

## **Molescroft Parish Council**

### **Update 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

#### Update from the Clerk

During November and December, we have continued to ensure that urgent matters are being dealt with, whilst some other major activities are still on hold.

Andrew and Peter have continued to work on the kitchen renovation, which has now been completed (please see photos below). As during previous months, they have continued to carry out general maintenance work. Andrew has provided the following list of works completed and ongoing:

- Grass cutting
- Weeding of compound ongoing
- Ivy removal ongoing on trees
- Usual maintenance and cleaning continues
- Playground report discussed and list of works to be carried out by Manager and Assistant sent to Clerk
- Grounds maintenance continues
- Work commenced on gym equipment as report
- Removal of brush from trees ongoing
- Close down of building and cleaning completed
- Kitchen work commenced ongoing
- Reopening of building following lockdown completed
- Leylandi hedge trimmed

Again, all essential work on my part has been completed as normal. The notice boards were updated last week with the most recent Covid-19 and AGAR notices.

PKF Littlejohn have returned a Qualified Report regarding the AGAR – advice was given regarding the date of submission (extensions agreed with PKF Littlejohn), and a query raised regarding completion of a section of the AGAR form by Dutton Moore. I am in liaison with PKF Littlejohn to look into these issues further. These were only advisory notes however, and no other issues were found.

#### Payment Schedule

Please find attached Payment Schedule for December 2020, for approval of the Council, noting the following payments:

PKF Littlejohn - £360.00; AGAR Review – external audit

Fire Protection Supplies - £175.80 and Kilby Gas Services - £100.00; Purchase of safety equipment, and gas safety check for the new kitchen.

**Please could you all ensure to respond to me by email regarding your approval of the payment schedule.**

#### Correspondence

- Email received from PKF Littlejohn with External Audit Report, as detailed above.
- A Christmas card was received for the Parish Council from Graham Stuart MP.

- Email received from a member of the public querying the Council's involvement in tree planting schemes. The Chairman provided a response detailing the ongoing project with Molescroft Primary School, and a reply sent accordingly.

## Planning

Please see below planning applications received since the last Parish Council Meeting:

7 Harewood TPO	Remove 5 no. Conifer trees due to trees outgrowing their location, causing damage to footpath, close proximity to the drain, allowing very little light into the property and low amenity value.	2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2020	No objections.
22 Tadman Close	Erection of a single storey extension to rear.	16 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	No objections.
4 Harewood TPO	Remove 1 no. Black Walnut tree due to tree having an incipient split in the trunk between the two main stems, safety concerns and branches encroaching over the boundary.	21 <sup>st</sup> December 2020	<i>MH - This is unfortunate because mature walnuts are not that common and a good example of the lack of proper tree care leading to the loss of a good tree, but not a good species for a small domestic garden. WE will have to rely on the professional advice of the Council's tree officer.</i>
Site of E.R. College, Gallows Lane TPO	Fell 1 no. Black Pine tree and 1 no. Sycamore tree due to trees being of low quality; Crown reduce 1 no. Lime tree by 33% and remove sucker growth; Crown reduce 1 no. Sycamore tree by removing 3 metres from lowest branches and retain balanced shape; Crown lift 1 no. Beech tree by removing bottom run of branches.	21 <sup>st</sup> December 2020	<i>MH - The two trees to be felled are amongst a group of trees and are unlikely to spoil the general appearance of the area. The rest is general maintenance and should reduce the likelihood of requests to fell in the years ahead.</i>
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93 Copandale Road	Erection of a two-storey side extension with single storey wrap around to rear and small pitched roof extension to front.	31 <sup>st</sup> December 2020	No objections.
51 Butterfly Meadows – Amended Scheme	Alterations to increase roof height and alter roof profile, construction of/alteration to dormer extension to rear and installation of roof light to front (part retrospective) AMENDED SCHEME	24 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	Circulated 14/12/20
3 Gallows Lane TPO	Remove 1no. Yew tree (A) due to tree being unsuitable for domestic environment, blocks sunlight into amenity area, takes moisture out of the ground making it impossible to grow vegetables, flowers or shrubs, sheds excessive amounts of berries which stick to masonry and make the ground slippery and are a hazard to children; Crown reduce 1 no. Yew tree (B) by 2 metres in height and 0.5 metres in branch length to allow more light into the garden and patio; Crown thin 1 no. Lime tree by 30% to reduce canopy density and allow more sunlight into the garden and patio.	4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Circulated 15/12/20
4 Hambling Drive	Replacement of existing garage doors with double glazed windows following conversion of garage into additional living space.	7 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Circulated 15/12/20

### Budget Setting 2021/22

Please find attached suggested revenue budget for 2021/22, for the Council's consideration.

### Scale of Fees and Charges

Please see attached suggested outline of fees and charges for 2021/2022.

### Precept Setting 2021/22

Please see attached paper detailing an outline of precept calculations.

Estimating the outturn at the end of the financial year is problematic, and the Parish Council has of course seen a decrease of income due to the periods of lockdown.

**Please could you all ensure to get back to me by email to confirm your approval of all suggested increases, or alternatively with any feedback.**

### Images of the newly refurbished kitchen



