

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held on Monday 8th June 2020 at 7pm using a remote access platform.

PRESENT:	Councillor	Phil Maude (Chair)		
	Councillors	Joanne Austin	Glyn Davies	Graham Slater
		Howard Bedford	Claire Hassell	Stella Walsh
		Karen Dales	Paul Remmer	Jaqueline Ward

In attendance: Six residents and the Clerk.

The Chair read out a statement outlining the procedures to be undertaken to hold a lawful and effective remote meeting.

1 APOLOGIES. None.

2 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST. None.

3 SCHOLES LODGE FARM. Following a query regarding bullet point 4 (boundaries), it was **resolved** to adopt the terms of reference which had been previously been circulated, subject to correction of a typing error, all in favour.

4 BARWICK SPORTS FIELD. Cllr. Remmer gave a detailed report regarding the football changing rooms at Barwick in Elmet and the drainage of sewage. He advised the Parish Council (PC) that water from showers and sinks is classed as sewage. The existing septic tank is currently over full with a risk of raw sewage escaping through the turret seal and slowly soaking into the ground. He reported that someone had excavated and disconnected the pipe work serving the sink and showers and constructed a small gravel soakaway. This presented a risk of land contamination and entry into the water table where it could flow to an area where borehole water is used as a source of drinking water for cattle or even humans. The proximity of the school was a particular concern. He recommended that the tank be emptied and that the drain hole be capped off before it entered the tank and that the pipe work serving the sink and showers be reconnected and closed off.

Cllr. Davies suggested liaison with cricket club regarding sharing their septic tank, Cllr. Remmer explained the difficulties of this noting that the cricket club soakaway was effective for the level of use from the cricket club but might not be effective if it had to take additional sewage.

It was noted that planning permission would be required for a cess pool and that installation would be subject to inspection by building regulations whilst the hole is being dug.

There was concern that any substantial investment by the PC would benefit a club where a number of players come from outside the parish but equally, recognition that this would be an asset for the village, which would in time attract more local players.

It was **resolved** that the PC arranges a meeting with Mount Saint Mary's football club officials as a matter of urgency. The Club be asked to empty the tank and reconnect the drainage with the PC covering the cost of evacuation down to the pipe before it connects to the tank and cap it off at that point. The meeting with the club will consider the installation of the cesspool and the financial contributions to the cost and the terms of a new agreement with the Club and report back to the PC, all in favour. Cllrs. Hassell, Maude and Remmer would meet the club.

It was **resolved** to get three or more quotes for work to the cess pool, all in favour. Cllr. Remmer would pursue and advised that quotes are subject to change as the contractor may encounter unforeseen issues once digging commences, all quotes are based on a best-case scenario.

Consideration of investigating building an extension onto Barwick Village Hall was deferred to another meeting.

5 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Next PC meeting Monday - 6th July 2020, at 7pm.

Allotments sub-committee – 9th June 2020 at 7pm

Pavilion sub-committee – 10th June 2020 at 7pm

Finance and General Purposes Committee – Tuesday 14th July 2020 at 7pm

All the above meetings to be held by remote access unless advised otherwise.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7:57pm.

Signed

Chair

6th July 2020
