

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MOLESCROFT PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30 PM  
THURSDAY 19 JULY 2007 AT THE MOLESCROFT PAVILION**

**PRESENT**

Councillor M. Hildyard (chairman), Councillors K. Agerskow, M. Fleming, B. Gregory, B. Hanneman, A. Ingham, P. Smith. Councillor J. Bird (ERYC) was present for the first part of the meeting.

**51. APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Apologies were received from Councillors H. Brown, K. Farrow, P. Maguire, P. Ranson, and L. Richings. There were no declarations of interest.

**52. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated and were accepted as a true record of proceedings, with one exception. Councillor Ingham pointed out that under the item reporting the police presentation, in line 13 the minutes should have included reference to the fact that PC Pickering was informed that noisy motorcycles and speeding was also a problem in Brereton Close as well as on Woodhall Way. The minutes are amended accordingly. After the amendment was noted, the minutes were signed by the chairman.

Councillor Bird informed the meeting that he had attended the Police and Partners Community Forum on 10 July and had reiterated the problems previously discussed relating to speeding vehicles and damage to trees in Molescroft.

**53. MATTERS ARISING**

**42. (1) Leylandii hedge:** Quotes had been received from Cottingham Tree Specialists (£860) and East Riding Arborists (£780). The latter company had also quoted for cutting the hedges at the allotments. It was **agreed** by all that the quotes were much higher than expected and that other options should be considered. Councillors Hildyard and Fleming to obtain contact details of possible alternatives and pass them to the clerk to action.

**Actions:** Councillors Hildyard and Fleming as above. Clerk to pursue and report back to next meeting.

**42. (2) Scrubwood Bridleway:** No progress to report

42. (3) Special Expenses: Councillor Hildyard reported that he had not been able to trace any useful correspondence. He would check directly with the leader of ERYC Councillor Parnaby and report back to the next meeting.

**Action:** Councillor Hildyard as above.

**48. Cold Calling Zones:** The clerk reported that he had spoken to ERYC Consumer Advice Department and was awaiting further information which he would present to the next meeting.

**50. Defence School of Transport - Amber Driving School:** The clerk had written to the commandant as requested and a copy of his letter had been circulated to members. A reply had not yet been received. A letter from the commandant to Graham Stuart MP on the same subject was read to the council and noted.

**54. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

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

**55. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

A schedule of planning applications received was circulated. After appropriate discussion, **RESOLUTIONS** were made as shown below.

		(chairman's decision)
1 Longcroft Park	First floor extension and new roof plan	Approved (Chairman's decision)
18 Butterfly Meadows	Erection of garage to side and single storey rear extension	Approved
26 The Croft	Single storey rear extension First floor side extension New external chimney stack	Approved
17 Saxon Rise	Single storey rear extension	Approved
25 Laburnum Drive	Erection of front porch	Approved
Molescroft Inn	Erection of 2 x 3000mm parasols in rear garden	Approved
Molescroft Primary School	Replacement of security fencing	Approved

In addition, the following applications were considered at some length:

Variation of conditions - extend hours of use of **all-weather pitch at Longcroft School** from 8pm to 10 pm. After a full discussion of all the issues, Councillor Gregory proposed that the application should be approved. Councillor Fleming seconded the proposal. On a show of hands it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the application. A copy of the letter sent to ERYC is attached to the minutes.

Outline application for the erection of 35 dwellings on **site of East Riding College, Gallows Lane**. After a full discussion of all the issues, it was **RESOLVED** that the council would reserve judgement until a full planning application was received. A copy of the letter sent to ERYC outlining various concerns relating to the current application is attached to the minutes.

Alteration to roof height and erection dormer at side - **10 Elmsall Drive**  
After appropriate discussion it was **RESOLVED** to object on the grounds that this was the first application to build a dormer in this row of bungalows and it would be out of character with other bungalows in Elmsall Drive. It was also felt that the change in roof height was out of scale.

It was also **RESOLVED** to object to an application to fell a tree in the garden at 1 East Close.

#### **56. PARISH CENTRE/SCHOOL ISSUES**

Councillor Hanneman reported on maintenance and repairs at the Parish Centre. Enquiries with the head teacher confirmed that ERYC pay for major items and the committee is responsible minor maintenance. Refurbishment of the kitchen would be the responsibility of the committee as it was their own choice to do the work.

