

## MISSON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 6th October 2021 at Misson Community Centre.

Before the business meeting was opened a period of fifteen minutes was allocated for questions from the public, which were raised as follows: concern over lorries taking inappropriate routes through Misson en route to Misson Mill. The Chair said that Mill proprietors have been requested to give clearer directions to visiting lorry drivers. In addition **Clerk to request NCC Highways to provide a directional sign for Misson Mill.** Question about speeding through Misson village - addressed under item 17 below. Question about MPC supporting the 2021 Christmas meal for pensioners. **Clerk to include this on next Council meeting agenda.** Question about what plans there are to develop the Pinfold - addressed under item 10 below.

**Present:** Cllr Walker (Chair), Cllr Woolliams (vice chair), Cllr. Sutherton, Cllr Watson, Cllr Smith, Cllr Curtis

**Clerk:** Barbara Lowndes.

1. **To receive apologies for absence:** Cllr Watkins was unable to attend due to a holiday. The council approved this absence.
2. **To receive any declarations of disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests:** **Cllr Walker:** - non-pecuniary interest as trustee of the Misson Park and Playground Project. **Cllr Woolliams** - non-pecuniary interest as Governor of Misson School. **Cllr Watkins** - non-pecuniary interest as a member of the River Idle Management Partnership. **Cllr Sutherton** - non-pecuniary interest as a member of the River Idle Management Partnership.
3. **To approve the minutes of the council meeting of 1 September 2021.** Approved and signed by Cllr Walker
4. **To note matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting not on the agenda.** The Misson sign on Newington Road had been inspected and found to not be suitable for renovation. The Council resolved to investigate replacement, including whether a grant might be available. **Clerk to make enquiries on cost of replacement sign saying "Misson welcomes careful drivers"** CCllr Taylor suggested applying for a Local Improvement Scheme (LIS) grant. Regarding the issue of minimising harm to swans and geese from electric cables on Slaynes Lane, Cllr Smith and the clerk met Western Power on 4 October 2021. It was advised that access was an issue due to the flooded ground; if the Idle Washlands area dried out they would be willing to attend and fix diverters to the cables.
5. **To receive reports from District and County Councillors.**
  - **CCllr Taylor** reported that at the last full Council meeting on 23 September 2021 the issue of devolution was debated. It was considered that further work on internal governance (moving to a cabinet model) needed to be done before this could be progressed. Also reported was a proposal by Island Green Power to site a solar power facility between Gringley and Clayworth. This would be a national infrastructure project and thus determined by the Secretary of State rather than the County Council. Further information was available on <https://www.westburtonsolar.co.uk>. Also reported was NCC legal department response to MPC's request for ratification of a 1974 agreement for use of Misson School playing field for recreational use (Item 12 on the agenda). Notts County Council advised that

they had no record of the agreement and suggested the matter be followed up directly with the school. NCC legal department would offer input as needed. Cllr Walker had written to Misson School and awaited a reply. The Council resolved to contact Misson School again. **Cllr Woolliams agreed to contact Misson School regarding recreational use of the school playing field.**

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• **DCllr Watson :** As at 4 October 2021 Covid-19 incidence in Ranskill/Everton recorded 49 positive cases, giving a rate of 615/100,000. Last month's rate was just over 100/100,000, a fivefold increase. In Bassetlaw there had been 649 cases in the previous week and sadly one person had died. Vaccination rates for people over 16 was 85.3% for a single dose and 80.4% for double dose. 43 patients were in trust hospitals, of whom 8 were in intensive care. Most hospitalised patients were unvaccinated. Also reported was Council discussion of the impact of the £20 reduction in Universal Credit on people in Bassetlaw. It was expected to have a big impact on food bank use and on people's ability to pay rent on accommodation. Also reported was BDC's intention to support a share of resettlement of Afghan refugees. Previously the Council had resettled three Syrian families. Also reported was the Council's consideration of live streaming future Council meetings in order to make them accessible to a wider audience.

