

BARWICK in ELMET & SCHOLES PARISH COUNCIL

Neighbourhood Plan

Minute/Notes of initial meeting of Steering Group held at the Manor House, Belle Vue Road, Scholes on Wednesday 11 January 2012 at 7.30 pm

Present : Ben Hogan (PC Chairman), Matt Baker (PC-S), Norma Fletcher (PC-S), Claire Hassell (PC-B), David Leeming (PC-B), Gerry McDonough (PC-S), Chris Hassell (PC Clerk), George Hall (S-SHLAA), Matthew Robinson (Ward Councillor), Andrew Birkbeck (Leeds City Localism Officer), David Gluck (Ruralis – leading Parish Plan & Village Design Statement project)
Julie Brady (S), Ayman Sheltawy (S), Gordon Dalby (S), Howard Claxton (S), Roger Moscrop (S), Richard Green (S), Roger Mawson (S), Mike Downes (S), Martin Rogers (B), Tony Benfield (B), Eric Bennett (B), Simon Banks (B), Julian Kelly (S), Peter Lloyd (S), Will Armstrong (B), Carole Clark (B), Susie Fieldhouse (S)
Total of 28 in attendance. Apologies : Alan Stanley (B) and Jon Bliss (S)

Chairman thanked everyone for attending and extended a very warm welcome and invited residents to introduce themselves with a brief resume of their expertise.

It was agreed that there should be ONE steering group covering both villages with separate working groups formed as and when necessary for particular issues.

Susie Fieldhouse (Scholes) and Martin Rogers (Barwick) offered to assist with administrative duties (meeting notes and circulation of information etc)

Agreed that Ben Hogan should chair the Steering group and that other appointees would chair individual groups as required

A leaflet outlining a Statement of Community Involvement was circulated in order to give everyone an idea of what was required for the Neighbourhood Plan and agreed that George Hall assisted by Claire Hassell and Julian Kelly would prepare the Barwick & Scholes statement (3-4 pages) for consideration by the steering group prior to circulation for public consultation within the Parish.

A significant amount of statistical information would be required and any assistance from members of the steering group would be appreciated in respect of : school numbers & vacancies, numbers of houses and types (semis, bungalows, 3 bed, 2 bed, garages etc) some of which might be available from government websites. Matt Baker offered to assist with housing statistics.

Gerry McDonough who operated the Parish website - barwickandscholespc.com - felt that a separate but linked website would be required for the Neighbourhood Plan. Simon Banks offered assistance when required.

There was considerable debate on the issues of development in both villages and it was emphasized that total opposition was NOT an option. The NP would enable the Parish to control and influence the type and extent of the various developments along with infrastructure issues.

A copy of the SHLAA site allocations would be sent to everyone via email.

Those residents who had not sent a brief resume of their expertise were requested to do so via email to Chris Hassell

Examples of a NP could be found by Googling DAWLISH PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

A copy of the booklet PLANNING EXPLAINED published by CPRE (campaign for protection of rural England) and NALC (national association of local councils) would be circulated in due course (when received)

Next meeting was arranged for Wed 8 February at Manor House 7 pm