

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MOLESCROFT PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30 PM
THURSDAY 20 DECEMBER 2007 AT THE MOLESCROFT PAVILION**

PRESENT

Councillor M Hildyard (chairman), Councillors K Agerskow, H Brown, K Farrow, M Fleming, B Gregory, A Ingham, P Maguire, P Ranson, L Richings, P Smith.

Councillor J Bird ERYC was present during the discussion of the Beaver Park planning application.

97. APOLOGIES AND DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Apologies were received from Councillor Hanneman. There were no declaration of interest.

101. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Due to the presence of 5 members of the public who wished to address the meeting on the planning application for a new housing development on Beaver Park with access via Sheldrake Close in Molescroft, the Chairman directed that this item be dealt with first.

The Chairman outlined the key points of the application, then read out his draft letter of objection. This received strong support from councillors and members of the public alike. A number of individual members of the public then spoke out in very strong terms against the application, and a discussion ensued about the best way to go about marshalling opposition. A number of valid points were raised which the Chairman said would be incorporated into the final letter. **(copy attached to these minutes)** He thanked the members of public for attending and giving their support and they left the meeting, which then resumed the normal order of business.

98. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting on 15 November 2007 had been circulated and were accepted as a true record of the meeting. A copy was signed by the chairman.

99. MATTERS ARISING

99.1 Outside Presentation - Trading Standards

The clerk reported that no further progress had been made on this matter. Noted.

99.2 Outside Presentation - Youth Service

The clerk reported that there were very few evenings available to hold a youth club at the pavilion due to the bookings of regular users. Further discussion ensued and it was **agreed** (1) to raise the possibility of holding a youth club at Longcroft School when councillors meet with the head in January - the council might be able to fund it in some way, and (2) that this matter should be further considered by the sub-committee who would report back to the full council

99.3 Item 88(1) Defence School of Transport

The clerk reported that he had written to the Lt Col Cave expressing members disappointment with his response but noting that he had at least spoken to the instructors about the matter and appeared to be monitoring the situation. It was **agreed** that this matter was discharged for the time being but that the council would continue to monitor the situation.

99.4 Item 88(2) Trees etc

The clerk reported that he had informed ERYC about where best to plant trees should they become available. Noted.

99.5 Flooding

This matter related to the costing of a metal shed for the storage of emergency equipment. Due to other matters in had not been progressed to date.

Action: clerk for attention

99.6 Special Expenses

The clerk informed the meeting that he had written to Drifffield town council as requested. No response had been received. Noted.

99.7 Climate Change

It was **agreed** that the clerk would continue to monitor the role of the parish council in tackling the problem of climate change and would report back as appropriate.

99.8 Beverley Town Bonfire

The clerk reported that he had asked Beverley Town Council for a breakdown of costs but despite sending a reminder, no reply had been received as yet.

Action: clerk to pursue

99.9 ERYC Chairman's Awards

It was agreed that the clerk would circulate papers for members consideration before the next meeting. Final date for nominations is 31 January 2008.

Action: clerk as above

100. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Accounts were due and were approved for payment in accordance with the schedule presented to the meeting and attached to those minutes.

101. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Beaver Park	145 new homes	Letter of objection
Norwood	Vehicle access via	(see item previously)
Beverley	Sheldrake Close	

In addition to the Beaver Park application, a schedule of planning application was circulated. After discussion on each application, **RESOLUTIONS** were made as follows:

63 Molescroft Road	Rear dormer window	Chairman's decision Approval
1 The Lawns	Detached summer room Single storey rear extension	Chairman's decision Approval
17 Saxon Rise	Single storey rear extension	Approval
11 Goodwood Close	Single storey rear extension	Approval
The Chestnuts 2 Fairlawn	Single storey rear extension	Approval
Little Acorns 2 Brimley Green	Single storey side extension	Approval

102. PARISH CENTRE/SCHOOL ISSUES

Nothing to report.

