



# Parish Council of Barwick-in-Elmet and Scholes Spring Newsletter

February 2022

## ***Message from the Chair Phil Maude***

### **The precept and the Parish Council Budget for next year**

The Parish Council resolved at its meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> February to increase the Parish Precept by 5.1%, which reflects the current level of inflation. This decision was taken reluctantly and follows a number of years where no change has been made.

The precept is the request made by the Parish Council to Leeds City Council for payment to fund the Parish Council. The details of each household payment appear on your Council Tax bill. The decision to increase the amount of funding is part of an overall review of the PC finances. This has also seen an increase in rents for the various Sports Clubs in the Parish which use PC land and Scholes Scouts. Rents for these clubs have not been increased for many years.

The PC is well aware that this increase comes at a difficult time for many residents when energy costs are increasing alongside the cost of living. The precept has not been increased since 2013 and our income has reduced in real terms and there is less money available to spend in the Parish.

At the same time the PC has resolved to become more proactive in spending money in the Parish to improve facilities. The Vision for the Future project will provide a new tennis court, MUGA pitch and exercise area in Scholes which should be complete in May. There are plans to improve the Verity Strip which will improve access to Barwick Cricket Club and Barwick Allotments. There are plans being developed to introduce some exercise facilities on Hall Tower Field. The PC continues to maintain facilities at Scholes Pavilion, Scholes Lodge Field and Jack Heaps field for use by residents. Funding to support the celebrations for the Queens Platinum Jubilee is also being provided.

All this expenditure has depleted our reserves and so an increase in the precept has been felt necessary as a prudential response to enable the PC to maintain this level of service and fund its Clerk for the foreseeable future. Full details of the budget for next year are available on the Parish Council website.

**The Parish Boundary;** those of you who have been reading my messages from the Chair will be aware of my previously reported concern about the “extension” of the Parish Boundary to the north west of the parish to the Coal Road. This extension would have included most of the northern quadrant of the East Leeds Extension and in time would have added many more people to the parish.

The PC had been informed by Leeds City Council (LCC) of this boundary extension at the same time as the boundary to Harewood Ward had been extended. Mysteriously no one on the Parish Council could recall receiving any consultation correspondence about the proposal. LCC announced the boundary had been extended and proceeded to levy the parish precept on the new properties on Skelton Lane.

Correspondence with LCC revealed that the Parish boundary had **NOT** been extended and it remains on its original boundaries along the western side of the Parish. LCC have apologised for their error. Whilst this means that a couple of small slivers of land to the west of the new road will remain in the parish, the population of the parish will not expand as previously thought and we will retain our rural characteristics. As a result, the PC will not receive quite as much precept monies, as the properties in Skelton Lane are now omitted. These residents will also not qualify for tickets for Leeds Festival, as they do not live in the parish.

**Coming soon Post Office, Scholes Sports Pavilion** (near the bowling club). The PC are pleased to inform you that a full-service Post Office will be available at the pavilion on **Thursday 13.00 to 15.00 from 10<sup>th</sup> March.**

**Phil Maude Chair**

**Kinga Ragg New Councillor for Barwick in Elmet: Councillor**

Hello, I am excited about joining the Parish Council. I am looking forward to contributing to the PC's work and would like to offer and dedicate some of my free time, to help to improve the community I have been part of for the last 5 years. I have overall interest in social issues, but mostly in the environment, sustainability, health and wellbeing.

**The PC has successfully been awarded grants** to be used to enhance Scholes. The PC is delighted that the grants have been awarded and would like to thank the organisations involved for their generosity, and the help and support offered in making the process successful. Thanks to Councillor Graham Slater for pursuing this funding.

A total £86,972 was awarded comprised of awards from; **Emmerdale S106 Fund, £6,000 Veolia Environmental Trust, £38,000 and FCC Communities Foundation** £42,972 to develop the old tennis courts in Scholes. The work started in February and further information re access will be made available once the work

is completed. The new development includes resurfacing, new entrances, a single tennis court and a new MUGA pitch, and fitness equipment which will be suitable for use by wide range of ages.

**Leeds City Council** provided a grant of £350 to be used to plant four flowering cherry trees and bulbs for the wild flower area on Scholes Lodge field.

**Barwick in Elmet and Scholes Community Fund**, provided a grant of £350 for bulbs and seeds for Scholes Lodge Field.

Groups in the Parish are reminded that if they wish to apply for grants to support community activities they must complete Grant Application forms, which are available on the PC website.

