

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF MOLESCROFT HELD ON 15 MAY 2008 AT THE MOLESCROFT PAVILION

PRESENT Councillor M Hildyard (chairman of the Parish Council), Mr D Metcalf (Parish Clerk) and 13 parishioners (including members of the parish council). Two Police Community Support Officers were also present.

The chairman opened the meeting and it was agreed that Mr Metcalf be invited to record the minutes.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting on 24 May 2007 were accepted as a true record of that meeting.

2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The chairman informed the meeting about the progress of the Beverley Town Plan and reported that the parish council had contributed £10,000 towards the cost of the plan. He described the public consultation process and asked parishioners to express their views when given an opportunity. He went on to speak about the Local Development Framework consultation process and again asked parishioners to take the opportunity to comment if given the chance.

The chairman then advised the meeting about the role played by the parish council in the planning process. East Riding of Yorkshire Council were the planning authority, but the parish council was a statutory consultee and every application in Molescroft comes before it for comment. He then talked about a number of major planning issues dealt with during the previous year. In particular, the parish council had been prominent in working with the local action group and Beverley Town Council in successfully opposing the proposed development at Beaver Park and was actively monitoring the proposed housing development on the site of East Riding College in Gallows Lane.

The meeting was told about the successful bid for a WREN grant and the plans for the development of a new play area for younger children on the playing field on Woodhall Way adjacent to the pavilion. The remainder of the cost was being met by a very generous donation from a local benefactor who wished to remain anonymous and from the council's own reserve funds. It was hoped that the play area would be opened before the end of the summer.

The chairman then briefly outlined the reasons behind the recent increase in fees for the hire of the pavilion. He explained that the increase was necessary to ensure that rising costs were met so that the pavilion did not run at a loss.

Similarly, the small increase in the precept charge (37p to a band D householder) was explained as being necessary to meet rising inflation after two years without increase.

3. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

3.1 The issue of traffic congestion caused by parking in the vicinity of Molescroft Primary School was discussed. The chairman told the meeting that the parish council was active on this matter. They had consulted with the police who had taken action and visited regularly at school arrival and leaving times. The school were also seeking to improve matters and were introducing a "walking bus" next term but the take up numbers were still small. The problem would continue to be monitored.

3.2 The issue of the cycle lanes was then discussed at some length. All parishioners were most concerned about this matter and felt that it had not been handled well by the local authority. At the conclusion of the discussion the clerk was asked to write to ERYC to ask for a parking/traffic flow evaluation.

Action: clerk as above

3.3 Several residents expressed serious concerns about the nuisance and vandalism caused by large gangs of youths congregating in the area of Copandale Road, Woodhall Way, Rosemary Walk and the shops. The PCSO's present at the meeting said that they and their colleagues were well aware of the problem and a great deal of attention and resources was being expended on it. The police would continue to pay attention. The meeting was informed about the possibility of a youth shelter being erected on the playing field.

Action: the clerk to keep Mrs Gooding, 28 Woodhall Way, HU17 7BJ, informed about progress regarding the cycle lanes and policing. She would notify the other parishioners present at the meeting.

There being no other business, the chairman closed the meeting at 8.25 pm.

Signed

(chairman)

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