

MINUTES of an EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

held on Monday 22nd July 2024 at 7pm in Scholes Sports Pavilion.

PRESENT: Councillor Stella Walsh (Chair)
Councillors Karen Dales Kinga Ragg Paul Remmer
John Hayton

In attendance: Two representatives of Barwick and Scholes Football Club, two representatives of Whitkirk Football Club, one representative of Colton Athletic Football Club and the Clerk.

1 APOLOGIES

Cllrs. P. Walsh and Williamson.

2 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST.

None other than those previously declared.

3 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was **resolved** that under section 100 (A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, that press and public be excluded from the meeting until 7:20pm whilst agenda item 4 was being discussed on the grounds that this involved the likely disclosure of exempt information, as set out in the relevant paragraphs of Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information. Following this discussion, representatives of the football clubs were asked to join the meeting.

4 PROPOSALS TO CONSIDER AN APPROACH BY FOOTBALL CLUBS WANTING TO USE THE PITCHES AT BARWICK IN ELMET AND SCHOLES

It was noted that Mount Saint Mary's Football Club had given notice of termination of their agreement and that they would be leaving the green metal container for storage space, the ride on mower and trimmers and that they would be handing over the keys on Wednesday 31st July 2024. In the light of this, the decision made at the last meeting to decline an approach by Colton Athletic Football Club was reconsidered and a recommendation from the Finance and General Purposes (F&GP) Committee that Whitkirk Football Club be offered the use of pitch and toilets in Barwick in Elmet was also given consideration.

a. Barwick and Scholes Football Club

Barwick and Scholes Football Club raised the following issues.

1. They withdrew their request (made following the news about Mount Saint Mary's Football Club) to relocate to Barwick in Elmet.
2. They needed access to the top gate – they would liaise with Scholes Cricket Club about this.
3. The hedge needed cutting.
4. They were losing footballs into the fields beyond and wanted netting behind the goal posts to prevent this. They were asked to fund this themselves possibly with the aid of grants and the Parish Council (PC) would assist where necessary with any grant applications.
5. There was still leakage in the showers in changing room one.
6. One of the goal posts was broken (but still usable).
7. There was concern about the pile of spoil, the PC already had this in hand.

b. Colton Athletic and Whitkirk Football Clubs.

The following matters were raised regarding Colton Athletic and Whitkirk Football Clubs.

1. Whitkirk would now be offered the pitch off Chapel Lane, Barwick in Elmet – see 4a 1 above.

2. Both clubs would pay £500 for the use of the pitch at Barwick in Elmet and the changing rooms. Each contract would be for twelve months.
3. The PC would pay for electricity and water for both clubs and reinvoice the clubs with two thirds of the charges going to Colton Athletic and one third to Whitkirk reflecting the fact that Colton Athletic would be operating two squads and therefore be using the facilities every Saturday.
4. One of the representatives had spoken to someone from Mount Saint Mary's Football Club resulting in the PC being made aware that the electrical test had failed, and a new fire door was needed. The PC would address these issues at its own expense.
5. The Clerk would check with Mount Saint Mary's Football Club to see when the cesspool was last emptied and ask for a receipt as proof and request that if it had not been emptied for some time, that they address this.
6. The PC would pay for Legionella testing.
7. Each club would play on the appointed day (Saturdays for Colton Athletic and Sundays for Whitkirk). Mid-week fixtures would be subject to written approval from the PC.
8. The PC would pay for the lawn mower to be checked and put it on their asset register and notify the insurers.

It was **resolved** to agree to the above proposals, all in favour (although there was some concern regarding point 8 above).

5 Use for Scholes Football pitch for training on Wednesdays.

It was noted that Barwick and Scholes Football Club had used Scholes Football pitch for training on Wednesday 17th and had offered to move future training sessions to Sunday mornings to align with their agreement if this was causing difficulties for the PC. It was agreed that they could continue to use the pitch on a Wednesday for training as long as the PC were notified.

6 Best Christmas Lights competition

It was **resolved** to accept a recommendation from the F&GP Committee that under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 that a best Christmas Lights competition along similar lines to the that run in 2023 with prizes of £25 each be awarded to the best lights in each of Barwick in Elmet and Scholes.

7 Thank you gift for those members of the Peace Flame subcommittee who dug the hole for the flagpole.

It was **resolved** that under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 that a thank you gift to the value of £21 be bought for those members of the Peace Flame subcommittee who dug the hole for the flagpole.

8 Christmas Lights.

Quotations from Leeds Lights had been received for each of the lights in Barwick in Elmet and in Scholes. Cllrs. Dales and Hayton had visited Leeds Lights to look at options for motifs. Previous up-lights had been for 30-watt bulbs and feedback suggested that they were disappointing, but the bulbs were now 100 watts producing a better visual effect. The combined total for the two quotations was £4,400 which exceeded the £4,000 budget. Cllr. Hayton advised that the quotations already included discounts and that it would be very unlikely that Leeds Lights would consider an offer similar to that of 2023 (see October 2023 minutes, item 7.3, page 756). It was **resolved** to accept the quotations but to seek additional up-lights free of charge on a trial basis (these would normally be £102 each). There would be an agenda item for the September meeting to consider grant funding.

Cllr. Ragg left the meeting before item 9 was discussed.

9 PLANNING MATTERS

Application number & date	Applicant	Description
24/03697/FU	6 Long Lane	Demolition of existing conservatory; single storey rear extension
It was resolved to raise No Objection to this application.		
24/03744/FU	36 Flats Lane	Demolition of front extension and blocking up of entrance; Single storey side extension; associated landscaping
It was resolved to object to this application on the grounds that it was overdevelopment of the site.		
24/03923/FU	19 Richmondfield Lane	Conversion of garage to form a office and a store room; replacement of flat roof with new raised roof over garage; replacement of garage door with two new windows to front; one new side window at ground floor level
It was resolved to raise No Objection to this application subject to planner's satisfaction that the side window did not overlook the neighbouring property.		
24/04101/FU	36 Rakehill Road	First floor side extension; dormer window, porch, ramp, and two rooflights to front.
It was resolved to object to this application on the grounds that having a dormer on the front of the property was detrimental to public visual amenity.		

10 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Date	Time	Meeting	Venue
2 nd September 2024	7pm	Parish Council meeting	Barwick Miner's Welfare
9 th September 2024	7pm	Finance and General Purposes Committee	Scholes Sports Pavilion

Note: The wording of agenda items to be submitted in writing to the Proper Officer at least ten clear days before a meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:10pm.

Signed

Chair
2 September 2024