



# Molescroft

## Parish Council

### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MOLESCROFT PARISH MEETING HELD ON 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023 AT THE MOLESCROFT PAVILION.

**PRESENT** Councillors M. Hildyard (Chairman), M. Fleming (Vice Chairman), M. Yates, E. Aird, J. Heffer, P. Lockyer, C. Burrows, C. Coates, M. Pinder, C. Linthwaite, B. Needham, S. Watson; Laura George (Clerk); Ward Councillor D. Boynton. Four members of the public attended.

#### 1. Welcome and Opening of the Meeting

The Clerk formally welcomed those in attendance and asked for nominations for Chairman. Councillor Fleming proposed Councillor Hildyard; Councillor Heffer seconded the proposal. All agreed.

The Chairman Councillor Hildyard opened the meeting at 8.00pm and welcomed all those present. Those in attendance were advised that an Annual Parish meeting is required by law and that whilst the Molescroft Parish Council have organised and chaired the meeting it can be organised by any resident within the Parish.

#### 2. Apologies and Declaration of Interests

No apologies were received. No pecuniary interests were declared.

#### 3. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 19th May 2022 and Matters Arising.

Councillor Hildyard provided reminders from the minutes of the 2022 Annual Parish Meeting, which were subsequently agreed as a true record of that meeting.

#### 4. Achievements 2022/23 and Chairman's Report

The Chairman informed the meeting that he had a full report, which noted the following items:

- *June 2022 - The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Afternoon Tea was the first of the PC's afternoon tea events, followed by a January Tea. The most recent being a lunch held to celebrate the Coronation of the King. On some occasions funding has been provided by grants from ERYC.*
- *Parish Room alterations – meeting room at the Pavilion has been altered to accommodate a wider variety of users, and extended to allow for storage of newly purchased furniture.*
- *Removal of unused drop boxes has begun after contact with Royal Mail.*
- *Installation of memorial to HM Queen Elizabeth II at the Pavilion, to which a commemorative plaque was later added to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III.*
- *New 'Molescroft Pavilion' signage added to the external wall facing Woodhall Way.*
- *New outdoor equipment purchased with help from Commuted Sums and installed in the Pavilion grounds, including a table tennis table and trapeze walk.*
- *Funds donated to Molescroft Primary School for seed planting.*

- *Tree planting with the help of Molescroft Primary School pupils and the Rotary Club.*
- *Permanent flagstaff installed at the Pavilion, partially funded by the King's Coronation Community Fund from ERYC, along with the Coronation lunch. Plaque to be provided to note commemoration of the Coronation.*
- *Molescroft Wildlife Network – to note previously provided update and success of the project since first speaking at the Molescroft Annual Parish Meeting in 2022.*
- *Planning applications to note, particularly the proposed recycling facility, Woodhall Park amenity land, and Pighill Lane amenity land.*
- *Special expenses re-examination.*
- *Discussions re. puppet festival and training sessions to possibly be held at the Pavilion.*
- *Donation from member of the public of three flowering cherry trees that have been planted within the Pavilion playing field.*
- *Newly nominated and co-opted Parish Council members.*
- *Clothing banks – noted the slow progress of installation but now proving successful.*
- *The Petanque Club goes from strength since the extension of the court at the Pavilion; growing in numbers and represented in regional games.*
- *Donation made to Ella Harris-Smith; a local scout member selected to attend the World Jamboree in South Korea. Ella has completed work for the Parish Council, such as cleaning bus shelters in the Parish, to earn her donation.*
- *Work is required by members of the council to update and populate the Parish Council website.*

## **5. Any Other Business**

One member of the public in attendance raised the following points:

- Queried advertising for the community lunches previously held, noting that they could be better publicised.
- Congratulated the Parish Council on the progress with removal of the unused drop boxes.
- Requested more benches on Hudson Way.
- Noted that the play area on Copandale Road looks neglected and in need of refurbishment. The Chairman advised that the play area is not the property of the Parish Council but is aware that ERYC has some budget to upgrade play areas.
- Queried the level of reserves that the Parish Council hold and whether these are allocated to specific projects - Councillor Pinder to send appropriate response and information following the meeting.

Councillor Pinder noted that she has been approached by a member of the public regarding dogs off leads in public spaces, and other issues associated with dogs being walked in the Parish, and was asked to raise these issues at this meeting. Councillor Boynton noted that he has also been contacted about the same issues and has raised this with ERYC. ERYC confirmed that any issues relating to dogs that are not under control need to be raised with and investigated by the Police. Dogs are not required to be kept on leads in the area in question and so this cannot be enforced by ERYC.

Discussion followed regarding the possibility of an email newsletter and/or a Parish Council Facebook page. It was agreed that a Communications Committee sub-group will meet and feedback to the next Parish Council meeting.

## **6. Close of Meeting and Thanks**

Councillor Hildyard closed the meeting at 20:50.

Signed..... (Chairman)

Dated 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023

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