103. PAVILION AND PLAYING FIELD

103.1 The clerk reported that the caretaker's pay was due for review in January and presented a brief paper on the subject. After discussion, it was **agreed** that Mr King's pay per hour would be raised to £7.175 per hour from £7.00 per hour in line with government guidelines for public sector employees. It was **further agreed** that the caretaker's pay would normally be increased in line with government guidelines but that the council would review the matter each year and endorse the guidelines as

appropriate.

103.2 The clerk read out a letter from Mr and Mrs Usher in which they expressed their concerns about the new fees for the hire of the pavilion which come into force on 1 January. After discussion, it was **agreed** that the fees were appropriate and necessary in view of the increased costs of running the pavilion since the last increase in fees in May 2005, and that all users, including the Ushers, would have to pay the new fees as a condition of their using the pavilion. The council expressed sympathy for the Ushers but no exceptions could be made.

Action: the clerk to write as above.

103.3 The clerk read out a further letter from the Molescroft Bowling Club. After discussion it was **agreed** (1) that the clerk to ensure that all users, including the Bowling Club, should sign a letting agreement and (2) that the question of storage should be remitted to the pavilion sub-committee for attention

Action: clerk as above

104. CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

The chairman informed the meeting that at a sub-committee meeting held prior to the commencement of this council meeting quotes received from 3 contractors plus the original quote from Sutcliffe had been examined and it had been agreed that the quote from Record should be the basis for the application to WREN. The application form had to be received by 8 January. The decisions of the sub-committee were **ratified** by the council.

Action: the clerk to prepare the application form and submit it as above. Councillor Maguire agreed to assist with the IT aspects of the application.

105. BUDGET FOR 2008/2009

The clerk had previously circulated a paper outlining the current and estimated financial situation and giving details of 3 options for the precept for the next financial year. After discussion, Council Brown **proposed** that the precept for 2008/2009 be set at £24,150, a rise of 2.5%. The proposal was **seconded** by Councillor Maguire and **carried unanimously**. This level of precept would mean a payment of £8.94 for a band D householder, an increase of 37p over the previous year.

Action: clerk to write to ERYC informing them of our precept requirements

106 CORRESPONDENCE

106.1 Letter from Merchant McKechnie notifying the council of the outcome of the insurance claim for the young person injured in the pavilion. The matter is now finalised. Noted.

106.2 Two letters from Matt Snowden, Community Relations Officer and Longcroft School. The first asking for the clerk plus 4 members to meet with head teacher and senior colleagues at 10.0 am Thursday 24 January to discuss matters of mutual concern. The following members agreed to attend: Councillors Agerskow, Farrow, Fleming and Ranson. The second letter asked that a councillor become a member of a new school committee on transport issues. Councillor Ingham will liaise direct with Mr Snowden to agree a mutually convenient time to attend the traffic committee. If she has problems Councillor Ingham will report back to the council

106.3 Invitation from Mayor of Beverley to attend Beverley Civic Parish Communion Service at Beverley Minster on 27 January. Councillor Ranson to attend and represent Molescroft.

106.4 Letter from ERYC regarding the proposal to install a pedestrian crossing on Woodhall Way from the corner of Pighill Lane to the entrance gate to the pavilion. Noted, no observations.

106.5 Letter from Director of Corporate Services, ERYC, seeking agenda items for Overview and Scrutiny committee. Noted. Nothing to submit.

106.6 Letter from East Riding of Yorkshire NHS Primary Care Trust asking for comments on spending priorities for coming year. Noted. Nothing to submit.

106.7 Hull City Council. Letter asking for comments on draft City Centre Area Action Plan. Noted. No comments.

106.8 Letter from resident Mr C Coates seeking to get involved with local council. His interest was noted and it was agreed that the clerk might invite Mr Coates to attend a meeting as an observer and if he wished he could be informed of any future courses for prospective councillors.

Action: Clerk as above

107 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

None

THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING WAS FIXED FOR 7.30 PM THURSDAY 17 JANUARY 2008

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

CHAIRMAN.....

DATED.....