



Molescroft

Parish Council

Minutes of the Molescroft Parish Council Meeting held at 7:00 pm, Thursday 21st September 2023, at the Molescroft Pavilion.

Present

Councillors: M. Hildyard (Chairman), M. Fleming (Vice Chair), E. Aird, P. Lockyer, M. Pinder, M. Yates, S. Watson, B. Needham, C. Burrows
Clerk to Council: Mrs Laura George.
Ward Councillor: Cllr D. Healy
2x representatives of Molescroft Wildlife Network.

2732. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Heffer, Coates and Linthwaite.

2733. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

2734. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the 20th July 2023 meeting had been circulated and were approved as a true record of proceedings.

2735. Matters Arising (All)

Councillor Watson provided an update on item 2726 regarding current website costs with Indicoll. Cllr Watson proposed that the Parish Council proceed to move web hosting to Netwise in order to reduce annual costs. All agreed.

2736. Action Log (All)

The action log for September 2023 was presented with updates; work continues in the remaining areas.

Councillor Yates provided an update on item 15/12/612; quotes have been obtained for a wheelchair swing of approximately £12,000 - £15,000. Cllr Yates to follow up at next meeting with further quotes due to costs being much higher than anticipated. Update meeting to be arranged with Commuted Sums to discuss the proposal.

2737. Update from Ward Councillor

Councillor Healy attended and noted recent discussions around amendments to the planning application for a recycling centre on Ings Road. Cllr Healy confirmed that he will not sit on the planning committee for the application and that as a Ward Councillor he has objected to the application.

The Chairman noted that at the time of the meeting, no new application has been submitted and Molescroft Parish Council (MPC) has not been formally consulted on any amendments to the original planning application. The Chairman also noted that the main issue to be addressed is that of traffic in the wider Beverley area. MPC previously objected on the grounds of traffic issues and continues to object on the same grounds, though no further consultation has been put to MPC. It

was agreed that the Clerk will resubmit comments of objection as submitted previously, in liaison with the Chairman.

Items 2744 and 2745 were brought forward to allow representatives of Molescroft Wildlife Network to speak earlier.

2744. Molescroft Wildlife Network

Angie Norman and Grant Cairns attended on behalf of Molescroft Wildlife Network (MWN) and explained that the group are requesting one-off donations from MPC to fund management plans for the Millennium Wildlife Haven (£1200) and St Mary's Graveyard (£800) projects. Councillor Pinder proposed a donation of £1200 for the Millennium Wildlife Haven; 8 agreed, 1 opposed – motion carried. Councillor Hildyard proposed a donation of £800 for St Mary's Graveyard; 5 agreed, 2 opposed – motion carried.

2745. Hedgehog Highway Project

Representatives of Molescroft Wildlife Network provided supporting information regarding the purchase of hedgehog fence holes, as discussed under item 2720 at the July meeting. Councillor Fleming proposed that MPC donate £150 to MWN for the purchase of 50 fence holes, for distribution and installation by MWN – all agreed.

2738. Correspondence Received/Actioned (Clerk)

The Clerk presented a range of correspondence items received since the last Parish Council meeting. These items were for information, action, consultation, and response. The Clerk advised that where possible responses had been provided to the agencies/people in question. A discussion took place in relation to the items of key correspondence received and direction given by Council.

The following items were discussed:

- Letter received from ERYC following on from the Community Governance Review advising that the number of councillors for MPC has increased from 12 to 14.
- Email from PKF Littlejohn advising of the conclusion of audit.
- Email received from member of the public requesting request for renewal of wooden posts at Molescroft roundabout/Church Road – the Chairman has responded and followed up. Cllr Hildyard proposed adding the project to the capital programme to install at a later date – all agreed.
- The Chairman advised of information received regarding the relocation of a sanctuary stone to a suitable location within Molescroft. Cllr Hildyard proposed investigating further with ERYC and MPC giving its backing to the project. Cllr Hildyard also proposed adding the project to the capital plan and setting aside funds to contribute towards the cost of relocation – all agreed.
- Emails received from members of the public regarding the proposed recycling centre – already discussed under item 2737.

2739. Payment of Accounts (Clerk)

a. The Clerk updated the Council regarding current payments for September 2023. Payments made for September 2023 were £6,113.44. The following payments were noted:

- Online Playgrounds - £257.80 – replacement swing seat.
- SLCC - £144 – FILCA course fee.