6. **To receive a report from Misson Community Association:** Report received. The committee was considering improving the acoustics of the Community Centre and was seeking expert advice.
7. **To receive a report on policing of the Parish:** no recorded crimes in Misson parish during September. The full report would be posted on the Misson Parish Council website. CCllr Taylor advised of an identity theft scam increasing locally, where bank cards were applied for on a person's personal details (stolen from their mail) and then their mail again intercepted to appropriate the card. **Clerk to publicise on For All The Misson Family Facebook page.**
8. **Parish financial administration:** The clerk presented the financial statements to 30 September 2021 and the Council resolved to accept them:  
 NatWest Current Acc: @ 30/09/21 £10,991.26.  
 NatWest Business Reserve Acc. @ 30/09/2021 £10,584.88  
 The Council resolved to approve the following payments:

10/9/21	Axholme Pest Control	56	36.00
7/10/21	Clerk - TEC - September	57	113.00
7/10/21	HMRC - PAYE - September	58	87.80
7/10/21	Clerk - MPC - September	59	290.60
7/10/21	Mark Hooper - MPC Finance - September	60	90.40
7/10/21	M GUEST - Lengthsman - September	61	55.00
7/10/21	Torne Valley - Statement	62	10.60
7/10/21	Reimbursement re cost of materials re restoration of Pinfold wall Total = £118.83	63	26.51
			46.16
			30.19
			15.97
	Total		802.23

- The Council resolved to approve the second quarter reconciliation statement.
- 9. **To note planning decisions:** 21/01203/COU (Lilac Cottage) granted; 21/01127/COND (Gibdyke plot 1) granted; 21/01260/COND (Gibdyke plot 3) granted; 21/01097/COND (Gibdyke plot 2) granted; 21/00710/CAT (White Cottage) granted
  - **To consider planning application:** 21/01383/HSE Maltsters Newington Road. The Council resolved to offer no objection to this application.
  - **To consider planning applications received after the agenda was posted:** none
  - **To consider any other planning matters:** none

**10. The Neighbourhood Improvement Programme:** To receive reports regarding the following:

- **Lengthsmen.** Clerk had looked into the grant. It is fixed according to the number of residents and Misson parish allocation was £1000 for the year.
- **Misson cemetery/churchyard.** No issues to report.
- **Pinfold. To receive an update on the application to voluntarily register the Pinfold as a Town and Village Green.** This was unanimously approved by Notts County Council planning committee on 14 September 2021. The site had been sprayed to clear weeds and would be tidied for the winter. The Council agreed the proposal of a planting scheme, including a planted-up coping on the wall. The Town Estates Charity would be approached with a request to fund the works.
- Complaints had been received about a commemorative sign affixed anonymously to the Pinfold gate. The Council resolved to progress the storyboard to include thanks to everyone who had donated money, time and effort to the Pinfold acquisition and restoration effort and once this had been erected, in due course the well-meaning sign would be removed, as it was inappropriate for private citizens to affix signs on public assets.
- A query had arisen about a further commemorative sign that had appeared above the door of the main hall in the Community Centre. The Council also resolved to ask the Clerk make an enquiry about this. **Clerk to make enquiry. Cllr Walker to write up pinfold restoration story and plans for inclusion in the November Parish newsletter. Clerk to place videoclip of NCC Planning Committee discussion on MPC website.**
- **Update on Notts Rural Gigabit Voucher Scheme** no update to report

**11. Business Liaison. To receive reports regarding:**

- **Odour emissions from Tunnel Tech** Following various meetings including a public meeting in Misson on 24 September, it was agreed with MP Brendan Clarke-Smith that, in a desire to understand the extent of the current nuisance odour, a monitoring exercise would be carried out during October. Leaflets had been delivered to all residents and a copy placed on the MPC website. Cllr Watson advised that one of the biofilters was due to be replaced. MPC had obtained a copy of the current operating permit. MPC had no

statutory power in this matter but was aware of parishioners' concerns. It was noted that one of the conditions was that no odour escaped from the site, failing which the permit could be withdrawn. Residents were encouraged to continue to make Bassetlaw Council environmental officers aware of any nuisance odour. A firm of solicitors had approached some residents with a proposal to initiate further civil court proceedings (the last being 2013) against Tunnel Tech, with a view to seeking further compensation.

