



Molescroft

Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MOLESCROFT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30 PM, THURSDAY 19th DECEMBER 2013 AT THE MOLESCROFT PAVILION.

PRESENT

Councillors, M.Hildyard (Chairman), B.Gregory, A.Crompton, P.Ranson, P.Smith, C.Coates, B.Hanneman, M.Smith, M.Jackson.
Clerk B.Clarvis.

860. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors M.Fleming (ill), G.Shores (previous commitment)

861. Declarations of interest

None

862. Approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes of the meeting 21st November 2013 had been circulated and were approved as a true record of proceedings.

863. Matters arising from the Parish Council meeting 21st November 2013

Agenda item 847 – The Clerk confirmed that a response is awaited from ERYC re maintenance works.

864. Public Participation Session

None present

865. Pavilion Sub-committee update

Solar Panels

Quotations for the installation of Solar Panel at the Pavilion were discussed at the November meeting. Green Energy UK provided the lowest quotation and were invited to attend tonight's meeting to discuss their proposals. Despite a number of attempts no response has been received from the company.

Three other companies provided quotations within a £71 spread, Dodds Ltd were invited to the meeting on the basis that they are the company most local to Molescroft, are a well established company in existence since 1995 and their work is known locally.

George Hamilton from Dodds attended the meeting and gave an informative questions and answers session on Solar Energy. The key points were

- Feed in tariff will be reduced in 2014,
 - Panels have a 10 year guarantee against failure
 - 25 year performance warranty
 - The efficiency of solar panels reduce each year by 0.7%,
 - 20% reduction in output has been calculated to allow for shading
 - 25% deposit required
 - Anticipate positive position after 7 years
 - No grant aid is possible to pay for panels
 - All feed in payments will be received from current electricity supplier.
- George Hamilton left the meeting at 8.00pm.

Use of reserves to fund the installation was discussed. It was pointed out that the reserves were for unforeseen emergencies and not for planned works. Councillor Gregory pointed out that to spend the monies from reserves would not only go against the Council's policies but also reduce the level of reserves by over 30% and he was strongly opposed with this course of action.

Councillor Gregory raised communication he had received from "AShadeGreener". Councillor Hildyard explained that the company fit solar panels for free, the Parish Council would receive free electricity to use when electricity was being generated with the company receiving an enhanced feed in tariffs from the electricity supplier. A significant amount of the electricity used at the Pavilion is in the evening when electricity was not being generated it was not considered to be as beneficial to the Council as owning the Solar Panels and receiving free electricity during the day and receiving income from the feed in tariff.

Councillor Gregory also proposed that the decision to install Solar Panels should be delayed until funds from the Tickton Wind Farm become available in March/April. This was not considered to be an option, as the Council may not be successful in gaining money from the first round of applications and the feed in Tariff may have reduced further if the Council were successful.

The Clerk requested that if Councillors agreed to spend reserves to fund the installation of the Solar Panels, any surplus on the revenue account should be paid into reserves at year end, and all income from feed in tariffs should be paid into reserves until the 60% of the precept level of reserves is restored as agreed in standing orders.

Councillor Coates proposed the installation of Solar Panels at the Pavilion; this was seconded by Councillor M.Smith.

Councillor Gregory requested a recorded vote be held.

The motion was carried by 6 votes to 3

(For the motion Councillor Hildyard, Coates, M.Smith, Crompton, , P.Smith, B.Hanneman)

(Against the motion Councillor B.Gregory, M.Jackson. P.Ranson).

A further motion was proposed by Councillor Coates that Dodds Ltd be the preferred contractor, this was seconded by Councillor M.Smith.

The motion was carried by 8 votes to 1, Councillor Gregory opposing the motion.

Councillor Gregory left the meeting at 8.50pm

Playing field drainage

Councillor Coates to meet with company to obtain estimate

Multi play area lighting

The electricity consumption pattern was considered and it was agreed to turn off the multi play area lights at 10.00pm instead of 10.30pm

It was suggested that the halogen light bulbs be replaced with LED's

Pavilion Consultation

Deferred until January's meeting.

