

BARWICK in ELMET and SCHOLES PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the PLAYING FIELDS COMMITTEE meeting

held on Monday 11 April 2022 at 7:30 pm in Barwick Miner's Institute.

PRESENT: Councillors Claire Hassell (Chair) and Graham Slater together with representatives Steve Collett (Allotments), Mike Cooper & Pam Binns (Barwick Bowling), Jayne Dickinson and Karen Lewis (Scholes Bowling Club), Chris Swales (Barwick Cricket), Adrian Riddlington (Mount Saint Mary's football club), Jon Bliss (Scholes 1st Scouts), Linda Turp (Village Hall) and the Clerk.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Simon Fenton (Tennis) and from Cllrs. Brunt, Cantelo and Remmer.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Hassell as an allotment holder.

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Barwick in Elmet Playing Fields Committee meeting held on the 25 October 2021, having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record and that the Chair be authorised to sign.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Scholes Playing Fields Committee meeting held on the 11 October 2021, having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record and that the Chair be authorised to sign.

4. MATTERS ARISING

- **Trustees**

The situation regarding trustees had now been resolved.

- **Hedge Cutting**

Attempts to get one contractor to provide a quotation for all hedge cutting requirements across the Parish had been unsuccessful and hedge cutting arrangements would continue as they had previously. Barwick Cricket club had cut their own.

5 CLUB REPORTS

5.1 Barwick Bowling Club

Barwick Bowling Club reported that membership was about the same. The outdoor season had now started. Work had been done on the green and drainage would be done by a contractor. Indoor bowling over the winter had been successful. A week ago the club had had a very well supported "Christmas" party. The indoor bowling season had now finished.

5.2 Barwick Cricket Club

Barwick Cricket reported that they had been busy with upgrade and renovation of the toilets. Both ladies' and gents' toilets now had two cubicles. This had been made possible by internal realignment with a section of the gentlemen's toilets being reduced to allow the extra space in the ladies'. There were new floors and repainting had been done.

New electronics had been installed in order to get a new scoreboard. This would include software to calculate revised targets using the Duckworth Lewis method. They now had a new steward for the bar (Liz). The bar had four pumps (for bitter and lager) plus a fifth for craft beers. The new season would be the club's last in the Leeds and Wetherby league. The club would be joining the York league next season. Although this league covers a large geographical area, it is divided into regional leagues and Barwick would be in the southwest

division. The overseas player for the coming season would be Taylor Smith. He would be the last overseas player allowed as the York league only allows overseas players in the top divisions. York league rules also stipulate that cricket grounds have a sightscreen behind the wicket at both ends. Barwick currently only has one sightscreen and were hoping to demonstrate to the York league that due to the slope of the pitch, another sightscreen was not necessary. Other options were for a sightscreen which can be folded when not in use. The junior section was thriving with teams of five age groups. In addition, Cricket would be running the All Stars again, commencing in June, which caters for the under nines. The juniors have training supervised by qualified coaches including an ex-Yorkshire player, The 20-20 season begins on 23rd April and the league season begins on 7th May, the juniors season begins on 19th April.

There were plans for the refurbishment of the changing rooms ready for the 2023 season. This would also include new internal doors to match the decor of the lounge. Cricket also intended to upgrade the fixed net.

The club were struggling to get quotations for resurfacing the track (the Verity Strip) but were hoping to have these in the next two or three months. Meanwhile the Clerk would contact Cllr. Remmer in order to get the quotation he had obtained refreshed and to ensure that the quotation included drainage.

5.3 Village Hall

The Village Hall reported that regular bookings, parties and coffee mornings were continuing and doing well. The Christmas event had been very successful, and a similar event was planned for 2022. Work had been carried out on the Village Hall electrics as part of the test which had to be done every five years. There were plans to replace every other light in the main hall with light-emitting diode (LED) lights. There were plans for new sinks for the ladies' toilets and a quotation had been obtained. The work on the garden had been completed and the flower bed was looking good and being maintained by Barwick in Bloom. This had been paid for from a Community Fund grant. There were plans for a supper dance on Friday 3rd June (the Platinum Jubilee weekend). This would include music from the 50s to the present time with a meal at 6pm. There would be two 45-minute slots for entertainment. The event was planned to finish at 9:30pm. Tickets would be available via the website. The Village Hall management committee was now up to full strength.

5.4 Mount Saint Mary's Football Club (MSM)

At the October meeting, the success of both the first team and the reserve team in gaining promotion had been reported and both were now competing at a higher level. pandemic restrictions had meant that there had been only one month (August) between the end of the 2020/21 season and the start of the 2021/22 season and they were looking forward to a break. £2,000 had been spent on a shower for the referee's room. Now in the top flight, the first team were mid-table whilst in Division Three, the reserves were chasing promotion. Both teams were looking forward to cup finals. On Monday 18th April, the first team were playing in the District Cup final against Bardsey with the match being played the ground of Tadcaster Albion (see [Barkston Ash FA Challenge Cup](#)). On Monday 2nd May 2022, the reserves we're playing Wetherby Athletic in the final of the BML Sports Cup at the home ground of Selby Town (see [ACTIV8 CUP \(barkstonashfa.co.uk\)](#)). Due to the start of the cricket season, remaining "home" fixtures would be played at John Smeaton Sports centre which had been hired for £85 for two months. Although the club had no junior section, it was noted that coaching was available in the Parish in Scholes (being run by 5* Sports).

