



Barwick in Elmet and Scholes Parish News Letter Feburary March 2023

The Parish Council has 2 wards: Barwick and Scholes.
There are 12 elected representatives (Parish Councillors) 6 in each ward.
Councillors are democratically elected every four years.

May 2023 will be the renewal of the Parish Council all current councillors have the opportunity to continue or stand down. An election has to be held if there are more than 6 candidates in each ward, if there are less then councillors are reinstated without an election. At the last elections Scholes held an election as there were 7 candidates, Barwick did not hold an election. The election costs have to be paid to LCC by the PC and are estimated to be approximately £12,000. This money has to be kept in reserves by the PC.

If you are interested in becoming a parish councillor, please contact the Clerk for more information and an application form.

Parish Council Budget Decisions

The new budget for 2023/2024 has been agreed. All aspects of the PC's budget have been reduced (40% compared to last year) and spending will be monitored carefully. The amount of money available is currently reduced and it is with regret that the PC has agreed to increase next year's precept by 10%. This will increase the total annual precept from £39,000 to £43,000 This decision has been made in order to secure sufficient funding for the future.

Before last year the precept had not been increased for several years and this has left the PC with no other option than to raise the precept. The average **annual** precept cost per household is approximately £28, depending on the council tax band. If your precept for the PC was £28 last year it will be £30.80 this year and £32.90 last year increases to £35.80. We have been very careful to keep costs as low as possible. As usual it will be collected by Leeds City Council via the Council Tax, you can see how much you pay on the LCC Council Tax bill.

In 2021/22 the budget contained significant items such as Scholes football pitch drainage and funding the Platinum Jubilee. Next year's projects include improvements to the Verity Strip, Barwick. We are trying to introduce a long-range plan and in order to do that we would like to hear residents' opinion regarding future projects. Please let us know if you have any ideas that can be added to the plan for the next 3 years. Please contact the Clerk. Full details of the PC accounts and budgets can be found on the PC website. <https://barwickandscholes.org>

Barwick Allotments

Allotment holders in Barwick have indicated in a survey that they would like to take over control of the allotments from the Parish Council. A management committee of at least 5 people will be required. New agreements will be issued and a lease agreed with the PC. Currently there are a few plots available. If you would like a plot, please send your details to the Clerk clerk@barwickandscholespc.org You will be invited to see the allotments and possibly able to take one on, water is available onsite and they are kept locked for security.

The local police no longer attend PC meetings; however, Councillor Alex Cantelo attends the Police and Communities Together (PACT) meetings. If you have issues, you wish Alex to raise, please send comments to alexcantelo.parishcouncil@outlook.com

Scholes Sports Pavilion

New Year's resolution to get fitter, then why not get access the **free** sports facilities in Scholes. Access to the tennis courts, games areas is via a fob system, an application form can be found on the PC website, deposit £5.

Scholes Sports Pavilion is available for hire at reasonable prices

The Pavilion can be booked for parties and meetings. The perimeter fence and lockable gate provide a safe area for children, with plenty of outdoor space for bouncy castles or play equipment. There is also a kitchen, seating and tables. Visit the PC website for more details of facilities and costs.

Booking information is on the PC website <https://barwickandscholes.org>

Defibrillator

A defibrillator is being fitted at the entrance to the sports pavilion. It will be accessible for use by the public, the bowls and cricket clubs.

Full-service **Post Office** open every Thursday afternoon 1pm-3pm call in for post office and café, providing drinks.

All dogs must be kept on leads on Parish Council Land

Due to the number of complaints regarding dog fouling and damage caused to land which is owned and maintained by the PC it has been agreed that **all dogs must be kept on leads in the following locations:** Barwick Playing Fields, All Saints Church, Jubilee Gardens, Barwick Orchard, Scholes Lodge Farm Field, Hall Tower Motte and Bailey, St Philips Garden. The PC request everyone to carry poo bags and pick up after their dog. Bags can be put in any rubbish bin. The PC have asked LCC Dog Warden's to do additional checks in the Parish.

Please keep your dog under control and on a lead at all times on Scholes and Barwick Playing Fields where cricket and football is played and used by children.

