



Molescroft Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF MOLESCROFT HELD ON 21 MAY 2009 AT THE MOLESCROFT PAVILION

PRESENT L Richings (chairman), Councillors, B Gregory, K Farrow, K Agerskow, P Smith, H Brown, A Ingham, B Hanneman, Ward Councillor B Pearson, Mr I Taylor (Parish Clerk) and 2 members of the public. Police Community Support Officer Donna Mansley was also present.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting on 15 May 2008 were accepted as a true record of that meeting.

2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The chairman informed the meeting that the Precept had not been increased this year due to the current economic climate.

He then went on to outline the following activities:

- New children's play area now fully in use after initial setbacks due to adverse weather. Cost £55,000 (WREN grant £25,000 – donation £10,000 – Parish Council reserve funds £15,000)
- Website – a new website has been commissioned and is now fully operational. The new site is very informative and user friendly. Brief details of planning applications within the parish are published with a link direct to the full application on the ERYC website.
- Improvements to shopping area Woodhall Way – the Parish Council was consulted about the proposed work but our request for the area to be re-paved rather than tarmac was not accepted by ERYC. The County Council did agree to our request to plant more mature trees and provide substantial aesthetic tree guards.
- The Parish Council is to erect a new larger notice board near to the shops on Woodhall Way as part of the improvements to that area.
- The PC is negotiating the provision of a bus shelter on Woodhall Way near to the shops. This has been delayed because the footpath is not wide enough to accommodate it and it will mean encroaching onto the adjacent grassed area. It has been established that the grassed area is the responsibility of ERYC and permission is being sought to use part of that area.
- Pavilion - the recent increase in fees for the hire of the pavilion was necessary so that the pavilion did not run at a loss and become a burden for parishioners
- Scrubwood Lane - the Ramblers (formerly the Ramblers Association) have petitioned ERYC to designate Scrubwood Lane as a bridleway as the first in a series of steps for the area to be designated a public footpath. The Parish Council supports the Ramblers in their efforts.

- Allotments - the Parish Council has provided 10 allotments on the Malton Road and they are all in use by parishioners. There is a waiting list of 12 people and efforts are being made to find suitable land within the parish for more allotments.
- Following the public consultation process, the Beverley Town Plan has been submitted to the consultants but they have not yet reported back.
- As yet the Parish Council have not been consulted on the development of the former hospital and college sites. The relocation of the college will have an impact on this parish in relation to the use of the site.

3. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

3.1 A member of the public complimented the Council on the success of the new play area. He also thanked the police for the efforts that they had made with youths and cars gathering around the playing field and the car park area. The problem has reduced.

3.2 The same member of the public was concerned that the 2008 submission to the Audit Commission showed that the figures did not balance and that the risk assessment was not adequate. Mr Taylor reported that the previous clerk had submitted an explanation to the Audit Commission concerning the accounts and that on the advice of the Audit Commission, the Council had purchased software for risk assessments and that this had been used for the 2009 submission to the Audit Commission.

3.3 The same member of the public raised a number of issues concerning the playing field and the Pavilion

- Long grass around the perimeter – Mr Taylor reported that arrangements had been made with a firm to maintain the perimeter
- Broken tiles on the roof of the Pavilion – Mr Taylor reported that a number of firms had been asked to submit estimates for the work and that a decision would be made at the Parish Council meeting that followed the AGM
- Old play equipment – Mr Taylor reported that a firm has been requested to remove the old equipment and make good the area.
- Uneven surface of the car park – this will be an agenda item for a future Parish Council meeting. **ACTION - Clerk**

There being no other business, the chairman closed the meeting at 8.22 pm.

Signed

(chairman)

Dated