#### **57. PAVILION AND PLAYING FIELD**

Nothing to report - but see item 59 below.

#### **58. MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT/STANDING ORDERS**

The clerk circulated copies of amended Standing Orders showing proposed changes necessary to

accommodate the provisions of the new Code of Conduct. He will also provide copies to absent members. It was agreed that members would consider the changes over the summer period with a view to discussing them at the next meeting.

#### **59. CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA**

The clerk circulated a paper showing current revenue and capital funds held. Councillor Hildyard outlined the current position and a discussion followed about the way forward. It was agreed that Councillor Brown should be asked to provide a written report in advance of the next meeting showing the result of his attempt to obtain external funding. It was further agreed that in the absence of any firm commitment on external funding, the council would be prepared to support Councillor Brown's efforts by using capital funds from the reserve account to ensure that the work was started in the near future.

**Action:** Councillor Brown as above.

#### **60. FLOODING IN MOLESCROFT**

Councillor Ranson had been asked whether the parish council had a role in assisting residents whose homes had been damaged in the recent flooding. In the discussion that followed, sympathy was expressed for the flood victims but Councillor Hildyard said that cost-wise it was beyond our budget to offer any meaningful aid and it was acknowledged that ERYC had a principle responsibility for this work. The clerk was asked to write to ERYC to ascertain whether they knew who owned drains and gulleys in Molescroft and to obtain a copy of their gulley cleaning programme. The letter should also offer to store sandbags in the secure area at the back of the pavilion.

**Action:** Clerk to write to ERYC as above.

#### **61. CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Letter from ERNLLCA regarding Training Conference at Scarborough 28-30 September 2007. No one from Molescroft PC wished to attend.
2. Letter from Audit Commission regarding 2007 Annual Return. Noted.
3. Letter from ERYC regarding 60/40 Lighting Programme. The letter said that our bid for lighting on the footpath between Lockwood Road and the footbridge had been successful and outlined the costs of a 1 column scheme (£564.60 plus energy and maintenance costs) and a 3 column scheme (£1873.80 - ERYC to adopt and pay energy and maintenance costs.) After discussion it was agreed to go for the three column scheme.

**Action:** The clerk to notify ERYC and to press for the work to be done before the winter sets in.

#### **62. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

1. Councillor Hildyard updated the meeting on the reasons for the unacceptable delays in beginning the public consultation on the Beverley Town Plan and his concerns that the democratic process was being subverted. A meeting of the Town Plan working party is to take place next week but Councillor Hildyard cannot attend because he is on holiday. Councillor Bird had agreed to represent Molescroft PC at the meeting and Councillor Hildyard had prepared a note expressing his concerns and objections which Councillor Bird would raise on our behalf. Councillor Hildyard asked the meeting for support for his actions in raising these issues. Councillor Gregory proposed a resolution in support of the chairman's actions and it was seconded by Councillor Smith. It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to support the proposal.

It was also **agreed** that Councillor Gregory would attend the meeting in place of Councillor Ranson who was unwell.

2. Councillor Bird informed the meeting that ERYC had some spare trees and wondered if the parish council had any projects in mind where the trees could be planted. A grove of trees along Woodhall Way next to the field and Copandale Road were suggested. Councillor Hildyard said that if members had any further ideas for planting they should contact him and he would forward details to Councillor Bird. Councillor Bird said he would progress the matter within ERYC.

Councillor Bird also said he might be able to help with bulb planting in the parish. ERYC were going to be doing some major planting this year and could no doubt be persuaded to plant some in Molescroft. It was

agreed by all that this was desirable. Councillor Bird said he would also progress this within ERYC.  
**Action:** the clerk to liaise with Councillor Bird regarding using schoolchildren to undertake the planting in the autumn.

Councillor Bird also alerted the council to the possibility of a substantial length of 4ft high metal fencing designated for the Causeway project in Beverley but now surplus to ERYC requirements becoming available. It might be ideal for surrounding the new children's play area. Members expressed a definite interest in acquiring this fencing and Councillor Bird said he would enquire about its availability and any potential cost.

He was thanked for his support for Molescroft Parish.

**THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING WAS FIXED FOR 7.30 PM THURSDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2007 IN MOLESCROFT PAVILION.**

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.0 pm.

**CHAIRMAN**.....

**DATED**.....