



# Molescroft

## Parish Council

### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MOLESCROFT PARISH MEETING HELD ON 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022 AT THE MOLESCROFT PAVILION.

**PRESENT** Councillors, M. Hildyard (Chairman), M. Fleming (Vice Chairman), E. Aird, J. Heffer, P. Lockyer, C. Coates, M. Pinder; Laura George (Clerk); 3 members of the public attended.

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

The Clerk formally welcomed those in attendance. 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

Apologies were recorded from Councillors C. Burrows, M. Yates, D. Fewster, C. Linthwaite, and one member of the public. No pecuniary interests were declared.

#### 3. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 19th May 2021 and Matters Arising.

Councillor Hildyard provided reminders from the minutes of the 2021 Annual Parish Meeting, which were subsequently agreed as a true record of that meeting.

Councillor Hildyard noted that, following on from discussions at the last Annual Parish Meeting, antisocial behaviour in the area had not been an ongoing issue. Cllr Hildyard thanked the Beverley Wombles for their help cleaning up the grounds of the Pavilion after the initial issue. One member of the public voiced their thanks to the Parish Council for helping to resolve these issues following the last Annual Parish Meeting.

Regarding dropboxes still remaining in the parish, Councillor Hildyard suggested passing a resolution to request that ERYC remove all boxes. All agreed.

#### 4. Achievements 2021/22 and Chairman's Report

The Chairman informed the meeting that he had a full report, which was read as follows:

*2021/22 has continued to be a unique year for the Parish Council, as it, and the whole community, recovers and continues to adjust after the Covid-19 pandemic. We have been able to return to in-person, socially distanced, meetings, and most aspects of the day-to-day running of the Council and the Pavilion have now gone back to 'normal'. Progression of some projects can still seem slow due to organisations still working from home and running on reduced contact and working hours etc.*

*The Parish Council has expanded due to the appointment of three new members.*

*Sadly, in July 2021, we lost our Assistant Activities & Pavilion Manager Peter Wiles. I would like to put on record the outstanding contribution made by Peter over the time he was with us. A seat has been positioned outside the pavilion in his memory.*

*A new Assistant & Activities Manager was recruited in January 2022 who has hit the ground running.*

*Achievements 2021/22 are:*

- *Seven Cherry blossom trees planted along the Pavilion walkway to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee year. A descriptive board is in place.*
- *Molescroft School preparation of seven decades historic display boards*
- *Armistice memorial display in Pavilion grounds, including silhouette of soldiers from British Legion.*
- *A circular planted area near the Armistice memorial*
- *Addition of 'Unknown Soldier' statues to WWI memorial inside the Pavilion entrance*
- *Purchase of a Molescroft Home Guard standing down photo dated 1944*
- *Extension of the Petanque court, funded by ERYC Commuted Sums and the Do It For East Yorkshire Community Grant. Very successful Open day held on 15<sup>th</sup> May.*
- *Organisation of Platinum Jubilee Tea on 5<sup>th</sup> June*
- *Provision of New signage at the pavilion and grounds to comply with new legislation re dogs.*
- *Planting of young oak trees in the pavilion grounds*
- *Liaison with ERYC officers re maintenance of Amenity areas*
- *Donations made to the following:*
  - *Molescroft Primary School – bulbs for planting*
  - *Royal British Legion*
  - *Donation to Jamboree Scout*

## **5. Beverley Town Council Meeting of 25th April 2022**

Councillor Hildyard advised of the agenda for the above meeting, specifically the motion under item 16 to propose a combined Beverley and Molescroft Council. Cllr Hildyard advised that the Parish Council do not believe that any changes should be made to existing boundaries, and do not wish to amalgamate with any other councils. Councillor Pinder suggested that a response to the original correspondence from ERYC be drafted and agreed at the Parish Council meeting. All agreed.

Members of the public in attendance advised that they were strongly against any changes to existing boundaries or Parish Council arrangements, and noted that they would be willing to respond to any suggestions as such, should the matter arise.

## **6. Development of Wild Flower Meadows (K. Murby & S. Stone)**

K. Murby, attending on behalf of the Molescroft Wildlife Network, updated the meeting on the ongoing project to develop wild flower meadows in the parish, and thanked the Parish Council for their support. The Parish Council formally gave thanks to the group for their work on the project so far.

## **7. Any Other Business**

One member of the public in attendance noted the new bench on Hudson Way, advising that more seats there would be welcomed, especially in sight of the previously discussed wildlife project. Cllr Hildyard advised that the bench was not installed by the Parish Council, but that the request can be looked into.

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

Councillor Hildyard closed the meeting at 20:50.

Signed..... (Chairman)

Dated 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022