



Barwick-in-Elmet and Scholes Parish Council

Newsletter

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Talk to us. Ask questions, make comments:

- **Call the Clerk**
- **Come to our Surgery;**
- **Attend our open forum ... or just stop us in the street; we can't affect everything, but we will do our best to help**

Parish Council details and important dates

Dates of upcoming Parish Council Meetings

	Open Forum	Parish Council	Venue
3 rd February 2020	7:00pm	7:30pm	John Rylie Centre, Barwick
2 nd March 2020	7:00pm	7:30pm	Scholes Methodist Church
6 th April 2020	7:00pm	7:30pm	John Rylie Centre, Barwick
4 th May 2020	7:00pm	8:00pm	Scholes Methodist Church

The Planning Committee: Meets separately within the Parish Council structure to consider planning applications submitted by residents and businesses within the Parish. Details of the applications can be found on the website and village notice boards.

Parish Council Accounts: Community Grants information and full Parish Council accounts are available to view online. Copies are also available upon request to the Clerk of the Parish Council.

The Parish Councillors, working for YOU

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Parish Council Surgery: Located in Scholes at The Community Cafe on the last Saturday of every month from 10:30am to 12:00pm. Please come and talk to us, raise issues and ask questions.

Notes from the Chair

We wish you a belated HAPPY NEW YEAR and very best wishes for 2020. Notwithstanding our efforts in 2019, the year 2020 promises to be a very busy period for everyone - and it's going to be challenging for your Parish Council.

In 2020 we are expecting to feel the effects of the construction of the East Leeds Orbital Route ("ELOR"), and the possible impacts of the Climate Emergency. Leeds City Council (LCC) declared a Climate Emergency in 2019 and we want to support our local councillors on delivering change. Protecting green spaces as well as planting trees remain their priorities and we are happy to work with them on innovative ways to help the City Council and the Government deliver their goals of carbon neutrality. Challenging indeed! Your Parish Council will do what it can to help; of course, individually each resident has to make a contribution to carbon footprint reduction. We've pushed LCC to clear the footway between Scholes and Barwick and we've supported the project

to get fibre cables installed to supersede existing copper-based infrastructure in Potterton and Kiddal.

Regrettably two Councillors resigned from the Barwick Ward. Matthew Clover rather unexpectedly moved to Bristol; he represented the residents of Potterton, and I am sure the regulars at the Fox and Grapes miss him. Matthew was an active member of the PC serving on the Finance and General Purposes Committee. Neil Beaumont resigned due to his increased work commitments. Neil served on the Parish Council for nearly ten years - he was a Planning Committee member, edited the newsletter and administered our Social Media. Neil remains a Barwick villager.

We thank Matthew and Neil and their families and wish them well.

Welcoming Jacqueline Ward – our new Parish Councillor for the Barwick Ward

We are delighted to welcome Jacqueline Ward to the Parish Council. Jacqueline joined in November 2019.

"I have been a resident of Barwick in Elmet since 2001 and I am proud to live in the village. I was part of the dedicated team that prepared the Parish Council's Neighbourhood Development Plan, a comprehensive document that set out the needs and aspirations of the parish. Pleasingly this is now a legally binding statutory planning document, which will influence what is developed in Barwick In Elmet, Scholes and Potterton until 2028.

I am passionate about the welfare and wellbeing of children and families and the services they receive in Leeds. I was a parent governor at Corpus Christi Catholic College until August 2019; I represented parents for the last ten years on the governing body. I currently represent secondary parents on the scrutiny board - children and families - where the board makes recommendations to Leeds City Council to improve their services.



I am proud to say that the Children Services was given outstanding in leadership by Ofsted and we contributed to that. I'm very pleased to be able to serve on the Parish Council"

Vacancy in the Barwick Ward

Following the resignation of Neil Beaumont there is now a vacancy in the Barwick Ward. Anybody over 18 years can be co-opted onto the Parish Council. We meet on the first Monday of the month. If you are interested or would like more information, get in touch with the Parish Clerk.

