

Barwick and Scholes Neighbourhood Plan Working Group  
**29<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

**Present;** Phil Maude (Chair)(PM), James Buckley (JB), Andrew Wheeler (mins) (AW), ~~(AC)~~, Mike Rome (MR), Stella Walsh (SW), Paul Walsh (PW), Alexandra Cantelo (AC).

**Apologies:** Karen Dales (KD)~~,~~, Karina Beattie, Cathy Darley

	Minutes	Actions
1.	PM welcomed Steve Leonard(SL) from Scholes in Bloom (SiB)	
2.	<p><b>Review of Green Spaces</b></p> <p>SL explained that SiB currently maintain around 50 areas in the village. They plant more daffodils every year but these are not maintained. Also they do not look after Scholes Orchard Field or Chippies.</p> <p>SL suggested that the entrance to Chippies and Scholes Lodge Field are areas that could be converted to wildflower meadows.</p> <p>PW suggested that LCC should not generally cut grass on verges to encourage wildflower areas. SL would be happy with this approach provided that sponsored flower beds were still fully visible. This is to be discussed at next meeting.</p> <p>AC suggested adding to the number of bee stops. Currently there is one in each of the villages – on top of bus shelters. The block of garages behind Manor House is a potential location.</p> <p>The then discussed the areas of open land that should be designated as green spaces in the new plan as suggested by a resident and reported in the minutes of the meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 2022:</p> <p>Barwick –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On the north side of Carrfield</li> </ul> <p>Scholes –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Site No 13 Grass verges, Memorial Trees and War Memorial, Station Road</li> <li>• The Coronation Tree</li> <li>• Land at Morwick Grove</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Buffers – grassed area fronting onto The Approach forming part the curtilage of the former railway station.</li> <li>• Rakehill Road – the avenue of trees planted at the Millennium.</li> <li>• Rake Beck – from the bridge at the bottom of The Approach eastwards to Stockheld Grange Farm.</li> <li>• Belle Vue Road – on the north side. semi-circular grassed area with planting.</li> <li>• Junction Elmete Avenue/Belle Vue Avenue – grassed area with planting.</li> </ul> <p>PM also suggested the following areas for green space definition;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bluebell Wood,</li> <li>• Land down Bog Lane</li> <li>• KiddalWood</li> </ul> <p>SL stated that SiB would welcome the designation of greenspace for these sites but SiB would not want to get involved.</p> <p>AW to send SL notes of this part of the meeting</p>	<b>AW</b>
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>Minutes of last meeting</b></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> March were approved</p>	
<b>4.</b>	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p>JB has not received any responses to his consultation letters to farmers. It was suggested that PM contact his contact at the NFU to see if they are willing to engage with local farmers on planning issues as Garforth have done.and possibly meet with them with JB</p>	PM/JB
<b>5.</b>	<p><b>Ownership of disused and underused land</b></p> <p>The following sites were identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land on Aberford Rd on way to Barwick</li> <li>• Woodland by Scholes Lane behind the bend</li> <li>• Homecroft Site at hack of Stockheld Lane</li> <li>• Land on Potterton Lane on way out of Barwick on RHS.</li> <li>• Land at Railway Bridge, Scholes</li> <li>• <u>Site</u> own Bog Lane (field on LHS) in greenbelt</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Field at top of Nook Road</a></li> </ul> <p>PM to discuss with AW re drafting a letter to the owners</p> <p>Agreed to discuss at next meeting</p>	<p><b>PM/AW</b></p> <p><b>AW</b></p>
<b>6.</b>	<p><b>Leeds Local Plan Review</b></p> <p>At present there is much uncertainty with the Plan. There are no housing targets from LCC.</p> <p>PM expressed concern that LCC may be reneging on an understanding that there would be no development on the East side of ELOR even on greenbelt.</p> <p>Also PM explained that plans are in progress for a Mass Transit route up the A64 beyond Seacroft with a potential P&amp;R site. This could provide a stimulus for new housing in the area. It was therefore important that the land around Scholes and Barwick is protected from development creep through the NP.</p>	
<b>7.</b>	<p><b>Next Steps</b></p> <p>PM suggested producing drafts of revised and new policies that could be sent to IM for comment. Agreed that at the next meeting there should be a workshop to go through each of the policies.</p>	
<b>8.</b>	<p><b>Procedure, Publicity and keeping records</b></p> <p><a href="#">JBM</a> to send correspondence to AW for setting up on Dropbox.</p> <p>A copy of the Approved Minutes should be sent to Keith Langley for inclusion on the Parish Website.</p>	<p><b>JBM/A</b></p> <p><b>W</b></p> <p><b>AW</b></p>
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>Date of next meeting</b></p> <p>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30 at St. Philip's Church Hall, Scholes</p>	<b>AW</b>
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>It was agreed that PM should draft a letter to the PC expressing concern at potential housing creep as mentioned in the item on Leeds Local Plan Review. It will suggest that the PC write to LCC to reiterate these concerns and also contact the chair of Thorner parish</p>	<b>AW</b>

	Council to advise them of our concern and ask them for support in expressing our concerns to LCC.	
<b>12.</b>	<b>AOB</b> None	