Dogs are not allowed on Jack Heaps Field as this is a children's play area.
Please do not let your dog foul in these areas and clean up after them

Revision of Barwick in Elmet and Scholes Neighbourhood Plan

The Barwick in Elmet and Scholes Neighbourhood Plan is currently being reviewed to take into consideration the changes that have occurred locally since the plan was originally agreed.

Update: Drop-in sessions were held in the autumn in both Barwick and Scholes to give residents the opportunity to review the current Neighbourhood Plan and propose changes. Whilst a number of residents attended and expressed their views the overall attendance level was low. No major issues, apart from those described below were raised so the Plan can be revised with only minor alterations.

Key Issues: A key issue raised by a number of residents was the poor connectivity between the villages; including the lack of public transport and the poor condition of existing rights of way. How the revised Plan can deal with this is being examined. The desire to retain and to improve the character of the villages and designate more green spaces ensuring these are protected was a further issue identified and a number of sites have been suggested.

The current Plan does not address how the parish may respond to climate change. Leeds City Council have recently published proposals to encourage solar farms and wind turbines in open countryside and the Plan will need to consider how this should be implemented locally.

External Pressures include the proposals to build over 5,000 new houses on land between the new road and the edge of Leeds. It is estimated over a 10–15-year period the local population will increase by 15,000; putting an enormous strain on existing services such as transport, education and health. Whilst the new development will bring additional facilities these will need to be managed carefully to avoid an unacceptable impact on existing facilities in the parish. The Plan will have a limited role in this regard but the Group will seek to ensure the Plan takes these challenges into account.

The new road should provide a firm boundary edge to the eastward expansion of the Leeds urban area and the Parish Council had supported a proposal to extend the plan boundary to the edge of the new road. This would enable the Plan policies to protect the countryside to apply to all the land east of the road and help resist any attempts to seek new development, especially around the junctions. Unfortunately, this proposal has not been supported by Crossgates Ward Councillors and it is unlikely to be agreed by Leeds City Council.

Next Steps: Responses to the drop-in sessions and ways to deal with the challenges outlined above are being evaluated. If you have any comments or you are able to help with revising the Neighbourhood Plan for Barwick and Scholes, please write to bandsnpr@gmail.com

Thank you to all the volunteers who completed a litter pick along Leeds Road, Scholes over 10 bags of rubbish were collected.
Please take rubbish home with you



Scholes Cricket Club 2023

With the start of the new cricket season coming in spring, these are exciting times for Scholes CC as we start a new adventure in the Yorkshire Premier League North. The old Leeds and Wetherby Cricket League disbanded at the close of the 2022 season and the club is looking forward to welcoming opponents old and new to Rakehill Road this coming year.

The first home game is against Sherburn Eversley on the 29th April and tea, coffee and snacks will be available with ample seating for spectators. Hopefully we get a warm day but if not, there is still an excellent view from inside the cricket pavilion! New players are always welcome and all standards and experience are catered for. Training sessions are held on the pitch on Thursdays evenings during the season (from late April onwards) 6pm until the light fails. Indoor training starts in February.

Scholes CC has not had a junior team for a number of years and we would very much like to speak to any parents who have children interested in learning or playing cricket to contact us **Contact: scholescc@gmail.com** or telephone 07812000964

Scholes Bowling Club

The club is delighted to be celebrating its 50th year this summer making it an exciting time to join our friendly Club. Furthermore, membership for the 2023 season is FREE for all new players and welcome members and players of all ages and abilities. Free coaching and equipment hire available.

Evening matches are on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Afternoon's Wednesday and Saturday. Weekly social bowling sessions on Mondays and organise several one-day friendlies and social events throughout the season.