Barwick Village Hall - CAN YOU HELP?

Barwick Village Hall is a Charity run by a small committee of volunteers. It is of great value to the community and widely used by a variety of groups providing activities for young, old and everyone in between. The Committee has reduced to three and it is in desperate need of some assistance. No special skills are required you simply need to be available a few hours now and then to help out.

If you're interested in becoming a committee member, please contact Linda Turp on 0785 453 2077 or e-mail Barwickvillagehall@outlook.com to find out more.

The Precept

Whilst all the Parish Councillors are unpaid volunteers, the Parish Council needs some funding to carry out its duties. These are principally to maintain the village assets such as the Barwick and Scholes sports fields and facilities, the Scholes Lodge Farm recreational area, Hall Tower Field, Jack Heaps' Field as well as sundry information boards, litter bins and benches, to pay its staff and to introduce new amenities to the villages.

The bulk of Parish Council funding comes from what is called the local council precept. The precept is a component of the total council tax levied on local government electors in the parish council area. This is the time of year when the Parish Council has to advise Leeds City Council of its precept requirement for the next financial year and we are pleased to announce that it is proposed to keep the figure at last year's level of £37,148.

Because the number of properties in the villages has increased slightly, the amount that Leeds will charge from, for example, a typical Band D household will actually reduce to about £18.50.

Parish Council Planning Committee

The Parish Council receives details of all planning applications submitted to Leeds City Council's (LCC) Planning Committee that are for sites within the Parish. In many cases the Parish Council Committee makes no comment but, in some cases, it advises LCC about concerns it may have about the application and may ask that it be refused or may suggest some conditions to be attached to overcome concerns.

Whilst residents may submit objections and comments directly to LCC some seek the support of the Parish Council in making representations. You may do this by sending comments to the Clerk or attending the Planning Committee meetings. The Planning Committee meets at 6.30pm on the third Monday in the month at the Scholes Pavilion which is situated off Belle Vue Avenue in Scholes.

The Planning Committee also draws LCC's attention to breaches of planning control where such breaches have an adverse effect on the environment or residents' amenities. This may result in enforcement action being taken against the offending development.

Again, whilst some residents choose to communicate directly with LCC about such breaches, others choose to draw these to the attention of the Planning Committee for its consideration and support.

We engaged with LCC on the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)

On Thursday 28th November 2019 Cllrs Bedford, Austin, Maude and Hassell met with LCC's Ian Mackay and Jasmine Franklin to discuss its Statement of Community Involvement feedback consultation which closed on 2nd December 2019. This meeting was the first chance to use the excellent Scholes Sports Pavilion as a meeting room; the LCC officers liked the easy parking and the high standard of the venue.

LCC is in the process of re-writing its SCI and requested input from the Parish Council. The new document, when written, will be the subject of a formal consultation in the spring of 2020. LCC

intends to adopt it as a formal document in late spring 2020. We hope our comments will shape this new SCI and we will be providing our feedback in the next consultation.

Scholes World Peace Flame: second Peace Flame in England - news

The Peace Flame was lighted in November 2018 and inaugurated in December 2018 – it's already over a year old. Since then, two benches have been added to the garden.

A small team manages the flame and the flower bed area nearby in conjunction with the "Keepers of the Flame - members of the Scholes Scouts who help keep the area clean and tidy.

Scholes Community Choir celebrated International Peace Day on 21st September 2019 with songs at the Peace Flame. The Choir meets every Thursday between 6.00pm and 7.00pm at St Phillips Church. Everybody is welcome to come along and join in.

Have you thought about sponsorship to help support the working and maintenance of Scholes World Peace Flame? Any donation, however small, will be welcomed.

The garden also has a bench which currently has space for a memorial or commemorative plaque, if you are interested in sponsoring this space please get in touch with Stella Walsh at or leave a message with Parish Clerk.

Scholes Women's Institute celebrates 95 years - and it's still going strong.

