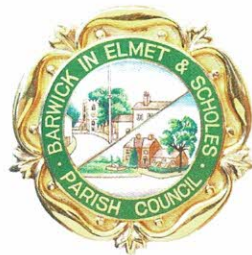


BARWICK in ELMET & SCHOLES PARISH COUNCIL

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Scholes Developments

The Parish Council was very pleased to represent residents at the recent Plans Panel hearing relating to the planning application for major development in Scholes. A number of Parish Councillors attended the hearing and were supported by a large number of residents from both villages (but predominantly from Scholes). A representative of the Parish Council addressed the Panel emphatically outlining the many reasons why the development should not proceed

As residents will be aware the Plans Panel supported that view and the application was declined. It remains to be seen whether this decision is appealed but the Parish Council will continue to oppose any development of this nature and size within the Parish

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Barwick and Scholes are Beautiful—It's official!

The efforts of the In Bloom groups were rewarded once again. We all think they do a great work and that the villages look nice but we are biased. What cannot be argued with is official recognition from independent judges, both Barwick and Scholes were given a Gold Rose Award. Both churches in Barwick got Silver Gilt Awards and Barwick was overall winner of the Large Village Category. Well done to all concerned and thank you for all that you do

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NEXT COUNCIL MEETINGS

Monday 3 November

Barwick Methodist Schoolroom
Open Forum at 7 pm

Monday 1 December

Scholes Methodist Hall
Open Forum at 7 pm

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Brown Bins—a reminder

Remember that Leeds City Council stop collecting the brown bins in November, check the sticker on your bin or their website for your last collection date

CRIME STATISTICS

Police gave a resume of the crimes in September, three in Barwick and four in Scholes. Unfortunately there has already been a significant number of burglaries this month. The Police have increased patrols, on foot and in cars both marked and unmarked and are driving through the villages whenever possible.

We contribute to burglaries by leaving doors unlocked, car keys visible and cars unlocked and windows open – even when we are in. The crimes are opportunist and happen during the day and at night.

UPVC doors are a problem in that most are supplied with Europrofile locks which can be snapped off in a trice. Please get your locks checked and changed if necessary. This website www.securedbydesign.com can give you information on security measures and advice on locks, or talk to a reputable locksmith.

MOST IMPORTANT KEEP YOUR DOORS, GARAGES, CARS, SHEDS LOCKED AT ALL TIMES AND KEEP YOURSELVES SAFE.

Supporting Education in our Parish

The Agile Learning Centre in Barwick - in - Elmet is now up and running thanks to the fundraising efforts of FoBS (Friends of Barwick School) who raised £24K, well done! In case you are wondering what an Agile Learning Centre is, it is a library and computing area and is used as a teaching and learning resource.

The Parish Council is aware that many residents in the Parish want to learn new skills and were interested in this project because of its potential to be used outside normal school hours for adult education and therefore supported FoBS with a donation of £2K. See the article on the back cover for more details about this

NDP UPDATE

Considerable progress has been made on producing a first draft of our Neighbourhood Development Plan, largely due to the employment of a Planning Consultant, David Gluck, to pull together all the documents and work provided by both the Barwick and the Scholes Working Parties. These groups amalgamated into one Working Party over twelve months ago.

The draft document was presented at our last meeting and a very full and forthright discussion took place. Many amendments were suggested and David is busy incorporating these for our next meeting. We hope to circulate this document widely before Christmas.

The NDP is produced in response to the Localism Act 2011 giving communities a bigger say in local affairs. It has to represent the whole of the designated area which in our case is the Parish minus two small areas, one between the A1/M1 link and the Leeds to York railway line and the other which is part of the Bramley Fields development proposal. Any building that takes place on these small areas will form part of our Parish and those housing numbers will count towards the target of 5,000 for Outer North East Leeds.

The Core Strategy has passed inspection and will be adopted in January 2015 replacing the Leeds Unitary Development Plan. The Community Infrastructure Levy Proposal has also passed examination. Leeds City Council is progressing with some speed on the Site Allocations and Greenbelt Review and the document is likely to go into the public domain after Christmas. Leeds is also working towards announcements on the ELOR (East Leeds Orbital Road) which is urgently needed to prevent any increase in rat running and congestion through Scholes and Barwick from the Grimes Dyke and Bramley Fields developments

Our NDP has to conform to the Leeds Core Strategy and does not allow us to refuse all future development. However, any development which does take place will have to be sustainable and be considered alongside our NDP once it has been passed. In addition the Core Strategy designates both Barwick and Scholes as 'small settlements' which provides us with a strong argument against future development.

It is a requirement of the NDP process that a wide consultation takes place during its preparation and this includes many statutory bodies, landowners and developers. This will commence as soon as we have an acceptable draft in place. Every opportunity will be taken to keep residents of the Parish informed and we will also be continuing consultation with adjacent Leeds City Council Wards and neighbouring parishes.