Contact: scholesbowlingclubLS15@outlook.com telephone 07783472034

Barwick Village Hall - Upcoming Events

Saturday 11th March - 2pm
Spring Afternoon Tea
£12.50 per person
Food, drink and games

Saturday 6th May - 5.30pm
Celebrate King Charles' Coronation
Dinner and Dance
Live Musical entertainment
from Paula (Vintage Vocalist)
£25 per person
2 courses & Glass of Fizz to toast the King

Barwick In Bloom Say Thank You to John Tinker MBE

Thank you, John, from everyone in the village for all the years of unstinting service to Barwick in Bloom

Almost 27 years ago John Tinker MBE played a major role in the formation of Barwick in Bloom and was elected as Chairman. He has continued to lead the team of volunteers in transforming the environment of the village. It is difficult to visualize but back then there were no flower beds or baskets, no Jubilee Gardens, no community orchard, no daffodils or trees on the verges welcoming you to the village, no beds or planters in Main Street and too many other things to mention that are taken for granted today.

All these changes were made under John's careful leadership as well as moving us from 19th out of 20 in Yorkshire in Bloom in 1996 (when we only had one flower bed!) to achieve a Gold Award in Yorkshire in Bloom on at least fifteen occasions and Gold in Britain in Bloom on three occasions, no small feat for our village and Barwick In Bloom.

John has now handed the baton of Chairman to Peter Williams. John has accepted the role of President of Barwick in Bloom so that we can continue to benefit from his wealth of knowledge and expertise

BARWICK IN BLOOM DATES FOR YOUR DIARY Barwick Village Hall

COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 18th March 10am until 12noon

£2 entrance fee includes coffee and biscuits.

Raffle, Tombola, Cakes, Books Jigsaws

Everyone very welcome

PLANT SALE Saturday 13th May 10.00-11.30am

Tea and coffee

If you are able to contribute any plants they would be gratefully received. Contact Peter Williams Tel. 01132 81 1105

Barwick Methodist Church Schoolroom Coffee Mornings 10.00 to 12.00

£2.00 for Coffee/Tea & Biscuits Raffle & Cake Stall

Saturday 15th April- Proceeds Seacroft Food Bank/Church Funds

Saturday 20th May- Proceeds All We Can (Methodist Relief Fund)/Church Funds

Saturday 17th June- Proceeds Charity/Church Funds

Spring Concert Barwick Village Hall Gawthorpe Brass Band

Sunday 30th April - 2 pm Proceeds Building Fund

Barwick and Scholes Probus Club for retired professional and business men.

Tuesday mornings 10.00 12.00 at John Rylie House, Barwick

21 February Records Banned by the BBC in the 40's & 50's

21 March The Chalk Lighthouse at Flamborough

18 April Water Aid

16 May RNLI

20 June Death on the Matterhorn

Contact Alan Stephenson 07855 595060 ajmstephenson@btinternet.com

Room for hire Barwick Miners' Institute Chapel Lane Suitable for meetings, group activities and parties at very reasonable rates. Contact **Rodney Kemp** 0113 2813005

Events at St Philip's Church Scholes

Monday 1pm-3pm Elderberries

Avoid loneliness and have a bit of company and fun once a week. Tea and biscuits Activities include - watercolour painting; crafting; family history; gentle exercise; games and jigsaw puzzles and even the chance to play in a Brass Band!

Tuesday Little Fishes 10.30-12noon Parent and toddler group

Community Café

Every Friday café 9.00-12.00 Every Last Saturday at 10.00-12.00

We serve teas, great coffees, irresistible cakes, toasted teacakes, crumpets and bacon sandwiches at great prices.