### ***PC consultation have your say! Where do you stand or sit?***

The PC is undertaking a public consultation regarding its policy on benches across the Parish. The key issues which the PC would like your views on include:

- Where should benches be located? What should they look like?
- What material should they be made of metal; wood or recycled plastic?
- Who should pay for them? Should new benches be funded solely by the Parish or from sponsorship/donations made by residents? Should commercial sponsorship be encouraged and allowed?

The PC is clear that benches should not block footpaths. The PC would like to see them near the end of country walks, by bus stops, near village hubs, whenever local conditions allow. Please let the PC have your views.



Have your say via the PC website  
<https://barwickandscholespc.org/benches/> or use the QR code.

By email to: [bspc.consultations@mail.com](mailto:bspc.consultations@mail.com)

***Or write to the Clerk.***

***The consultation closes on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022.***

**Pest Control needed for Scholes Lodge Field.** The field is a protected space due to the archaeological features, and the PC needs to balance the need to protect the field and the public to use the field. Currently, the large number of mole hills are making it a problem for walking on the paths. The PC is therefore seeking to find somebody locally who can treat the moles in a humane manner. If anybody has any contacts or possible ideas for a solution to the mole problem, please can they get in touch with Councillor Paul Remmer, Chair SLF Subcommittee.

## ***Parish activities and updates.***



**Barwick and Scholes Royal British Legion** are looking for members. Anyone wishing to become a member (this applies to anyone who has not served in HM Forces) for more information please contact Joanne Moore: **Joanne65.moore@gmail.com** or telephone 07792 319600

**1st Scholes Scouts** are excited to be involved with the Community Cabin project introduced to us by the PC and are hoping to be working closely with Balfour Beatty and Leeds Building College this spring to provide a cabin for the Scouts adjacent to our existing building.

**Scholes Bowling Club** are continuing to offer **free membership** for one year to all newcomers. Woods can be borrowed so no expense; just give it a try. Come along to practice anytime.



Please feel free to come and watch matches on Tuesday, Wednesday Thursday evenings and Wednesday afternoon. We hope to have a "Sleights Trophy" match between Barwick and Scholes on Jubilee weekend. The season usually starts in April date tbc.

Photo of ladies Tuesday team

**St Philips, Scholes** Community Café is open again after a short closure for repairs.

**Scholes Community Care celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year.**

Community Care continues to hold its **Coffee Morning** at the Manor House, Scholes. **Wednesday 10am to 11.30am.** Refreshments and raffle £1.50. Everybody welcome.

**Unsung Hero Judy Higgins** a resident of Scholes, has donated over £5,260 to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance service. Judy makes amazing greeting cards which she sells and all proceeds go this help support this vital service, which was called out for 1,523 incidents in 2021.



**Barwick Village Hall** Coffee mornings 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month 10 am to 12.00 noon

**Barwick Methodist Church:** This historic building is 120 years old and requires regular ongoing maintenance. Various restoration and repair projects are planned over the coming years; one of which is the Spire, a key feature of the Church. Funds of £15,000 to £25,000 are needed for future ongoing maintenance.

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2022** Coffee Morning in Barwick Village Hall 10.00 am to 12.00 noon. £2.00 for coffee/tea and biscuits. Stalls include raffle and cake. Proceeds in aid of Barwick Methodist Church 'Building Fund'. Everyone welcome. The Schoolroom is available for hire at £10 per hour, it is suitable for meetings and children's parties. Contact either John Prior [jprior6@sky.com](mailto:jprior6@sky.com) or Nicholas Howe [nh45nhl@outlook.com](mailto:nh45nhl@outlook.com)

### **Barwick in Bloom Open Gardens Sunday June 26<sup>th</sup> 2022**

Preparations are now well underway for this summer's **Open Gardens** event which will be making a welcome return on Sunday June 26<sup>th</sup> after a 2year absence.

**Barwick in Bloom** volunteers have been enjoying the recent winter sunshine while tidying up the Community Orchard and repairing the willow tunnel which had been damaged during last summer.



Spring bulbs are already starting to appear amongst the fruit trees and we look forward to a dazzling display in a couple of months' time.

**Scholes In Bloom** were awarded 5 "*Certificates of Excellence*" by Yorkshire in Bloom in 2021 for each of the following areas in the village.