This is a long process and wheels move very slowly but every opportunity will be taken to inform residents of the Parish and give them the opportunity to express their views.

Congratulations to Sue Yardley

Since the last newsletter, Scholes resident Sue Yardley has been awarded a richly deserved British Empire Medal for services to the village of Scholes. To many, Sue is the lollypop lady who helps children of all ages cross the road at Scholes, to others she is the lady who serves tea and coffee after the service at Saint Phillips and who used to sing in the choir. To everyone she is the lady who always has a smile on her face and a few words to give us all a lift. Well done Sue!

100th Anniversary of World War One And Remembrance Day

We Remembered Them

In August we commemorated as a parish the 100th anniversary of the start of World War One.

In both villages there was a parade, a church service and an act of remembrance at the respective war memorials and a two minute silence. A pause for reflection took place at the poppy bed (planted by local children) in All Saints' Churchyard while at Scholes there was a parade to the two rows of memorial trees on Station Road. The day ended with a barbeque at Orlando's in Scholes.

Many thanks to all involved including the Royal British Legion, the churches and their leaders, the landlord, the police and the marching band.

The Parish Council has bought two commemorative benches which are situated close to the war memorials, one just outside the library in Scholes and one at the bus stop on Main Street, Barwick—in—Elmet (opposite the Post Office)

We Will Still Remember Them

Next month there will be the annual act of remembrance, the timetable of which is below.

Sunday 9th November

09.15 Standards parade from Scholes scout hut to St Philip's
09.30 Church Service at St.Philip's Church, Scholes
10.00 Act of Remembrance at Scholes War Memorial
10.55 Parade from Jack Heaps Field, Barwick to War Memorial
11.00 Act of Remembrance at Barwick in Elmet War Memorial
11.15 Church Service at All Saints, Barwick in Elmet



A Thank You, Buses and Paths

Thanks to Julie Burrow

Many readers know what it is like when a colleague leaves your place of work. Often there are gifts, a card signed by the entire team, cakes and sometimes a night out!

Although we have a different approach when a councillor resigns, it doesn't mean that we don't appreciate the contribution a person has made. Julie Burrow stood down as a councillor in September. Some councillors are of retirement age but many, like Julie, still have to go to work and run a family. Having served the community as a Councillor since 2010, Julie has decided that the time has come to step down

So thank you to Julie from all the Parish Council, the time given in service to both villages is much appreciated

Save our bus shelter

A recent notice in the Bus Shelter on Main Street caused concern as it suggested that it might be replaced. It invited comments from people which were backed up by a letter from the Parish Council. This bus shelter forms part of the character of the village in the conservation area where a standard issue shelter like those seen in Leeds City Centre would look out of place. Thankfully the West Yorkshire Combined Authority (who posted the notice) have taken everyone's comments into consideration and the bus shelter will stay as it is

Appeal for Witnesses

Scholes residents have been concerned in recent weeks about a notice which has appeared near the old railway bridge. The notice placed by Persimmon Homes refers to the land going from Scholes Lane as far as the Cock Beck and from the beck at the bend in Scholes Lane southwards alongside the old railway line. There are several paths across this land which are well used by local residents but crucially these paths have no official status as such and in theory, Permission could stop people walking across their land

In response to this notice we want to get official recognition for these paths but to do so we require witnesses. We have to prove that these paths have been used for at least twenty years. If you have regularly walked these paths over this time period (or know someone who has) we would love to hear from you. We want these paths to be recognised as public right of way, i.e. used by people to get from one point to another (as opposed to a casual stroll in no particular direction)

Please contact the clerk with all your information so we can build a dossier

Scholes Notice Board

Goal!

Actually it's two goals. After buying a set of goalposts for Jack Heaps field, the Parish Council was approached by a resident wanting to set up a junior football club in Scholes which would represent both villages. This club would play its home games at Scholes Football field and asked the Parish Council for support. The Parish Council bought two goalposts for them. These were bought subject to these goalposts being made available for casual use by the whole village (in particular the younger generation). Parents, if you have a child/children who enjoy a kick about (and your goal is to get them to spend more time in the net than on it!), then please tell them about these nets.

P.S. The junior football club are always interested in new members – contact the Parish Clerk for details

Scholes Lodge Farm

OK, you get lots of junk through your letterbox including surveys and questionnaires and you probably don't want another one!