Scholes WI was founded in 1924 and meetings were then held in the village school. The first president was Mrs Clara Dewhirst who lived at Whinmoor Lodge, which was opposite the Red Lion on York Road.



Ruth Roberts Planting the WI Cherry Tree

An excerpt from "Scholes Is Our Village says that ... *during the war Mrs Dewhirst would cheerfully tramp across the fields to the brickyards and then into Scholes for the monthly WI meeting no matter what the weather was like.* Scholes WI remains a thriving institute with over 40 members and to celebrate its 95th birthday a cherry tree was planted in Scholes Lodge Field. The WI nationally has a proud history of taking action to protect the landscape of Britain. Climate change is already affecting the things we love.

Scholes Sports Pavilion

The Sports Pavilion off Belle Vue Avenue at Scholes has had a facelift since it fell to the Parish Council to insure and run this excellent facility. We've made repairs to the plumbing, exterior lighting and improved the interior of the Pavilion itself.

It's surprising how many residents have never visited the building and those that do for the first time are amazed that we have such a facility within the parish. The Pavilion is now available for hire.

We've already had enquiries from residents for its hire for birthday parties (childrens' as well as adults'), use as a base for a personal trainer and as a venue for informal guitar lessons. There's seating for up to 50 people with toilets and a kitchen.

The facilities include a fridge/freezer, a microwave, and, crucially, a kettle.



The hire charges are set at a reasonable level to contribute to the upkeep of the Pavilion. Would you like to meet new people and become involved in the running of this facility? Your Parish Council would welcome the involvement of villagers in assisting with the management. If you can give 1 to 2 hours of your time each month to assist with the running of this excellent facility please contact Councillor Graham Slater on 0795 652 0524 or via email at:

scholessportspavilion@gmail.com

Hire Charges			
Weekends and School Bank Holidays		Weekdays, Monday to Thursdays	
		Residents and Community Groups	
Children's parties 4 hours	£40.00	Not for profit groups	£4.00/hour
Children's parties 8 hours	£60.00	Daytime	£6.00/hour
Private social event (min 4 hours)	£12.00/hour	Evenings	£8.00/hour
Non-residents of the Parish: Charges as above +50%			

Hedges

Last year the Parish Council received numerous complaints about the narrow footway from the Coronation Tree to Taylor Lane and beyond to Barwick. We reacted and worked with Leeds Highways Officers to get the footway cleared by chopping back the overgrowth (technically this called grubbing work). More grubbing work is scheduled for Leeds Road after April this year. However, this highlighted how some garden hedges and borders obstruct the footway. Please have a good look at your hedge - if it is encroaching onto the pathway please get it trimmed back before the birds start nesting in March.

Verges

Another matter that several people have asked if anything can be done about is the inconsiderate parking of cars on the grass verges around the villages.

Our brilliant Barwick and Scholes Bloomers work hard throughout the year to keep our villages looking their best - please have consideration for others and think about the damage you are causing by driving on the soft grass verges. Leeds City Council has told the Parish Council that it is an offence to damage the verges and will take action against anyone who causes damage.

Residents of Potterton and Kiddal have applied for funding from the Community Fibre Partnership

Residents and businesses of Potterton, Kiddal and the A64 are in dialogue with Openreach to bring forward the installation of fibre cables to supersede existing copper-based broadband infrastructure in order to get high speed Internet to their premises.

Openreach will support and implement schemes that are not in their infrastructure upgrade programme if they can be externally funded (e.g. from outside Openreach's planned budget). Rural premises with broadband speeds of less than 30Mbps can apply for and use vouchers worth up to £3,500 for each small and medium-sized businesses (SMEs), and up to £1,500 per residential premise from the Community Fibre Partnership.

The Parish Council will continue to support this and other similar projects. If you live in and around Potterton, Kiddal and along the A64 near to Kiddal Lane and you haven't put your name forward time - please do so by contacting Elaine Hall at elaine@kqfarm.co.uk

Beef up your home security CCTV and alarms

Councillor John Moreland has arranged a discount for all Parish Residents wishing to improve their home security measures. All four companies listed below will give residents of the parish a **10% discount** on security measures if they quote the Parish Crime Prevention Initiative.

