

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MOLESCROFT PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30 PM
THURSDAY 20 MARCH 2008 AT THE MOLESCROFT PAVILION**

PRESENT

Councillor M Hildyard (chairman), Councillors H Brown, K Farrow, B Gregory, B Hanneman, A Ingham, P Maguire, P Smith.

Councillor J. Bird ERYC was in attendance for the first part of the meeting.

131 APOLOGIES AND KNOWN DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Apologies had been received from Councillors K Agerskow, M Fleming and P Ranson. No declarations of interest were made.

132 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes had been circulated and were accepted as a true record, except in the final line of item 121.2 it should read "in respect of Ms Coward" and not "Ms Farrow."

133 MATTERS ARISING

133.1 Item 121.6 Notice Board, Molescroft Road

Councillor Fleming had contacted the land owner who was agreeable to a new notice board being erected.

Action: clerk to arrange

133.2 Item 121.7 Town Plan

Councillor Gregory asked whether Molescroft Parish Council was getting value for money, and whether it was still possible to get our contribution back and withdraw from the project. A lengthy discussion followed and there appeared to be a general feeling that it was probably too late to withdraw and recover monies paid, and that it was better to stay in and exert an influence. Concerns were expressed about some of the broader issues relating to the financial contributions by the parties. It was **agreed** that the chairman would raise the issue of contributions at the Town Plan meeting on 1 April and report back.

Action: chairman as above.

133.3 Item 123.2 Southern Relief Road

Councillor Gregory had drafted a letter as agreed and this had been forwarded to ERYC Highways Department. No reply as yet.

133.4 Item 124 Beaver Park

The clerk had sent a letter to ERYC regarding the parish council stance in the event of an appeal. Copies circulated as requested.

133.5 Item 126 Storage in pavilion

Tony King had fitted shelves in the mower storage room and had virtually cleared the kitchen and bar areas. The situation was vastly improved and the clerk would continue to monitor and report back to the pavilion sub-committee.

133.6 Item 127 Children's Play Area - WREN application

The application was considered yesterday 19 March by the WREN board and a letter with the decision is expected at any time. An e-mail from Ben Walker, the WREN representative for this area, was read out by the clerk. It contained the following, ".....I am not allowed to provide you with full details but I can say that the outcome is positive." The clerk will notify members when formal notification arrives.

133.7 Item 128 Youth Club

The clerk was unable to report any progress. Councillor Ingham had tried to engage with children at Longcroft School to check on their preferences but had met with a complete lack of response. There was general agreement that “something” should be done for younger people in the parish.

Action: the clerk to speak to Caroline Harrison about resources and report back to next meeting

133.8 Item 129.2 Beverley Open Doors Community Project

The clerk reported that he had e-mailed the project leader seeking further information about what was needed but had received no response to date. He would pursue.

Action: clerk as above

133.9 Item 130.1 Bleach Yard

The clerk had written to ERYC as requested and a reply/action was awaited.

133.10 Item 130.2 Children’s Play Area, Warwick Drive

The clerk had written to ERYC about the quagmire at the entrance and a reply/action was awaited.

133.11 Item 130.3 Bus shelter, Woodhall Way

The clerk had written to ERYC as requested and a reply was awaited.

133.12 Item 130.4 Dangerous paving slabs outside bakers shop, Woodhall Way

Councillor Brown had been in touch with the tenant’s solicitors and ascertained that the paved area in question was owned by ERYC who were responsible for maintenance. Johnson Fellows, Chartered Surveyors, had been retained by the solicitors to act in this case and they had written to the council and received in effect a promise to look at the problem and rectify any immediate dangers. ERYC also said they had longer term plans to refurbish the area. Councillor Brown will continue to monitor the situation.

133.13 Item 130.5 Flashing 30 mph signs

The clerk had written to ERYC requesting flashing signs on Woodhall Way near the surgery. A reply was awaited.

134.1 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

134.2 ALLOTMENT RENTALS 2008/09

A recommendation that rents be increased slightly to £15.00 per annum was agreed.

