

# **BARWICK in ELMET and SCHOLES PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the **BARWICK in ELMET PLAYING FIELDS COMMITTEE** meeting held on Monday 25 October 2021 at 7.30 pm in Barwick Methodist Schoolroom.

**PRESENT:** Councillors Claire Hassell (Chair), David Budd (also representing cricket) and Graham Slater together with representatives Steve Collett (Allotments), Mike Cooper (Bowling), Raymond Budd (Cricket), Simon Fenton (Tennis), Linda Turp (Village Hall) and Lynda Wright (Bowling and Village Hall) and the Clerk.

The meeting began with each person present introducing themselves.

## **1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies had been received from Pam Binns (Bowling), Mount Saint Marys and from Cllrs. Brunt, Cantelo, Maude and Walsh.

## **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 29 March 2020, having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record and that the Chair be authorised to sign.

## **4. MATTERS ARISING**

- **Trustees.**  
The Clerk would confirm the position regarding Bowling Club.
- **Rents.**  
It was noted that the annual ground rent payable by each club had not been increased for over thirty years and that if it had been increased in line with the Consumer Price Index then each club would now be playing well over £200. They were asked how they would feel about increase for the following financial year. The view was this would be acceptable as long as each club was treated equally.
- **Hedge cutting of boundaries using the Parish Council (PC) contractor.**  
Progress with this was slow. The Clerk had taken a potential contractor round the Parish the previous month, but no quotation had been forthcoming. More recently another contractor had supplied prices. It was suggested clubs continue with the previous arrangements for hedge cutting this year and consider a PC contractor for 2022. Bowling Club did not feel the need for a PC contractor as they already cut their own internal hedges. Cricket Club use volunteers.

## **5 CLUB REPORTS**

### **5.1 Bowling Club**

Bowling Club reported that membership was about the same, one or two new members had joined offset by one or two who had not continued their membership. They had two main teams a lady's and a men's. There was uncertainty about the league situation next year.

### **5.2 Cricket Club**

Cricket reported that they had had a strong year and had fielded several junior teams (under nines, under elevens, under thirteens, under fifteens, and under eighteens) It also had an English Cricket Board All Stars team catering for those aged four to seven which had 34 members. In addition to the two senior teams, they were looking to add a second under eleven team and have a girls section (having already got two girls). The second team had been used

to bring through the juniors, some matches fielding five or six of them and the two girls had also played for the second team. The club had been praised for the amount of juniors it had and the junior presentation night had been very positive. There was uncertainty about the future of the Wetherby and district league with many teams having left to join other leagues resulting those the left playing other teams in the league three or four times a season. They had applied to join the York and district league noting concerns about travel. The club would still be in the Wetherby and district league in 2022 and the move would be the summer after. There would be a vote in November at their Annual General Meeting. Members of the York league visited the club and were impressed with the facilities. Matches in the York league start at 12:30. There were issues about capacity with three teams playing on a Monday night (at least one away) this has been overcome in 2021 as Garforth Cricket Club had offered their facilities free of charge for junior matches that night, other possibilities were being explored. The club were having informal conversations about netting together with neighbouring clubs. Several other clubs in the area had been taken over by people who were not rooted in the community, a situation Cricket Club was very keen to avoid.

### **5.3 Village Hall**

Following the end of pandemic restrictions, the Village Hall had slowly being reopening. Hall hire was really good (between two and four groups using the Hall everyday), twelve classes Monday to Friday including two classes on a Friday evening. Weekend bookings to the end of November were fully booked for parties They were planning a Christmas market on the 5<sup>th</sup> December. Twenty-four or twenty-five people had requested stalls. The bar area would be a grotto and Father Christmas would visit and refreshments including mulled wine would be on offer. The Hall would be closed from the 10<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup> of November for electrical repairs. The floor was being done one weekend in January. The Village Hall were proposing to mark the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II by having a supper dance on the Friday evening of the bank holiday weekend. Planning was in progress with proposals for a bar, live music, supper, a selection of music embracing the different eras during the reign of Her Majesty and themed dress. Barwick in Bloom no longer wished to use the area the side of the Village Hall as vegetable garden. An application had been made to the Community Fund to plant trees (with a central tree to be known as the Jubilee Tree) and to have a small plaque. There was a new committee including an expert in entertainments (there currently being six on the committee). There had been bookings for weddings next year. There was a concern that the light in the Village Hall car park was on all the time. Electrical safety checks had been done.