866. Correspondence

St Mary's Police update December 2013

River Hull Valley Drainage History of the River Hull Valley

ERYC Forward Planning – Designation of Woodmansey Village Neighbourhood Area

P.Maguire quarterly activity report

Molescroft Primary School acknowledgement of Parish Council letter

ERYC Response to letter re Woodhall Way development

Karen Woods ERYC - enquiry by Councillor Crompton, first donation from the Wind Farm community Fund will be late March 2014. Event to be held on 8th March 2014 (Provisional)

867. Payment of Accounts

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

868. Planning Applications/Decisions

ADDRESS	PROPOSAL	COMMENT	DECISION
11 Hillcrest Drive	Erection of an outbuilding at rear, following demolition of existing garage	Response required 23 rd December 2013	Conditions should be put in place to prevent the outbuilding being converted into accommodation at a later date.

Planning decisions

27A Church Road – Erection of a first floor extension with pitched roof to an existing outbuilding. **Planning refused.**

Land North of 86 Molescroft Park – Change of use of garage to form a dwelling including external alterations comprising installation of new doors and windows to north and south facing elevations and construction of 2no dormer windows and roof light to south facing roof slope **Planning refused.**

74 Woodhall Way – Construction of dormer windows to front and rear and erection of single storey extension to rear. **Planning Approved**

27 Alpha Avenue - Erection of two storey extension to side. **Planning Approved**

869. Precept

A report previously circulated by the Clerk gave projected expenditure/income, account balances and the effect of various increases on the Parish Precept for 2014/15. It is estimated that projected income will exceed expenditure resulting in a small surplus on the revenue account.

As anticipated ERYC are not passing on the payment received from Central Government to offset the tax base calculations for the purpose of reducing increases in Parish Councils precepts. The Clerk reported that only 17 Parish/Town Councils in the East Riding will receive the payment. ERYC intend to phase out the payment to the remaining Councils by 2016/17.

To offset the loss of this payment the Precept would need to be increased by 2.7%.

In order to negate the effects of inflation the precept would need to be increased of 2.2%.

Agreed – That the 2014/15 Precept be increased to £28100, increasing the precept for a Band D property by 50p a year to £10.74.

Action – Clerk to confirm decision to ERYC in the agreed format, the form was signed by Councillor Hildyard Chairman of the Council and the Clerk.

870. Woodland Trust

The Chairman raised the opportunity to receive free trees from the Woodland Trust. An application needs to be made to the Woodland Trust. Trees come in packs of different quantities offering a selection suitable for of Copse or Hedgerow, wildlife, Year round colour, Wetlands and wildlife.

Agreed - that an application be made for a pack of 60 trees containing Rowan, Hazel, Hawthorne and Birch for planting in Rosemary Walk.

Action - Clerk

871. St Mary's Cemetery

A response is awaited from ERYC re maintenance issues raise previously
The Chairman presented details of an application to be made for commuted sums to fund improvements to provide a seating area at the Cemetery. The bid to include for 2 seats, base and a Yew tree.

Agreed – Bid to be submitted

Action – Clerk

872. Feedback from meetings attended

None

873. Youth Liaison

None

874. Parish Centre/School Issues

None

875. Items for next agenda

Pavilion consultation

876. Date of next meeting

THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING WAS SET FOR THURSDAY 16th JANUARY 2014 AT 7.30 PM IN THE MOLESCROFT PAVILION.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.55 pm.

Signed.....(Chairman)

Date 16th January; 2014

Molescroft Parish Council
Schedule of payments made at the meeting on 19.12.13

Date	Payee	Description	Amount
19.12.13	ERYC	Rodent control Allotments	£67.16
19.12.13	ERYC	Grass cutting - Pavillion	£991.91
19.12.13	Fire Protection Supplies	Alarm Batteries	£43.20
19.12.13	Clerk	Broadband	£17.41
19.12.13	Clerk	Mobile phone	£12.25
19.12.13	Clerk	Meeting Refreshments	£29.90
19.12.13	Clerk	Salary	£626.44
19.12.13	Clerk	Petty cash	£36.40
19.12.13	Caretaker	Mobile phone	£12.35
19.12.13	A.Saint	Pay	£40.13
19.12.13	A.Saint	Supplies	£4.59
19.12.13	S.Mcguigan	Caretaker cover	£45.00
19.12.13	CEF	Light tubes	£46.44
19.12.13	Revenue & Customs	Paye & NI	£220.35
	Total		£2,193.53