The accounts were agreed for payment and the Chairman and Clerk (Responsible Financial Officer) signed the payment schedule as a correct record.

b. The Chairman provided an update on an ongoing review of the PC's accounting systems. Cllr Hildyard proposed the formation of a sub-committee to work on the budget system and meet with Dutton Moore to further discuss requirements. Clerk to arrange meeting with Dutton Moore to include Cllrs Hildyard, Fleming, Pinder and Aird. Cllr Pinder to get quotes from alternative internal auditors and refer to the Clerk.

2740. Planning Applications (Clerk)

The Clerk advised that all planning applications received had been shared with Councillors for comment. All comments received had been submitted to ERYC within the required timescales.

48 Woodhall Way	Erection of two storey and single storey extension to rear, construction of hip to gable extension to side, dormer extension to rear and erection of porch to front.	18 th August 2023	No objections – comments emailed.
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Downe House 3 Harewood TPO	Fell 1no Laburnum and 2no Cherry trees (G1) due to poor canopy growth, the trees are leaning, the area is crowded and to allow more light into the garden; Crown lift 1no Sycamore tree (T1) to a height of 7m to remove epicormic shoots from stems and to allow more light into the garden; Crown reduce 1no row of Beech trees (G2) to 3m as it has overgrown and will be easier to manage; Crown lift 1no Cypress tree (T2) lower branches to clear away from the property.	23 rd August 2023	No objections – comments emailed.
Mouse Cottage 27C Church Road	Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use of building as a dwellinghouse, separate from 27A Church Road.	30 th August 2023	<i>This council is in favour of the provision of all types of housing and no doubt planning officers will be examining the content of the legal arguments. The notion that this separate unit of accommodation was allowed under permitted development rights is questionable.</i> Comments emailed.
64 Woodhall Way	Construction of dormer extension to front and installation of roof light to rear.	13 th September 2023	No objections – comments emailed.

2741. Community Grant Scheme (Cllr Needham)

Councillor Needham discussed previously circulated documents and noted that there are already some potential applicants for a community grant scheme. Cllr Needham proposed that the scheme be added to the capital plan and monthly funds set aside for possible applications – all agreed.

2742. Beverley Wombles (Cllr Lockyer)

Councillor Lockyer advised that she has liaised with the Beverley Wombles following their request for donations to fund litter picking equipment, as the number of volunteers continues to grow. Cllr Lockyer proposed a donation of £100 – all agreed.

At 21:23 a resolution was passed to continue the meeting passed the 90 minute deadline – all agreed.

2743. Capital Programme (All)

Following a request for suggestions for the capital programme, Councillor Watson queried the possibility of the installation of a bus shelter on Lockwood Road. Cllr Watson to pursue query with ERYC and Ward Councillors.

Councillor Pinder provided information on the Tiny Forest project and advised that she will circulate further information to the council.

Items 2744 and 2475 previously discussed.

2746. Visit to Molescroft Primary School

The Parish Council have been invited by Michael Lancaster, Head of Molescroft Primary School, to attend a tour of the school on 29th September. The Clerk will confirm RSVPs and pass onto Cllr Lockyer.

2747. Feedback from meetings attended (All)

Cllr Hildyard reported a meeting with Neil Archbutt and Alan Menzies regarding the possible adoption of amenity land and negotiations with the Los trustees – discussions are ongoing.

Cllrs Hildyard, Fleming, Aird and Lockyer met with representatives from Tickton & Routh PC as discussed at the July meeting. Conversations proved to be useful and a further informal meeting has been suggested.

Cllr Lockyer advised that Molescroft Primary School would like to install a permanent sign in their wildflower area to inform and advise of the PC's involvement. Cllr Hildyard to obtain quote from J.E. Wright.

Cllrs Yates and Aird have met to plan Leap Year Lunch community event to be held on 25th February 2024.

2748. Items for next agenda (All)

Cllr Lockyer – Molescroft Primary School – wildflower area sign.

Cllr Watson – Communications Committee – review of website provider.

Actions noted:

Cllr Yates to arrange meeting with Commuted Sums to discuss proposal of wheelchair swing, ref. item 2736.

Clerk to resubmit consultee comments, in liaison with the Chairman, ref. item 2737

Clerk to arrange meeting with Dutton Moore to include Cllrs Hildyard, Fleming, Pinder and Aird, ref. item 2739

Cllr Pinder to get quotes from alternative internal auditors and refer to the Clerk, ref. item 2739

Clerk to forward RSVPs for school visit to Cllr Lockyer, ref. item 2746.

Cllr Hildyard to obtain quote for sign for Molescroft Primary School wildflower area, ref. item 2747

The Chairman closed the meeting 22:05.

Minutes produced by: Laura George, Clerk. Date: 27th September 2023

Signed.....(Chairman)