### **5.4 Mount Saint Mary's Football Club (MSM)**

Mount Saint Mary's were not represented but had sent a report, see appendix 1.

### **5.5 Tennis Club**

Tennis reported an increase in membership and now have seventy members including nineteen juniors. Many family units join for purely recreational (non-competitive) purposes. Tennis play in the mixed Division Three of the Barkston Ash league and finished sixth out of six (they were on the same number of points as the team that finished fifth) having won three games. There were not enough teams to form a new league. They used to have a joint team with Scholes. The club anticipated two items of large expenditure in the near future. Firstly resurfacing the courts, the lines are breaking up a bit and the tarmac surface is quite hard (particularly for some of the older members). Secondly posts for the floodlights were showing signs of wear and tear. These had been looked at and were alright for now. These concerns would be discussed at the Annual General Meeting in February. The club's income exceeds expenditure each year in order to build up a fund to cover items of large capital expenditure. The club is not currently affiliated to the Lawn Tennis Association.

## **5.6 Allotments**

The allotments representative reported that all plots had been taken, however very little had been seen of one or two of the plot holders in the last year. There was one person on the waiting list. The access track was in need of remedial repair works and two quotations had been received. The hedges need cutting. The formation of an allotment association had been suggested and the Clerk would set up a meeting. It was suggested that perhaps there might be a table for allotment holders put out surplus produce. The Village Hall donates surplus allotment produce to Barwick in Bloom.

## **6 HOW THE PARISH COUNCIL CAN HELP CLUBS INCREASE MEMBERSHIP**

It was suggested that Bowling Club could distribute a leaflet with the PC newsletter in the Barwick half of the Parish.

## **7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Cricket expressed concerns about dogs on the pitch. The square had been sealed off with temporary fencing but nevertheless footballs and dog toys had been found inside the fencing. Professional signs would be manufactured, and a new camera was being installed.

## **7 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 28 March 2022 at 7.30 pm**

The meeting closed at 8:45pm.

Chair  
Monday 11 April 2022

## **Appendix 1 – Report from Mount Saint Mary’s Football Club.**

The 2020/21 football season finished at the end of June 2020, the 1st Team finished 2nd in the Premier Division which resulted in promotion to the Supreme Premier Division. The 1st team have had a tough start winning 2 game and losing 4 games but things hopefully will settle down over the course of the season in what is a very strong division.

The Supreme Premier Division is Step 7 of the Football Pyramid and is “Invitation only” due to specific criteria of clubhouse and football ground/pitch being met. Following an inspection by the Secretary of the Yorkshire Amateur League a couple of clubhouse improvements were recommended in order for the “Promotion” to be guaranteed. The recommendations were that a Shower and a Shower cubicle had to be installed into the referee’s room along with a toilet and wash basin. Also, the main existing shower area had to be divided into Home and Away shower areas and therefore a partition had to be installed half way along the multiple shower units.

The Shower/Shower Cubicle and Shower Partition project was completed throughout July and August 2021 and cost the football club £2300 for the materials and installation. We managed to recover £500 of the overall cost from the Yorkshire Amateur League Ground Improvement fund.

The Reserves team won the Division 4 Championship last season (20/21) in their first season and have started this season in Division 3. So far having 1 won, drawn 1 and losing 2 games in the league program. We have a number of players due back from long term injury so results will hopefully improve.

The Mount St Marys committee have arranged a "Fund Raising Tribute Concert" at the Leeds Irish Centre on Saturday 11th December 2021. Hopefully this will be a successful evening, so we can raise some finance to replace the funds spent on the clubhouse improvements made over the summer. Tickets are £10 each and the Tribute Act is

Please see a couple of photos of the Shower/Shower Cubicle and the Partition installed in the main shower area in the clubhouse.



**Shower partition**



**Shower cubicle**