@leeds.gov.uk

post - Leeds City Planning Services

Leonardo Building, 2 Rossington St, LEEDS, LS2 8HD

LOCK SNAPPING THE PROBLEM

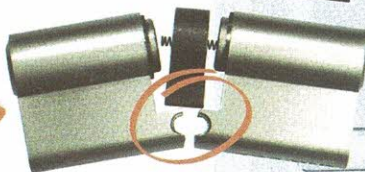
In as little as **13 seconds** an intruder can get past a door lock like this by using simple DIY tools.

The Police are now urging home owners to check and upgrade their door security.



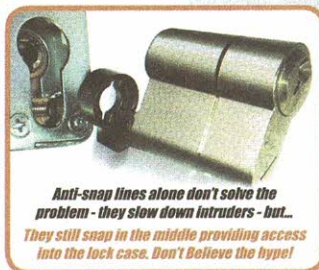
The BBC have recently reported on the rise of lock snapping to further inform the public of the need to review their door security.

The lock construction creates a weak point making it easy to snap!



This lock should be securing your door!

The vast majority of doors in the UK & Ireland could have these vulnerable euro cylinder locks.



Anti-snap lines alone don't solve the problem - they slow down intruders - but... They still snap in the middle providing access into the lock case. Don't Believe the hype!

For a Home Security Check phone Yorkshire Police on 0113 285 5374 for crimestoppers 0800 555 111 or for more information on eurolocks contact Tough Locks 0800 612 0722 or www.toughlocks.co.uk