

BARWICK in ELMET and SCHOLES PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the SCHOLES PLAYING FIELDS COMMITTEE

Held on Monday 29th April 2019 at 7:30 p.m. at the Scholes Sports Association Pavilion, Belle Vue Avenue, Scholes.

PRESENT: Councillors Claire Hassell (Chair), Craig Barker, Howard Bedford, Karen Dales and Phil Maude together with representatives Mary Burrell, Pam Frisby and Josie Hall (Bowling), Mark Sirrell (Cricket), Andy Moody (Junior Football), Karl Abbott, Callum Cullen and Wayne Marshall (FC Scholes), Jon Bliss (Scouts), Colin Smith and Kirsty Spaven (Tennis) and the Clerk.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

James Douglas (Tennis) and Cllr. Stella Walsh.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 8th October 2018 having been circulated be confirmed as a correct record, proposed Cllr. Maude, seconded Mark Sirrell.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

5 CLUB REPORTS

5.2 Scholes Sports Association

Andy reported that the Sport Association finances are positive and that a mandate change from Yorkshire bank (Crossgates) had been requested. He reported that he would be stepping down as chair/secretary and that the treasurer (Jason Bradley) was also stepping down. Replacements would need to be sought. The clubhouse insurance (Marshall Wooldridge Ltd) and Utility supply (Opus energy) will continue to be paid by direct debit utilising existing funds from both the Football and Tennis club.

a. Scholes and Barwick Junior Football club and FC Scholes

The under 16s team are to fold at the end of the season due to other interests and the better players were being approached by clubs in higher divisions. The Child Welfare Officer is standing down. The under 14s will also be moving on at the end of the season due to low numbers. The players remaining will be moving to a new club.

FC Scholes were looking to support the juniors moving up to open age football and to bridge the gap between under 16s and adult football. They reported that they had six or seven adult ladies who were also part of a running group. A licence is required to regulate the use of pitch by the football clubs. Councillor Maude said that there would be a delay issuing this as there were matters concerning Scholes Football Club to sort out, but this would not prevent the Club going ahead to make arrangements for next season.

Cllr. Barker reminded all present that there was space in the newsletter to promote membership.

b. Tennis

Colin reported that tennis had had a few sessions. They had joined Barwick in Elmet to field a men's team. Kirsty had offered help running the club. More members were needed.

5.3 Cricket Club

Membership was similar to last season, more players are still needed. The club is well supported regarding social membership. A Barwick resident has been helping and his son has played for the second team. The club reported that there was uncertainty regarding their fixtures as fourteen other clubs in the Wetherby League has given preliminary notice of the intension to resign from the league and move to the York League. Yorkshire Cricket Board (YCB) were considering a 20-20 format for all clubs in leagues below semi-professional level.

5.4 Scouts

Jon introduced himself as the new group Scout leader, Scholes Scouts not having had one for about two years. Scouts now has a fully functioning Executive Committee. He apologised to all present for any previous misunderstandings, he was looking to build bridges to restore good working relationships with other users of the recreational area. He offered support to FC Scholes, Cricket and to Bowls and advised that Bowls are free to cut their hedge from the Scouts side. In terms of numbers, there are nineteen Beavers, twenty-nine Cub-Scouts, thirteen Scouts and twenty-four Explorers (the latter being a District provision). These groups cover children from six years old to eighteen years of age. The Scouts are holding fund-raising events and are having a hut make-over day on the 11th/12th May. A new sign has been put up and the gate repainted. Like other users, there are issues regarding dog-fouling and which compromise safeguarding. Two international events were coming up, the World Scout Jamboree and the European Jamboree in Poland next year. Nine Scouts from the Wetherby District would be going on the World Scout Jamboree including three from Scholes. The Scout barbeque will be on 15th September. Scouts will be supporting Scholes Gala on 8th June. There was discussion about use of the field at weekends. The hut is used most days of the week apart from Fridays.

5.5 Bowling Club

The bowling club representatives arrived straight from a safeguarding meeting. During their safeguarding meeting there was a recommendation that there is a sign at the end of the street with the name of the clubs and the post code, as this is needed by emergency services if they are called, as the clubs are not at the side of the main road. It was agreed that this would be raised at the next meeting. Their season has just started, and the Tuesday ladies league starts the week following the meeting. Other teams play on Wednesday afternoon, Wednesday evening and Thursday (two teams). There is now just one Veteran's team (previously two). Some new members have joined who are not attached to any of the teams. The issue of having a notice board with information about all clubs which had been raised at previous Playing Fields Committee meetings was still outstanding. They have a contractor who cuts the tall trees around the toilet area.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was a query about the higher level of water usage. An attempt to verify the readings of the water authority had been unsuccessful as the location of the water meter could not be found (the manhole cover was believed to have been covered by Scholes in Bloom). There is believed to be one in the car park itself and there is one inside the bowling club's storeroom (which was replaced last year due to a burst). The water bill was higher than expected and is being looked into. Both the cricket club and bowling club confirmed that they had used sprinklers last season. All clubs agreed to check in case they had any water leaks.

Cllr. Maude was looking at leases and will be writing to the clubs for details of their current trustees.

Clubs were encouraged to provide current contact information for their secretaries for the Parish Council website.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 21st October 2019 7:30 p.m. at Scholes Sports Pavilion.

The meeting closed at 9:00pm

Chair

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