5.5 Barwick Tennis Club

Barwick Tennis Club had sent apologies but had promised to submit a report.

5.6 Allotments

It was reported that there were a couple of people on the waiting list and that one of the existing plot holders was seeking a further half plot. Progress on the access track had been reported already (see Barwick Cricket club report above). The hedge had been cut just in time for the bird nesting season. There had been a meeting on 11th March about the possibility of forming an allotment association. Twelve plot holders had attended. The Parish Council had since agreed a suggested ground rent. Cllr. Hassell had been in touch with the National Allotment Association. A decent start to the spring had allowed plot holders to make a start on ground preparation. The water had been switched back on about a fortnight earlier.

5.7 Scholes Bowling Club

Scholes Bowling Club reported that they now had six new members and in addition, other people were expressing an interest. They had social bowling on Monday and Friday afternoons (1pm to 3pm) and on Monday evenings (from 6pm), the afternoon sessions included coaching. They now had a total membership of about forty. Membership was still free for the first year. They were using weekly updates on Facebook to communicate with members. They had carried out improvements to their pavilion including the ladies' toilets. A new sign had been erected giving contact details and they had set up a WhatsApp group. Matches were played on a Tuesday evening (Elmete ladies), Wednesday evening (Crossgates league), Wednesday afternoon (Tadcaster vets), Thursday evening (two teams in the Tadcaster league) and a Saturday team had been reinstated (Barkston Ash league). Team sizes had been reduced from ten to eight players. The annual match against Barwick takes place in August, this year the home team would be Scholes.

5.8 Scholes Cricket Club

Scholes Cricket Club were not represented.

5.9 Scholes 1st Scouts

Scholes 1st Scouts reported that they reintroduced fees in October 2021 following a break of a year and a half. This had been made possible due to grant funding from Leeds City Council (LCC). Membership had reduced by 20%-30% following resumption of activities after pandemic restrictions had been lifted. Of the various age groups, the Beavers had particularly taken to online alternatives to face-to-face meetings. There were now about forty-four young people involved (down from fifty-four the previous October). This included fifteen Beavers, eighteen Cub-Scouts and eleven Scouts. Nationally, the Scout organisation had set up Squirrels which catered for those aged 4-6 and features a bright red uniform. Tadcaster has a Squirrels group. Parents stay with their children for Squirrels which can lead them to becoming involved in the organisation. Scouts had a partnership with Elmet Explorers (Jon Bliss being an Explorer leader). Darren Hill (who had previously represented Scouts at Playing Fields Committee meetings) retired at Christmas and is now a Duke of Edinburgh awards assessor but still helps out with Scouts section. The main need for Scouts was the need for additional adult leadership, they were finding it hard to recruit and had no chair and no secretary and the treasurer was leaving the following year. Financially, Scouts were fine and had enjoyed the award of two grants from LCC. The Scout hut toilets were being refurbished. Two capital projects were being planned. One was to have a carport style canopy on the side of the hut facing the cricket pitch. Scouts were unsure whether this would need planning permission, LCC had been approached but were requiring fees before providing advice. The Clerk would seek advice from Cllr. Cantelo (as Chair of the Parish Council working party). Scouts reported a positive outcome of contact with Balfour Beatty (constructors of the East Leeds Orbital Road) who were offering to supply portacabins to community groups once the construction project had finished. These were twelve metres long and three metres wide. Students at a local building college would produce alternative designs for the interior and the young people

would then look at these designs and comment accordingly. The portacabin would go on a hard standing and would not arrive before 2023. It would have heating, lighting and plumbing and would be a multi-use area for all sections with fold-away tables increasing its flexibility. The first fundraising event in two years would be on the 3rd June 2022 (the Platinum Jubilee weekend). This would be a barbecue at 2pm with a fully licenced bar (to 8pm) and a 1950s theme (including a fake knife). There would be stalls selling crafts (e.g. a soap and candlemaker) and 40s and 50s music from a sound system (live music was not planned). Scouts were back indoors and outdoors. Members of the group would be going on the World Jamboree in Korea in 2023. The Scout hut was now being used for Scouting.

5.10 Shadwell Junior Football Club

Shadwell Junior Football Club were not represented.

5.11 Pavilion

Cllr. Slater reported on changes made. The "Vision" project was nearly complete with just the non-slip surface and lines to go down allowing five a side football, basketball, cricket and there was a new tennis court. The next big project was drainage of Scholes sports field as the pitch becomes unplayable when wet. It was hoped that this could be done in November.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Both Barwick Cricket club and Mount Saint Mary's football club expressed some concerns about the pitches being used to exercise dogs. Most dog owners were responsible and cleared up after their dog - although many would then put the poo bag in the bins belonging to the Cricket Club. Although not ideal, Cricket took the view this was better than not clearing up at all. Mount Saint Mary's football club had recently had to clear up following an incident in which the dog owner had not cleared up after their pet.

7 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 10 October 2022 at 7:30 pm in the Miner's Institute.
The meeting closed at 8:30pm.

Chair
Monday 10 October 2022