



Molescroft

Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MOLESCROFT PARISH MEETING HELD ON 19th May 2021 AT THE MOLESCROFT PAVILION.

PRESENT Councillors, M. Hildyard (Chairman), M. Fleming (Vice Chairman), E. Aird, J. Heffer, P. Lockyer, C. Coates, C. Linthwaite; Laura George (Clerk); 3 members of the public attended. In addition, Ward Councillor D. Boynton was in attendance.

1. Welcome and Opening of the Meeting

The Clerk formally welcomed those in attendance asked that the attendance sheet was signed by attendees. 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 B. Hanneman and M. Pinder, and Ward Councillors D. Healy and L. Johnson. No pecuniary interests were declared.

3. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 16th May 2019 and Matters Arising.

Councillor Hildyard provided reminders from the minutes of the 2019 Annual Parish Meeting, which were subsequently agreed as a true record of that meeting.

There were no matter arising from the 2019 meeting.

4. Achievements 2019/20/21 and Chairman's Report

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

This has been a very unusual and unprecedented period in which to present a picture of our operations, over the long constraints of the Corona Virus pandemic.

In 2020 we have only met face to face in September and October and this is the first time since May 2019 that we have been able to approve the minutes of an annual meeting. This, at a time period when we have had three Clerks and the new Clerk, Laura, has had to cope with the constraints of the pandemic and ease her way into the job.

All our capital schemes had to be put on hold and, to maintain the operations of the Council, responsibility has been delegated to the Clerk, myself, and the Vice Chairman. Nevertheless, all

activities have been communicated to the members by email for information and comments. Our website has been regularly updated and we have dealt with contact responses.

We have taken the opportunity to carry out essential maintenance work in the pavilion including regular cleaning and decorating, and completely refurbished the serving room adjacent to the kitchen, greatly improving our letting potential.

Work has continued to maintain the playing field, particularly the area adjacent to the northern part of Woodhall Way. Due to a vehicle crashing through the fence on Woodhall Way a temporary fence was put in place and permanent replacement is now complete. This work has been carried out to the usual high standard by Andrew and Peter.

Unfortunately, there has been an increase of antisocial behaviour, particularly one incident of graffiti damage to the pavilion and notice boards in March 2020, and a recent increase in the gathering of youths and excess of litter, particularly broken glass. This has been frustrating and very disappointing. More frequent litter clearance has been put into operation during this period of unprecedented littering and broken bottles which has created serious safety concerns. Clearance takes place every day but the problems more recently need a more comprehensive approach by interested parties. This is ongoing.

On a more positive note, we certainly haven't been standing still.

You will have seen the new War Memorial now on display in the pavilion and the photo of the Molescroft Home Guard recently purchased at auction. We hope to have a publicity event when it is possible.

We have a new large screen smart TV in one of the new meeting rooms so all information can be seen on screen with computer input. All communication for meetings, reports, minutes, and planning applications is paperless.

We have installed a small tree nursery at the rear of the pavilion for future planting projects and our association with Molescroft Primary School is continuing by supporting a bulb planting scheme.

A survey has been undertaken of the allotments and due to recent changes in tenancies, where it has been possible to provide smaller plots, five additional plots have been let to help reduce the waiting list.

We have negotiated two new brick bus shelters with developers and erected signage and a new sign on the existing bus shelter at the shops. New litter bins have been provided by ERYC at our request.

Due to the pandemic the Capital Programme has been held up but we will be reviewing our five-year programme and considering requests for new facilities including a new picnic table, an all-weather table tennis table, and a small cricket net. Negotiations with the commuted sums team will commence again as soon as possible.

Grants from ERYC have enabled us to offset lack of revenue from lettings and support staff salaries to keep our operations running.

The Petanque facility provided and now fully operational has been a great success and the Molescroft and Beverley Petanque Club has been formed. Team matches are regularly held and, subject to regular bookings, the court is free to use by the community.

The improvement works to the interior of the pavilion are complete but the full letting potential has not been realised because of the pandemic. We hope to fully utilise the facility when it is possible. In connection with these alterations, we have constructed an outside toilet with disability access.

A defibrillator has been donated by ESH-CIVILS and installed at the pavilion by Graham Stuart's CADEY initiative.

The last 18 months have been very taxing for everyone and I would like to record the Council's appreciation of the work carried out by Laura, Andrew, and Peter in this difficult period.

I would also like to record our thanks to Peter Ranson, Mike Jackson, and most recently a very long-standing member Barbara Hanneman, who have given service to the Parish and recently left.

We were also sad to hear of the death on 16th January 2020 of Bryan Gregory, a former Vice Chairman, whose contribution to the workings of the Parish will be sorely missed. Our condolences go to his wife and family.

The Clerk has written to Her Majesty the Queen sending our condolences, on behalf of the people of the Parish, on the death of her beloved husband, Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

5. Any Other Business

Members of the public in attendance all wished to raise the issue of anti-social behaviour taking place in the grounds of the Pavilion. Mr Robinson noted that there is a lot of frustration amongst local residents over a lack of knowledge of what is being done to tackle the issue, and requested that information be put together in a format that can be distributed to residents. Mr Robinson stated that there has been an issue throughout the lockdown periods but that it has worsened in 2021.

Councillor Hildyard advised that local residents should continue to contact Humberside Police and East Riding of Yorkshire Council individually to make clear the level of disruption, and confirmed that the Parish Council are in contact with the Police over the issue. He also noted that it has been difficult getting through to the relevant parties at ERYC during the Covid-19 pandemic but hopefully this will become easier in the near future. It was agreed that updates regarding this issue would be added to the website in order to inform residents as to what is being done. Cllr Linthwaite noted thanks to the Beverley Wombles volunteer group who have helped to collect litter.

Mrs Featherstone requested that the car park gate be closed every evening – it was agreed that this would be discussed with the Activity & Pavilion Manager.

Mr Robinson queried the removal of the remaining Royal Mail drop boxes. Cllr Hildyard advised that he had been in touch with Royal Mail regarding this but that it hadn't been an easy task. Covid-19 restrictions have been an issue but they have advised that two drop boxes have recently been removed.

All members of the public queried the loss of the speed limit sign on Woodhall Way. Cllr Boynton advised that it was a temporary sign installed as part of a survey and unfortunately the area did not qualify for permanent speed limit signs. ERYC did apply for funding for a crossing on Woodhall Way near to the school but this was rejected in accordance with the National Highways policy.

Mrs Featherstone and Mr Robinson requested the pruning of a tree that blocks light. Cllr Hildyard advised submitting a formal request for review by the Parish Council. He stated that a previous request had been refused on the basis that the Council felt that works to reduce the height would destroy the natural shape of the tree.

6. Close of Meeting and Thanks

Councillor Hildyard closed the meeting at 9:00 pm.

Signed..... (Chairman)

Dated 2nd June 2021

AGREED