



MINUTES OF THE MOLESCROFT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30 PM, THURSDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2010 AT THE MOLESCROFT PAVILION.

PRESENT

Councillors, Hildyard (Chairman, B.Hanneman, A.Ingham, B.Gregory, K,Agerskow. P.Ranson. H.Brown. K.Farrow), M.Fleming

Mike Jackson from the Ramblers Association updated the Committee on the progress on the schedule 14 application lodged with ERYC for Scrubwood Lane adoption, ERYC have until April 2010 (12 months after the original application) to make a decision on the application. MJ has discovered that it is not classed as a bridleway but is an unclassified road, running into a Green Lane. The 3m section at the edge of the Lane is not managed by the Public Rights of Section. Maintenance of this section is managed by a different department of ERYC managed by Carl Skelton.

123. Apologies and known declarations of interest

Apologies were received from Councillors L.Richings (Vice Chairman), P.Smith, P.Maguire

124. Matter Arising

114. Salt and Grit Bins. The Clerk circulated copies of the Precautionary and Secondary salting routes in Molescroft. Any changes that the Parish Council would like ERYC to consider must be made to them by 19th February 2010. Copies of the location of Grit Bins in Molescroft were also circulated. ERYC have no evidence to suggest that bins were removed in the Summer of 2009. The Clerk was requested to contact ERYC proposing that additional bins should be provided in the Molescroft area to take account of population growth and the regular route for school children. No locations were confirmed at the meeting.

125. Accounts for payment

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

126. Planning Applications

A schedule of planning applications was circulated. After appropriate discussion the following resolutions were made:

RESOLUTIONS

LOCATION	PROPOSAL	DECISION
Clovelly, 7 Burney Close	Erection of single storey extension to side & rear following demolition of existing conservatory	No objection (Chairman's decision due to return date of (15.02.10))
99,Woodhall Way	Erection of conservatory to rear	No objection (Chairman's decision due to return date of (15.02.10))
41 Molescroft Park	Alterations to flat roof at front and side to form pitched roof	No objection
Hurn House, 33 New Walk,	Erection of single storey extension to rear and alterations	No objection

Beverley	to outbuildings to form additional domestic accommodation	
Molescroft County Primary School, St Leonards Road	Erection of single storey extension to side	No objection

The results of recent planning applications was also circulated to members for reference.

127. Scale of charges

The Clerk circulated a discussion paper with the proposed hire charges for Pavilion, Playing field and Allotments. There was some concern that the proposed increases were excessive given the level of increase last financial year, reference was made to the level of increase in both Gas and Electricity charges in the past 12 months. Agreement on the scale of charges was deferred until the next meeting. The Clerk was asked to prepare accounts for the Pavilion to determine income/expenditure.

It was agreed that there would be no increase in the Allotment rents and that they will remain at £15 for the 2010/11 financial year.

It was agreed that the Clerk to ascertain whether the Pavilion is self-funding or if it is being subsidised by the Precept. Action Clerk for the March meeting.

128. Pavilion Grass cutting 2010/11

The Clerk presented a paper on the quoted costs of grass cutting of the sports field at the Pavilion by ERYC and the quoted costs for cutting the perimeter grass. Members considered that the proposed increase in costs by ERYC for cutting the Pavilion sports field were high but was still considered to be good value given the cost of alternative quotes obtained previously.

It was agreed that the quotes received from ERYC of £779.14 + Vat for 22 cuts for the playing field and £450 + Vat for 12 cuts of the perimeter grassed area be accepted.

129. New play area opening (deferred until Spring)

The new play area opening has been deferred until the Spring,

130. Health and Safety

The Clerk reported that he had been in touch with SLCC (Society of Local Council Clerks and ERYC as requested by the Committee regarding Health and Safety training. The course run by SLCC is not until later in the year and is not held locally, a response is still awaited from ERYC. Contact has also been made with Bishop Burton College regarding H&S training. They are running a number of courses starting in April, the courses start at £45 for the day. Information has been requested on the following courses for the Caretaker–

Health and Safety in the Workplace (CIEH Level 2)

Manual Handling – Principles and Practice (CIEH Level 2)

Safe use of machinery and strimmers (this courses forms part of other courses run by the College which the Caretaker may be allowed attend for the day at the appropriate time.

The Clerk was asked for his view on what training he considered would be appropriate for him and the Caretaker. The Clerks view was that it was essential for the Caretaker to receive H&S training to ensure that he has the basic knowledge to be able to work safely, within the law and ensure the safety of both himself and the public. The Clerk considered that it was more important for him to become a qualified Clerk so as to ensure that the Council is run properly and within the legal framework. This courses is available for £210 if started within 9 months of being appointed.

