

BARWICK in ELMET and SCHOLES PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the **BARWICK in ELMET PLAYING FIELDS COMMITTEE** meeting held on Monday 28 October 2019 at 7.30 pm at Barwick Methodist Schoolroom.

PRESENT: Councillors Claire Hassell (Chair), Glyn Davies, Howard Bedford and Karen Dales together with representatives, John Swift & Danny Leadbeater (Cricket), Adrian Riddington (Mount Saint Mary's Football), Simon Fenton (Tennis), Linda Turp & Lynda Wright (Village Hall) and the Clerk.

The meeting began with introductions.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. Phil Maude and Mike Cooper (Bowling Club).

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 8 April 2019, having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record that the Chair be authorised to sign.

4. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising other than those dealt with under the headings below.

5 CLUB REPORTS

5.1 Cricket Club

The first and second teams enjoyed success in the 2019 season with both winning their 20-20 cup competitions. The first team finished second in their league but the second team struggled in their division as the other members of their league were club first teams. Although they finished bottom of the league, the second team would not necessarily be relegated due to other clubs resigning from the Wetherby League.

Nearly all the junior teams enjoyed league or cup success in 2019. The exception being the under 18s team which had only five members aged 17-20 and has had to rely on under 15 players to make up the numbers. The ground had been used nearly seven days a week during the cricket season.

Raymond Budd had organised coaching and nets in the winter and had been successful in getting funding for the club.

The Wetherby League is now the last Leeds league and several clubs have left or are leaving to join other leagues. Only two of the ten clubs which have left have done well. The English Cricket Board (ECB) have introduced a pyramid system similar to that used in football but this has not been successful and the Wetherby League have withdrawn from the pyramid. The league has been restructured to improve competition and shorter days have been introduced. League rules state that when a senior team resigns from the league, junior teams must do likewise.

The covers had been vandalised, the club having just bought two new ones. Holes had been burnt through. Those responsible had been caught on closed circuit television camera (CCTV) footage but the quality of the images had been insufficient to identify them. Consideration was being given to putting CCTV cameras on the scoreboard.

5.2 Village Hall

All the regular users returned in the Autumn. There is a new booking on a Tuesday being a dancing school running for three hours a week. The Hall is in regular use with plenty of bookings for parties. There were two wedding receptions in September and the Hall was used for the annual beer festival. The line dancing class has now got two new leaders. There will be a tabletop sale on 24th November to raise funds for homeless veterans and there will be a full yoga day on Sunday 8th December. An adoption group are having their Christmas party in the Hall. The Tuesday coffee mornings are going well with 25 to 30 people coming each time. There are plans to have an afternoon tea next Easter. The issues involving anti-social behaviour by youths has improved slightly with CCTV cameras being installed. The flat roof was treated in August. A quote is being sought to change the lighting in the main hall to LED and quotes are awaited for work in the kitchen and to the main electrics. An application had been made to the Festival Fund for a new cooker and a small freezer. Two committee members are due to resign and an advertisement had gone into the magazine to encourage new people to join. The five-year electricity check had been done this year. The storeroom had been reorganised following a risk assessment. The Parent Teacher Association had booked the hall for a Halloween party for about fifty children.

5.3 Mount Saint Mary's Football Club

The club have played seven matches so far this season and won six of them. They hope to bring in some younger players next year. They have applied to the Festival Fund for support in replacing the septic tank. A chemical toilet is being used, there have been no complaints about this from visiting teams. They are also doing their own fund-raising in the Irish Centre in Leeds and have so far raised two to three thousand pounds from an event involving the singer Diana Ross. The pitch is now also being used by Scholes FC (a junior team). It is hoped that the other junior team run by Craig Tumilty will be back next season. Adrian reported that he had done a bit of painting prior to the season starting. Training is being done at the Co-Op Academy.

5.4 Tennis Club

Rain had caused the cancelation of some tournaments. The tennis Club had fielded joint teams with Scholes. They had finished level with the second placed team in a league of five but had been placed third due to rules about head to head results. Similarly, the mixed doubles team had finished tied with the fourth placed team in their league but had been placed last. The offer of free membership had nearly trebled their numbers across all ages, mainly people from Barwick in Elmet or Scholes but some from further afield including an England over 60s hockey player. The challenge is to keep these people beyond the offer of free membership and it is proposed to gradually increase the fee. Lots of children have been coming on a Sunday morning with their parents. Since the last Playing Fields Committee meeting, there have been no more incidents of vandalism. A raffle more than covered the cost of a new fire extinguisher and a local joiner had offered to fit a new door free of charge. The club is not affiliated to the Lawn Tennis Association and this has created some uncertainty about future participation in the league.

5.5 Allotments

Although there was no representative of the Allotments, the Chair was able to give a report. There had been damage done to sweet corn on several plots which was attributed to badgers. She reported that there would be vacant plots in the coming year.

5.6 Bowling Club

Although there was no representative of Bowling Club, both Village Hall representatives were members and able to give a report.

The club had enjoyed some success in 2019, they had won the Saturday league and the Thursday team had won promotion. The first team had moved to the top league and won it. There were a lot of new players in the second team. They didn't win the Sleights Trophy this year. They were pleased with the sign for the sports fields at the junction of Chapel Lane and Long Lane and would like a sign in the Village Hall grounds. The club now has a vice-chair and has a strong committee as all but one of the club captains are committee members. They need a toilet for those with mobility issues and will see if arrangements can be made to use the Village Hall toilets.

6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was discussion about the football club septic tank. Options such as sharing with cricket club or connecting to the mains had been considered and the need for an area as a soakaway.

7 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 30 March 2019 at 7.30 pm

The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

Chair
Monday 30 March 2019