- **Doncaster Airport Committee.** Minutes to be published when available.
  - **Misson School.** Cllr Woolliams reported that teachers are conducting regular Covid-19 lateral flow tests. Pupils enjoyed a recent trip to Austerfield study centre.
  - **IGas.** No indication of any appeal lodged yet. The applicant had six months to lodge an appeal from the decision date, which was 27 July 2021. **Clerk to contact NCC planning officer to obtain update on infrastructure removal.**
12. **To consider seeking agreement to use Misson Primary School playing field for recreational purposes.** Discussed at item 5 (above). It was further noted that the Playground Project intended to conclude by February 2026.
  13. **To discuss planning for HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022.** The Town Estates Charity had been approached with a request to fund a commemorative beacon. The Rev Hancock had agreed that Misson Church would lead on the Town Crier proclamation. Other groups were actively arranging events including a golden bucket treasure trail, which Cllr Watson kindly agreed to fund from his discretionary allowance as District Councillor. **Clerk to advise TEC secretary to request meeting regarding resourcing of the beacon.**
  14. **To consider installing a Christmas tree on Misson Village Green.** The council resolved to purchase a Christmas tree and to light it from 4.30pm on 27 November 2021 (and thereafter 4pm - midnight daily) until midnight 5 January 2022. **Clerk to advise Western Power that daily supply will be required 4pm-midnight from 27 November 2021 until 5 January 2022.**
  15. **To consider seeking title to river bank area on River Lane.** The council discussed unregistered land on River Lane that forms the riverbank. It was noted that severe erosion had been caused by vehicular traffic and watercraft and that the mains water supply pipe was located at this point. The council resolved to acquire title to the land for the purpose of registering it as a village green and to maintain it for the benefit of the community. **Clerk to establish evidence trail to inform a future application under the Land Registration Act 2002.**
  16. **To consider parish emergency plans, including flood response and resilience stores.** A request for volunteers to help draw up the emergency plan had been published on the MPC website. The manager of Gibdyke Farm had requested further

information on what needed to be stored. **Clerk to liaise with owner of Gibdyke Farm**

- 17. To consider action to curb speeding through Misson village.** PCSO Airey had given advice . It was identified that the area of concern was from Misson Mill to Station Road, in both directions. **Clerk to apply to NCC Highways for speed reduction measures to be installed.**
- 18. To review highways and parish paths.** Path no.9 had been cleared but path no.8 had been obstructed by two barbed wire fences. Two way markers had been removed from Path no.8. This had been reported to NCC. Report of overgrown hedge on path no.1. **Clerk to report to NCC.** Regarding parish walks, the Council resolved to publish these on the MPC website for free download. **Clerk to publish parish walks on MPC website.**
- 19. To receive feedback from meetings attended in September.** Cllr Smith had attended a meeting with Western Power on 4 October regarding electrical power supply lines and the danger to wild fowl on Slaynes Lane. Western Power said there were access problems but could assist if the ground dried up sufficiently to accommodate a large vehicle used to install diverters to the lines. Cllr Sutherton had attended a River Idle Management Partnership meeting on 15 September at which it was announced that the Environment Agency were going to carry out improvement works to the West Stockwith sluice, which in turn would reduce flooding risk for communities along the River Idle.
- 20. To receive correspondence.**The clerk had received correspondence from three residents who said they would not complete any nuisance odour monitoring forms. Cllr Walker clarified that completion of monitoring was voluntary but the more people who responded the better the data would be.
- 21. To confirm the date of the next meeting: Wednesday 3 November 2021**