A small, highly dedicated team of people have been meeting almost every month to talk about one thing, the bit of public open space belonging to the parish known as Scholes Lodge Farm

What we really want to know is what you think, what would you like to see this field used for? We have already asked those who live closest but need to know what the rest of you want. The best way to find out is to ask every resident so we are proposing a questionnaire. This questionnaire is about something local to us all, we would be grateful if you could complete it and return it to us (instructions for doing so will be provided)

Reopening The Old Railway Line As A Public Right Of Way

A group of Thorner residents are looking to reopen the disused railway line between Cross Gates and Wetherby as a multi-use right of way. It could be used for cyclists, horse riders and those who would rather walk. They are trying to set up a steering committee and have been offered a venue in Scholes. Two Scholes residents have already put their names forward. Anyone interested should contact Steven Wood, Tel: 0113 289 3121 or e-mail thornerwood@btinternet.com or contact the parish clerk

Scholes Library

We are sorry to report the Leeds City Council will be reducing the opening hours of Scholes library. Final details are still to be decided but it is likely that this will come into effect in December. The library opening hours will be reduced from 15 to 8. It will no longer be open on a Wednesday and will operate reduced hours on Monday, Friday and Saturday

Barwick - in - Elmet Notice Board

Calling All Parents

Does your son or daughter use Jack Heaps Field?

Those living nearby are concerned about the amount of litter left here, especially where the goalposts are.

Jack Heaps field is for all to enjoy, those who use the field should respect the right of others to enjoy this area of public open space.

If your child/children use Jack Heaps Field please encourage them to bring their litter home with them or to use the bins provided (there is one near the playground and one on Main Street near the bus shelter, also Leeds City Council have promised to provide a post mounted bin on Welfare Avenue).

The goalposts have proved to be very popular, it would be a great shame if the irresponsible behaviour of a few led to this facility being withdrawn.

Car Parking on or near Maypole Mews

Most people feel a little aggrieved when they put their bin out and it doesn't get collected, especially if it happens nearly every week! That has been the experience of those living on Maypole Mews. Leeds City Council say that some weeks the bin lorry can't get down this road because of parked cars.

Please be considerate of others when parking your car, especially on a Saturday morning and avoid Maypole Mews and the top of The Boyle altogether at this time of the week



Fibre Optic Superfast Broadband Now Available in parts of Barwick

Following a recent upgrade, many homes in Barwick can now get much faster broadband. To find out more visit www.superfastwestyorkshire.co.uk or follow us on Twitter at @SuperfastWY

RESIDENTS OF THE PARISH

WOULD YOU LIKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GROW VEGETABLES, FRUIT OR FLOWERS

APPLY FOR AN ALLOTMENT IN BARWICK BEHIND THE SCHOOL

Plots of various sizes are available and the Autumn is the best time to start you will have all autumn and winter to prepare the plot and plan your crops

Find out more or register your interest:-
Contact Cllr Claire Hassell with your name, address, telephone number and e-mail at eclairhassell@live.co.uk or 0113 2811231

Barwick Bottle Banks

The bottle banks in the car park of the Gascoigne Arms public house are a very popular and well used facility. Sadly there is a very real chance that we will lose these from the village altogether due to a few individuals who have not acted responsibly.

The bottle banks are situated where they are due to the goodwill of the landlord and landlady of the public house, they gain nothing financially from it. Leeds City Council have responsibility for maintenance of the bottle banks but some people have unfairly directed complaints about them being full (or noise disturbance) to the Gascoigne Arms. Ideally, all complaints and queries should be made to Leeds City Council but the Parish Council will act on behalf of residents if necessary.

When the bottle bank is full, some residents have left bottles and lots of litter at the side of the bottle bank (ignoring signs advising against this) and others have used the public house's commercial bottle banks.

Because of these issues, it is now virtually certain that we will lose the bottle banks from the Gascoigne Arms car park. The Parish Council is working with Leeds City Council to find an alternative site. If such a site can be found, then it is hoped that all those who use the bottle banks will take note of this newsletter article and use them responsibly. If no site can be found, or if individuals continue to abandon bottles at the side of the bottle bank, then a village bottle bank becomes unsustainable and everyone will have to travel further afield to dispose of their bottles.

Finally, thank you to the majority who recycle their old bottles and who have treated this facility with respect, your support is appreciated.

Defibrillator

The cover of the last newsletter reported that a defibrillator has now been fitted outside the Best One shop in Scholes. This is a piece of equipment which could save someone's life. Volunteers are now needed to be trained how to use it. Please contact the clerk if you are interested.

Workers Education Association (WEA) adult education courses

The Parish Council is working with WEA to offer adult education courses within the parish. Please let the clerk know which courses you would like to see offered. Courses are subject to suitability of available venues and are viable if a minimum number of ten people enrol. Typically a course costs about £70 a term.

Community Fund

The Community Fund is a pot of money available to groups, associations, organisations or committees from the parish. The money comes as a result of the music festival in Bramham Park. Grants are available for projects which improve community facilities or the lives of community groups. The deadline for applications is 31st October, details available from grants@BandSCF.org.uk or online at www.BandSCF.org.uk.