1. ESS Security Ltd Unit 1 Fusion Court Garforth.
Contact Paul Gray on 0113 287 4402 or 07795678673
2. Li Electrical Services, 36 Naburn Fold, Leeds 14.
Contact Lewis on 0772 520 6229;
3. TI Security, New Hold Industrial Estate, Burley House, Garforth. Contact Rebecca on 0113 281 2106 or at Rebecca.ward@tisecurity.co.uk
4. Garforth Security, 4 Braemar Drive, Garforth.
Contact Dean on 0792 627 6266



For more information on the Parish Crime prevention initiative please contact Cllr. Moreland

Grow your own food – allotments for hire

Would you like to grow your own wonky vegetables such as fresh green greens, long straight carrots, luscious strawberries and raspberries, juicy blackberries, peas, beans, potatoes? There are plots available at Barwick allotments ready for someone to come and turn them into a successful source of fabulous food. The rent is low - £10.00 per annum for a half plot. The fee includes water. This is a great offer – too good to miss: Contact Claire on eclairehassell@live.co.uk

Climate change – Leeds City Council's (LCC) Climate Emergency

LCC declared a climate emergency in early 2019. Its consultations yielded feedback from over 7,835 people who shared their views on the climate emergency

Whilst LCC continues to develop its plans, on 13th of January 2020 it announced that it will reduce its annual greenhouse gas emissions from 70,000 to 31,000 tonnes by 2025 – in its own business activities only.

LCC hopes that this bold reduction will inspire individuals and businesses to follow its lead. Parish Councils have been asked to provide ideas on how further carbon emission reductions could be achieved and we've already started our dialogue.

No doubt we residents do our very best to keep emissions as low as possible. The Parish Council will be pleased to receive ideas and initiatives from readers of this newsletter to help improve the air quality in and around the City, and to reduce the carbon footprint of the parish. Your ideas will be fed into the parish council meetings and passed on to our city councillors who are looking to make the outer north-east of Leeds an exemplar of tree planting and other any other initiatives. There is a lot to do and we look forward to receiving your ideas whether they relate to car sharing, walking, cycling or the increased use of our fragile public bus services.

New Parish Council website

The Parish Council is working on upgrading its current website. We would like proposals from web developer companies to create a new website that is compliant with transparency code compliance regulations and website accessibility regulations.

We have developed a specification and we are happy to send you a copy to quote on. If you are interested in providing a proposal and quotation for this development work please contact, in the first instance, the Parish Council clerk at ClerkLS154@btinternet.com

What's happening in the Parish – regular events for your diaries

There are lots of events in both Barwick and Scholes and the organisers of these events would be pleased to welcome you.

- Coffee morning 10.00am – 12.00pm first Saturday of the month at Scholes Methodist's Church;
- T @ 2, 2:00pm every second Tuesday of the month – free cuppa - at Barwick Methodist's;
- Coffee morning 10.00am – 12.00pm every Wednesday at The Manor House;
- Community Care Café open St Philips Church, Scholes 2:00pm – 5.00pm Tuesdays, 9.00am – 12.00pm Fridays;
- Coffee 10.00am – 12.00pm last Saturday every month at St Philips Church, Scholes;
- Messy Club aimed at pre-school children 12.45pm – 15.00pm first Tuesday of every month at All Saints Church, Barwick;
- Family Fun 1:00pm - 2:00pm every Friday in term time at All Saints Church, Barwick;
- Coffee - mid week – 10.00am -12.00pm every second and fourth Tuesday of the Month at Barwick Village Hall;
- Coffee 10.00am -11.15am every Thursday at John Rylie Centre, Barwick – all senior citizens welcome;
- Bingo 2.00pm – 3.45pm every Tuesday at John Rylie Centre, Barwick – all senior citizens welcome;