Scholes Happy Together Choir Thursday 18.00-19.00

Barwick Village Hall Weekly Event

Monday

10.00- 12.30pm Indoor Bowls Peter Cave – 0113 264 8382

13.30-14.15pm BilinguaSing Lucie Cameron - lucie@bilinguasing.com

17.00-18.00 Yoga Kim Hayes – 07968 418171

18.15-19.15 Zumba Zumba KazyT on facebook

Tuesday

11.30am-12.30 Yoga Kim Hayes – 07968 418171

13.30-14.30 Pilates Rochellebodey@yahoo.co.uk

18.00-19.00 Boot Camp Fitness Donna 07894 718687

19.30-21.30 Scottish Dancing Helen Cox - 0113 273 6195

Wednesday

10.00am-12.00 WI Walking Netball Helen Cox - 0113 273 6195

13.30-16.00 Indoor Bowls Peter Cave – 0113 264 8382

17.30-18.30 Beavers barwickinelmetbeavers@gmail.com

19.00-20.00 Line Dancing Tracey Preston – 07912 750440

Thursday

9.30am-11.45 Baby Sensory Jayne Tremble – 07725 178559

13.15- 14.45 Playgroup Lynn Fletcher – 0113 281 2913

18.30-20.00 Cubs

Barwick In Elmet and Scholes Community Fund 2023-2024

The Barwick in Elmet & Scholes Community Fund are pleased to confirm the following grant awards to community groups for 22/23. The Community Fund receives funding through 2 sources, the sale of discounted Leeds Festival Tickets plus £7,500 cash (both donated by Festival Republic). The committee wish to thank Festival Republic for their continued support of our communities through the fund. The community fund is separate to the Parish Council (although the PC currently has 2 trustee positions on the committee).

Applications for 2022 opened in August and closed on October 31st, and comprised of 17 applications requesting a total of £61,861.00.

2022/23 awards

Elderberries Brass Group £500 Purchase of musical instruments
Barwick in Elmet Village Hall £2520 Refurbishment of toilet facilities
Barwick in Elmet Primary School £5500 Provision of a children's sensory 'den'
Barwick in Elmet Methodist Church £4000 (pledge towards a £15,000 project)
Repairs to the Church Spire
Scholes Methodist Church £700 Purchase of a defibrillator
Scholes in Bloom £2000 Installation of a new notice board
Barwick in Elmet Bowling Club £3000 Renewal of timber borders, lowering of perimeter hedges and purchase of maintenance equipment
Scholes Village Hall £1295 Installation of new LED light fittings
Scholes Primary School £4500 Installation of climbing equipment
Friends of Scholes Lodge Field £5000 Provision for a 2023 community event
Barwick in Elmet Toddler Group £500 Funding for craft materials, music system & gym mat
Little Library £1500 Additional children's section community book exchange

Scholes Library New book recommendations have arrived!

Be inspired and get reading A new website has been launched the first to deliver "Ask for A Book".

You'll get trusted recommendations and free books; all you need to do is tell us what you like by picking cover designs and themes that appeal to you. Your personal Book Picker will then suggest 3 books and let you know when they will be ready to collect at **Scholes library**. Perfect if you are looking to read more this year.! **Simply visit askforabook.com to get started.**

The Parish Council have installed several new memorial benches in Scholes. If you are interested in sponsoring a memorial bench, contact the Clerk. There are also two new benches being provided by LCC as part of the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee, one for Barwick and one in Scholes. If you have any ideas for suitable locations of these please contact the Clerk.

Thank you to the eagle-eyed residents who noted and highlighted spelling errors. For example, mis-spelling of St Philip's and sincere apologies for the mis-spelling of Alec Shelbrooke's MP, first name. Please do not hesitate to let the Clerk or Cllr Walsh know if you spot any errors. The team do the best they can but last-minute additions often lead to mistakes not being noticed.

There have also been complaints that the News Letter has been received after dates for events published. The PC are doing as much as possible to try and ensure this does not happen again.

There were some issues with the printer regarding the last issue and this caused a delay. Moreover, the delivery team are also volunteers and deliver the News Letter in their free time. Volunteers are being encouraged to deliver the News Letter as soon as it is possible after it has been dropped off.

The PC is always looking for new volunteers to deliver the News Letter. The News Letter is dropped off at your address with details of the addresses for delivery. If you feel you could do a small delivery that is fine. There are currently 4 editions a year

Many thanks to **Ruth Roberts** who has stood down after 40 years of delivering the News Letter. Volunteers are urgently needed to cover the area along Belle Vue Avenue and Lyndhurst Close, Scholes this round could be split up if necessary. Please contact the Clerk if you can help.

Contact Details for Councillors

Barwick Ward

Scholes Ward

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Keith Langley is Clerk to the PC and works part-time.
Contact details; telephone: 0113 393 5861

email: clerk@barwickandscholespc.org

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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