

BARWICK in ELMET & SCHOLES PARISH COUNCIL: PLANNING COMMITTEE meeting held at 7pm on Monday 16th August 2021 in the Pavilion.

PRESENT: Councillors Phil Maude (Chair), Alex Cantelo, Karen Dales and Graham Slater.

In Attendance: The Clerk

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. None.

2 PROPOSAL THAT THE VACANCIES ON THE COMMITTEE BE FILLED BY NON-PARISH COUNCILLORS.

It had been established that whilst non-Councillors could serve on the Committee, they would not be allowed to vote. There would be an agenda item at the September Parish Council (PC) meeting to see if anyone was willing to be considered.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: It was **resolved** that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 19th July 2021 having been circulated, be approved and that the Chair sign the minutes.

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

The following applications were considered

Application number & date	Applicant	Description
21/05097/FU/NE 15 July 2021	56 Flats Lane	Single storey side extension
Consideration was given to proximity to neighbouring dwellings and wheelie bin access after which it was resolved that the Committee raise no objection to this application.		
21/04664/FU/NE 16 June 2021	1 Richmondfield Drive	Alterations including demolition of garage; conversion of attic to form habitable rooms; dormer window to front, dormer window to rear; new window at first floor level; front to porch; new garage to rear
It was noted that this application had been determined by Leeds City Council (LCC) on 10 th August 2021 and had been refused and therefore the Committee did not consider this further.		
21/05797/FU/NE 26 July 2021	7 Richmondfield Close	Single storey side extension and loft conversion to habitable room space

Consideration was given to the lack of windows/skylights in the loft conversion after which it was resolved that the Committee raise no objection to this application.		
21/05979/FU/NE 5 August 2021	59 Main Street, Scholes	Single storey side extension
It was noted that this property was in the conservation area. It was also noted that the shape of the property boundary took it behind the neighbour's property and consideration was given to the accessibility of the back of the house from the front after which it was resolved that the Committee raise no objection to this application.		
21/03183/FU/NE 9 June 2021	69 Nook Road	Retrospective application for outbuilding to rear
It was noted that this application had been determined by LCC on 29 th July 2021 and had been approved and therefore the Committee did not consider this further.		
21/06482/TR 30 July 2021	1 Schoolgate	T1 Lawsons Cypress - Remove. Carefully dismantle using rigging techniques where required as close to grade as possible.
The position of the PC is that it always wishes to retain trees, the Committee felt unable to comment on this application unless further information was forthcoming.		

6. UPDATES ON ISSUES PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED

a. Site off Rakehill Road

It was noted that LCC Enforcement Team were closing the file on this. Cllr. Maude had written to the Ward Councillor. The container had been put in the barn. There had been no recent complaints from residents of The Boyle about heavy goods vehicles and it was possible that the business use which had given rise to the complaints had ceased to operate. Cllr. Stephenson was looking into this and meanwhile, Cllr. Maude was pressing for a remote access meeting to be set up with the Enforcement Team and a Ward Councillor. Cllr. Maude would report on progress with this at the next meeting.

b. Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

The group would look at the vision in the Plan following the comments by The LCC Neighbourhood Planning Manager and would consider whether to recommend to the Parish Council it seek to change the parish boundary to follow the east side of the East Leeds Orbital Road (ELOR). Cllr. Maude made the Committee aware of the process needed to request a boundary change (Community Governance review) and the need to get 10% of electors to sign a petition if this is to be carried out outside the normal review period. Cllr. Maude reported on representations by a Scholes resident to Leeds City Council to allocate the Northern Quadrant of the East Leeds Extension into the Outer North-East area and the implications this may have for reducing the prospect of housing allocations in Scholes. The decision of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group would be reported to the Committee (their next meeting being scheduled for October).

c. East Leeds Orbital Road and closure of Leeds Road

The music Festival at Bramham Park would result in further road closures, there was particular concern that all routes to the A64 were closed resulting in long detours. Cllr. Maude had been in contact with Nick Gardiner, Senior Traffic Engineer at LCC. The statutory notices on lamp posts had been put up and a letter had been delivered from Festival Republic regarding the road closures but not everyone had received this and, in any case, the content was inaccurate suggesting traffic goes between Barwick and Scholes via Rakehill Road and stating that the shuttlebus service was free. Cllr. Dales had had a conversation with a representative of the Festival Republic. A copy of the letter had been published on the PC website. Cllr. Slater agreed to go through the letter and highlight all inaccuracies and send to Cllr. Maude who would then forward to Cllrs. Walsh and Ward (the PC representatives on the Community Fund) and they would liaise with the vice-chair of the fund. There were also concerns that the work on Leeds Road would not be completed within the specified time limit, and it was noted that late night working was not apparent with workmen seeming to finish by 4pm. The Clerk would give it another week and then seek assurances that the work was still on schedule.

d. Proposals for the A64 including park and ride

A response to the PC letter had been received and circulated. It was noted that this response was of similar wording to others who had replied to the consultation on this proposal. A full consultation would follow regarding the site. Cllr. Maude had emailed Ward Councillors noting that it was clear that a lot of work had been carried out to identify this site already and that the team were going to carry out more work to work up a detailed scheme for the site. He suggested a freedom of information request be submitted to obtain information about how this site had been identified and asked the Ward Councillors for their comments prior to the PC making such a request. Information about how to respond to the consultation would be removed from the PC website as the time for making comments had now passed.

e. East Leeds Extension (ELE)

The ELE had been the subject of discussion at the Outer Leeds Community Forum. This development would bring 15,000 people into the area and there were concerns about healthcare provision and education and the effect on Barwick and Scholes surgeries and schools. Cllr. Maude has a meeting with Katie Frost of the Local Care partnership on the Friday (20th) to discuss health provision. There were proposals for two primary schools in the ELE but these would not be built immediately putting greater pressure on the schools in Barwick and Scholes in the meantime. There were no plans to build a new secondary school as Leeds City Council consider there is sufficient spare capacity at existing schools in the area., but members of the Forum have expressed some concerns about the adequacy of secondary school provision. There were concerns about public transport in both the short term and the long term

Councillor Dales reported that she had become aware that existing services run by First bus might soon be provided by a different operator. First bus allows users to purchase tickets for travel which allows them to disembark and continue their journey on other buses operated by them without additional cost. A different operator would be unlikely to issue travel tickets valid for journeys operated by other companies and therefore if someone

needs to catch 2 buses operated by different companies, they would have to pay twice whereas at the moment it is only necessary to pay once. Cllr. Dales agreed to pursue this with Ward Cllr. Firth.

f. Removal of a boundary wall – Scholes Lodge field

A letter had been written to one of the properties adjoining Scholes Lodge field regarding a tree recently planted without PC consent in the field close to the boundary with their property. LCC planning enforcement had been advised regarding the wall (in a conservation area), this was still under investigation.

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

20th September 2021.

The meeting closed at 8:52pm

Signed

Chair
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