

Molescroft Parish Council

Update 18th February 2021

Update from the Clerk

Again, this month, the Chairman, Vice-Chair, and myself, as well as the Pavilion staff, have ensured that any urgent matters have been dealt with, and all essential day-to-day business is being carried out as normal.

Andrew has provided the following list of works completed and ongoing:

- 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 completed
- Fencing to allotment work completed
- Leak in gents toilet repair completed
- Maintenance to tree guards ongoing
- Snow clearance of pathways ongoing as weather dictates

Payment Schedule

Please find attached Payment Schedule for February 2021, for approval of the Council, noting the following payments:

- The Wombles of Beverley; donation made to fund litter picking items - £101.90

The Parish Council has recently received payments totalling £7,335.00 from ERYC, as part of the Local Restriction Support Grant for businesses closed as a result of the national lockdown.

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

Correspondence

- Email received from member of the public voicing concerns regarding horse manure on the roads and the mess this can cause, especially where children are concerned. A response was sent noting that the Parish Council appreciate the concerns, and advising that the individual should contact ERYC who deal with the cleaning of roads.
- Email received from the Wombles of Beverley, a volunteer group who litter pick in Beverley, Woodmansey, and Molescroft, requesting small donations of equipment. The Parish Council agreed to purchase 8x Handihoop bag holders which have now been gratefully received by the group.

Planning

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

16 Woodhall Way	Erection of a two-storey extension to side.	12 th February 2021	No objections.
Oak Tree Lodge 2 Old Court	Erection of a triple carport with attached garden shed, conversion of existing garage with extended roof pitch and bay window to create additional living accommodation, construction of two dormer windows to the rear, replace glazed roof with tiled roof, new entrance canopy following removal of existing and associated works.	16 th February 2021	No objections.
2 Curlew Close	Erection of a two-storey extension to side and a single-storey extension to the rear.	18 th February 2021	No objections.
11 The Ridings	Erection of single storey extensions to side and rear, installation of rooflights to side and part render finish to existing property.	23 rd February 2021	No objections.
Land NW of Malton Road Roundabout	Change of use of agricultural land to a dog walking field, erection of boundary fencing and a shelter.	25 th February 2021	<i>MH - This is a very important site and although partially screened the boundary close to the bypass is very open and a security fence over 2 metres high would be very prominent in the view. I would say the principle of a dog walk is ok but the security fence at the height proposed would be visually prominent and should be reduced in height and accompanied by the planting of trees with an effective landscaping proposal. This council has a small no of young trees which could be planted in a nursery area in consultation with the applicants. The parking area, although separated from the adjacent dwelling, may cause concern to the residents. The vehicular access is close to the roundabout on a very busy part of Constitution Hill and right turns could present a traffic problem.</i>
50 Warwick Drive	Erection of a single storey extension to the side and rear of the existing detached garage.	1 st March 2021	<i>MH - No objection subject to not extending onto the amenity area and the use be restricted to that incidental to the use of the existing dwelling and not as a separate unit of accommodation.</i>
36 Carter Drive	Erection of single storey elevation to rear following removal of existing conservatory.	3 rd March 2021	No objections.
1 Burnaby Close TPO	Crown reduce 1 no. Oak tree (T1) by 2 metres, remove epicormic growth and remove spare branches around lamppost and near house for maintenance purposes.	5 th March 2021	No objections.
Amenity Land East of Pighill Lane	Change of use of land to domestic garden.	5 th March 2021	<i>The Parish Council strongly objects to this application. The change of use of this prominent amenity area into garden land is totally unacceptable and will inevitably involve the removal of trees, screening, and create the possibility of pedestrian access direct to Woodhall Way in a manner similar to other encroachments onto amenity areas in the Parish, more recently in Woodhall Park.</i>

			<i>The land should be formally adopted as amenity area.</i>
31 Carter Drive	Erection of a two-storey extension to side and alterations to existing front garden to extend driveway to create additional parking.	5 th March 2021	<i>MH - This appears to be an overdevelopment of the site and by reason of enclosure would affect the amenities of the adjacent dwelling which they presently enjoy.</i>
1 Scrubwood Lane	Erection of front facing fence (retrospective) & erection of a conservatory to rear.	9 th March 2021	<i>No objection to the conservatory. There are objections to the height and prominence of the fence in this entry to Scrubwood Lane. The erection of the 2m high fence is visually dominant and has involved the removal of a substantial hedge which, according to recent research such hedging is a big factor in reducing the effects of traffic pollution.</i>

Budget Setting 2021/22

As a result of discussions with the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Councillor Pinder and myself, it was considered that certain clarifications to the budget should be circulated amongst members, particularly highlighting the fact that due to the Covid restrictions we will have a reduction in our income by 50% less than an average year. We can only predict a much lower income this year, not including the precept, leaving us with a deficit in this financial year, which will have to be funded by reserves. This confirms the decision to increase the precept by 2% to at least ameliorate the effect of budget increases next year to maintain a working balance.

Allotments

Some of the 'new' smaller plots are now ready and new tenants will be invited in due course, as per the waiting list. Over the next year the Allotment Committee plan to review the costs and rent currently charged for the allotments, with a view to make any required changes by April 2022.

Capital Programme 2021/22

I would like to take this opportunity to again request suggestions for the Capital Budget Programmes for 2021/22. I have received the following suggestions since my last request:

- Gym equipment on Lockwood Road field – Cllr Heffer
- Drainage at Lockwood Road field – Cllr Hanneman
- Footpath treatment on Scrubwood Lane to aid drainage – Cllr Hanneman

These will be added to the following suggestions carried over from last year:

- Play equipment on Rosemary Walk
- Play equipment on unused area of Thurlow Avenue
- Picnic benches & bins at the Pavilion

Crocus bulbs

The Beverley Rotary Club kindly donated 50 purple crocus bulbs to the Parish. These have been planted by Councillor Lockyer (please see images below), around one of the big trees at the Pavilion, away from the playing pitches. Cllr Lockyer had hoped to plant them with the children of Molescroft school but unfortunately, with lockdown restrictions, this wasn't possible.





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With the compliments
of

The Rotary Club of Beverley

50 Purple Crocus Bulbs

"Purple for Polio"