It was agreed that the Caretaker be enrolled on the Health and Safety in the Workplace (CIEH Level 2) and the Manual Handling – Principles and Practice (CIEH Level 2) at Bishop Burton and that the Clerk should enrol on the SLCC qualification

131. Youth Liaison

Councillor Farrow gave an update on Youth activities in the area which have all been very well received and supported by the Young people. Enquiries have been made as to the possibility of running a Youth Club at the Pavilion, currently this is not possible as it is fully booked on every night with planned activities. A suggestion was made that perhaps it could be run at the Parish Centre but this is also booked every night. Members fully supported the principle of a Youth Club being run from the Pavilion should a vacancy arise.

132. Parish Centre/School issues

No issues

133. Pavilion and Playing Field/Inspection update

The Clerk reported that the outside lighting and sensors had been repaired and with the exception of the Air Conditioning service which will be carried out in the new financial year, this was the last of the outstanding work that was required to bring the Pavilion back to standard.

The Chairman gave an update of the proposed new footpath to the Play area. It was anticipated that a natural route across the grass would now be evident, however this has not happened.

134. Website The Clerk informed members of the changes that had been carried out to the website, within the term of the current contract and at no extra cost. Further changes were suggested by members of the working party but these would have been chargeable. Given that the contract is coming to an end the working group considered that it would not represent value for money to make any major changes at this stage of the contract.

A report had been received from Councillor Maguire identifying the changes and the number of hits to the site of 1167 in the last month. (Copy of report attached to these minutes)

135. Correspondence

A letter had been received regarding a survey of rough sleepers in the East Riding to be carried out between midnight and 6.00am on the 17th March 2010, Councillor Brown offered to complete the survey.

A letter had been received from ERYC regarding updating the register of members interests. **The Clerk was asked to confirm when the next Parish Council election if it is this year they are to be completed after the election.**

136. Any urgent business

136.1 Councillor Fleming gave an update on the empty property on Manor Road which has been empty for many years and had recently been broken into, ERYC is considering compulsory purchase of the property, the process has not been started yet. Although the property is not in Molescroft it is considered that it reflects badly on the area. Councillor Fleming also informed members that Birmingham City Council under its powers have taken over properties that have stood empty and moved homeless people into them, ERYC have not indicated if they will adopt a similar stance.

136.2 Councillor Agerskow asked what was happening to the library sign on the notice board outside the school. The Clerk indicated that it is only removed when it is out of date and the space is required to be able to put in Parish Council information.

136.3 The Clerk asked if anyone was aware of the football sessions advertised at 6.00 on a Tuesday these are being run by ERYC. The Clerk had made enquiries about this and the response from ERYC was that the course had been organised at the last minute. The Chairman added that under the terms of the WREN funding arrangement the facility can not be booked or charged for and is to be available to all.

Action - Clerk to contact ERYC and obtain letter identifying how the sessions will be run and made available to all.

The Clerk had been making enquires regarding the new Bus Shelter for Woodhall Way and was trying to get some advertising sponsorship to offset the cost. It transpires that ERYC has an exclusivity agreement with a Company who provide Bus Shelters, this is restricting the options available to the Parish Council

Agreed – Clerk to write to ERYC Legal Services for details of the contract before deciding on course of action.

THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING WAS SET FOR THURSDAY 18 MARCH 2010 AT 7.30 PM IN THE MOLESCROFT PAVILION.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20p.m.

Signed(Chairman)

Molescroft Parish Council
Schedule of payments made at the meeting on 18.02.10

	Payee	Amount	Comment
1	ERYC	865.66	Grass cutting Pavilion
2	Beverley Electric Ltd	613.15	Replace broken lamps, starters & lantern head
3	Beverley Electric Ltd	89.30	Faulty PIR controls on external lights
4	City Electrical Factors	6.70	Fluorescent light tubes + Recycling
5	British Gas	491.06	Gas usage Pavilion (estimated bill) *
6	Revenue and Customs	142.60	PAYE & NI
7	Staff	1,243.14	Pay
8	Caretaker	5.85	Expenses stamps
9	Clerk	15.00	Mobile Phone
10	Clerk	16.99	Broadband
11	Clerk	21.03	Petty cash
	Total Expenditure	3,510.48	
	Current Account Balance at 10/02/10	2,922.98	
	Less unpaid cheques	111.44	
		<u>2,811.54</u>	
	Less total expenditure for period	<u>3,510.48</u>	
	Balance	-698.94	NB. VAT refund of £943.30 due

* Direct Debit collected 15.02.10