**Yorkshire in Springtime** for the lovely spring floral displays in our village.

**Yorkshire in Summertime** for the all the floral displays from June to December.

**"By heck that's good"** for a special NHS floral display, awarded to the Surgery Garden on Main Street.

**Kind to nature and wildlife project** for the wild flower garden which looked superb this summer.

**Community Litter Heroes**, who do a fantastic job keeping our village clean and litter free.



**Thank you** to everyone for their contributions in making it possible to achieve these fantastic results. As residents we often take these fabulous floral contributions for granted. **New volunteers** are urgently needed to keep up the high standards that have been set by both Barwick and Scholes In Bloom groups. If you can spare an hour or two then please contact the In Bloom groups and ask how you can give a hand.

**On another note!** There seem to be so many front gardens in Scholes being turned over to block paving. "...in our house the joke is not about Scholes in Bloom, but "Scholes in Brick".

There are many constructive ways of combining parking space with gardening which are beneficial to bees and other wildlife and look more natural and more beautiful too. The LCC design guide seeks to encourage homeowners to think differently about their front gardens and to park cars in a way which doesn't make local flooding worse and which can also be good for the environment. "*Don't Pave it Save It*" Free copy available from [urban.design@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:urban.design@leeds.gov.uk)

**Messy Business! Please help keep the Parish Clean and Tidy take your rubbish home with you and place dog poo in the bins provided. Why do people hang dog poo bags in trees? Please stop this, you live in the villages do your bit, take it home and put in the black bin.**

You give responsible dog owners a bad name. The leaflet "**Responsible Dog Ownership**" sets out in detail dog owners' responsibilities, copies can be found on **LCC website** [www.leeds.gov.uk](http://www.leeds.gov.uk)

### **The Orders include the following:**

**Dog Fouling:** Failure to clear up after a dog is an offence and you will be fined or prosecuted. This Order applies to any land within the area administered by the council which is open to the air and to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access either with or without payment.

**Means To Pick Up Dog Faeces:** A person in control of a dog must carry an appropriate means to pick up dog faeces such as a poop scoop bag, disposable bag or other suitable container for the disposal of dog faeces.

All dogs must be kept under control at all times to minimise the risk of accidents.

**Useful telephone number** 0113 222 4406.

To report a lost or found dog or to report dog control or dog fouling issues.

## Preview to Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations 2<sup>nd</sup> June to 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022



**Easter Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April Barwick Maypole will be lowered** at around 9.30am.

Volunteers will be welcome to come and dig out the pole and help carry it up to Hall Tower Field ahead of its overdue renovation.

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June Barwick Maypole** will be raised as part of the Celebrations for the Queens Platinum Jubilee.

Followed by **Lighting of the Beacon on Hall Tower** at approx. 21.00.

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** Barwick Village Hall Jubilee Supper Dance 18.00

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June Scholes Lodge Field.**

13.00- 17.00 *"The Queen of Hearts invites The White Rabbit to a Mad Hatters Tea Party."* Volunteers are

needed to help with setting up Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>. Contact Janet Horkan for more information. It would be very much appreciated if anybody has a large gazebo to spare and you are happy for it to be used for the day. Please get in touch. **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February** 10.00am Scholes Methodist School room. The team are having a craft day to create exciting things for the Mad Hatter event. If you want to help, then let Janet Horkan know you are coming along.

[horkanjanet@yahoo.com](mailto:horkanjanet@yahoo.com) telephone 07859282252..

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June St Phillips** has planned a Village Songs of Praise with Gawthorpe Brass band in the church grounds at **11.00am**, followed by a bring-your-own picnic. The Community Café will open at 2pm.

If any residents wish to have street parties and block off the road, it is necessary to apply to LCC at least four weeks before the event.

Please can you let the PC know if you are organising any events for the Queens Jubilee Celebrations.

The intention is to publish a full programme of events in the **May PC News Letter**.

Contact Cllrs Stella Walsh or Claire Hassel with details.

**Ted Stuart** was a long-standing member of Barwick and Scholes Royal British Legion, he died peacefully in Pinderfields hospital aged 97; a beloved father of David and Julie, grandfather and great grandfather. Ted volunteered for the Royal Navy in 1943 and subsequently saw extensive action at Sicily, Salerno and the 1944 D Day landings. When he “finally” retired, he soon got the hang of it and enjoyed coffee mornings at John Rylie House. Being a Yorkshireman, he also enjoyed the occasional pint. He worked tirelessly for the Poppy Appeal going door to door in Barwick and on the Legion stall.



## ***Contact Details of Parish Councillors working for you***

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There is also a contact form on the PC website. <https://barwickandscholes.org>  
Your views are important to the PC, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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