134.3 PROVISIONAL END-OF-YEAR STATEMENT

A report outlining the provisional end-of-year financial status of the council was presented to the meeting by the clerk and was noted. A copy is attached to these minutes.

135 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

A schedule was circulated and after appropriate discussion on each item RESOLUTIONS were made as shown below.

36 Curlew Close	Two storey front extension Rear conservatory	Approved
30 Burney Close	Single storey rear extension	Approved

12 Finch Park Single storey extension to Approved
side of existing garage

133 Butterfly Meadows Single storey rear extension Approved

136 PARISH CENTRE/SCHOOL ISSUES

136.1 Councillor Hanneman reported that the Parish Centre had funds totalling £2077 and that a contract for installing a new kitchen had been agreed at a cost of £1971. The work would probably been done during the summer holidays. After a brief discussion it was **agreed** that the council would support the Parish Centre in this matter and would arrange a £500 donation when asked at the appropriate time.

136.2 A discussion then took place regarding the serious problem at parking near the school by parents dropping off and collecting children. After much discussion it was **agreed** that (1) the clerk should ask the police to pay more attention at key times, and (2) that the chairman would contact the head teacher to discuss the issue and to consider alternative solutions to the wider problem.

Actions: the clerk and chairman as above

137 PAVILION AND PLAYING FIELD

See items 134.4 and 133.5 above. No other matters were raised.

138 CORRESPONDENCE

138.1 Copies of Longcroft News were circulated to members. After discussion it was agreed that Matt Snowden should continue to correspond with members through the clerk.

138.2 A letter from ERYC detailing the amount of Special Expenses to be paid in 2008/09 was noted.

138.3 A letter from Hull City Council regarding their Sustainable Development Supplementary Planning Document was noted. No action.

138.4 A letter from ERYC inviting 2 representatives to a Local Development Framework, Core Strategy and Opinions meeting at County Hall on 30 April was noted. The chairman said he would attend. No other member was available to attend.

138.5 A letter from ERYC with details of the cost of commercial waste collection and disposal for 2008/09 was noted. The clerk had signed the contract on behalf of the council and this decision was ratified.

138.6 A letter from ERYC giving details of the surface dressing programme from 2008/09 was noted. Longcroft Park and the A 1035 Malton Road are the only 2 roads in Molescroft to be treated. The work will take place some time during the 14 weeks after 5 May.

138.7 A letter from Cooper Lighting and Safety giving notice and details of the renewal of service contract for the period 1 June 2008 to 31 May 2009 at a cost of £314.04 plus VAT. After discussion, it was agreed that Councillor Farrow will do some comparison checks at her place of work before a decision is taken on whether or not to renew.

Action: Councillor Farrow as above.

139 PARISH CLERK

With regret, the clerk gave notice of his intention to resign. He said that he was unable to devote sufficient

time to council duties due to increased hours in his main job of work. He would remain in post until the end of May 2008 to assist with the appointment of a new clerk and the transfer of work. After discussion, it was **agreed** to place advertisements in the Hull Daily Mail, Beverley Advertiser, Molescroft Newsagents and on parish notice boards, the clerk to prepare a draft for consideration by the selection panel, ie. Chairman plus Councillors Farrow, Maguire and Riching. Previous applicants would be welcome to apply.
Action: clerk as above

140 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

140.1 Before his departure, Councillor Bird raised the following matters: (1) Problems with gangs of youths in Copandale Road area, including criminal damage to properties. He had raised it with the police and attention had been promised. (2) Graffiti in the area. He had raised this with ERYC Street Scene and they had promised a clean-up. In the discussion on this general issue, the problem of litter outside the shops was mentioned and Councillor Bird said he would raise it. (3) For the information of members, Councillor Bird said he was now his groups representative on the new Planning Policy Committee. The chairman responded by saying that he believed that planning policy should revert to the Development Control side of planning. Councillor Bird said he would take that on board and raise it with the committee.

140.2 Councillor Hanneman expressed her concerns about the new pedestrian crossing on Woodhall Way. Disabled drivers and passengers now had much further to walk to get to the pavilion. Her concerns were noted.

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

There being no further business, the chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.26 pm.

CHAIRMAN.....

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