



Molescroft
Parish Council

Chairman's Report 2018/19

Introduction

2018/19 saw another busy year for the Council with a number of important internal changes and new projects. In all instances the Council has continued to strive to enhance the excellent amenity space and facilities at the Pavilion whilst listening to the needs of local residents and acting where powers permit. In doing so, the council has worked hard to ensure focussed effort, value for money and careful control of council assets. It is after all imperative that we are a voice for local residents and businesses.

Council Activity

The Council has met formally for the past 12 months during which time a number of sub committee meetings have been held in relation to key projects and personnel matters. All matters arising and key actions are recorded enabling visibility and progress to be tracked.

A total of 179 actions have been raised year to date across a range of business areas namely:

- Governance - how we work
- Planning & Enforcement
- People Management
- County Council Liaison and collaborative working
- Capital Projects
- Community focus
- Police Liaison and safety

154 actions have been completed with an additional 25 progressing (14%).

In addition, the Council has considered and commented on 60 planning applications within the Parish for which we are a *CONSULTEE*.

Key Achievements and Changes

- Successful transition of the new Clerk into role which continues
- Recruitment of additional grounds staff to enhance and manage facility and new staffing structure
- Pavilion use has continued to grow with an increasing demand from the local community for this facility and grounds
- Liaised directly with ERYC and key partners regarding road safety concerns (Woodhall Way); green space management; Policing within the Parish and enforcement concerns at key locations
- Made active representation and met with key parties in relation to Longcroft School development and continued provision for the Scouts and Air Training Corps.
- Positive engagement with Humberside Police (with increased meeting attendance) & with Ward Councillors
- Installed new historic signs at key entry points to the Parish
- Successfully secured bus shelter handover from developers and new signage installed
- Successfully secured funds from ERYC commuted sums for key projects at the Pavilion/grounds (Petanque and Benches)
- New website has been developed and launched enabling improved information sharing and community engagement
- Roll of honour works completed and extended to include biopics etc for display in new pavilion reception
- Sponsored a local lad - Scout Max Harris Smith who has cleaned up for Molescroft (see website for more information).
- Paid for and installed a new Litter bin in vicinity of Rowan Avenue.
- Purchased additional storage/shelving for use in new extension enabling proper use of the serving area
- Scoped key projects for 2019/20 designed to further enhance community amenity/facilities and the Pavilion building
- Elections May 2019 and changes to Council body

To conclude

All this against a backdrop of increased operating costs and with a committed but part time staff base. Importantly, the Council is determined to make full use of existing assets/capital endeavouring to keep precept increases at a realistic and managed level. The precept for 2019/20 increased by £0.23 and equivalent 1.89% overall.

A challenging, busy but positive year with more to come for 2019/20 which I look forward to sharing with you in due as the year progresses via the website and in person.