

## MISSON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council held at 7pm on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at Misson Community Centre.

### Pre-meeting questions from the public:

No questions were forthcoming.

**Present:** Cllr Walker (Chair), Cllr Watkins, Cllr Sutherton, Cllr Scott, Cllr Robey, Cllr Andrews, Cllr Watson, CCllr Taylor. **Clerk:** S Scott.

1. Apologies were recorded for DCllr
2. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests: Cllr Walker – non-pecuniary interest as editor of Community Newsletter and a Trustee of Village Park and Playground project. 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. Cllr Scott – non-pecuniary interest as a member of Misson Community Association. Cllr Robey – non-pecuniary interest as a Trustee of Misson Community Association.  
A ruling has been requested from the Monitoring Officer in respect of Cllr Robey being a Parish Councillor and a signatory to the lease between MCA and MPC, in regards that there may be a prejudicial interest. He has a non-pecuniary interest so is entitled to comment and vote on the issues pertaining to MCA. The possible prejudicial interest could arise when discussing the possible changes to the lease. The question is also to be emailed to NALC for their opinion.
3. The Council approved the minutes of 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023. These will now be placed on the website.
4. A question was raised at last month's meeting about the grass verges and a footpath being overgrown, and therefore becoming a hazard. Notts CC was contacted. The reply was that it would be placed on the schedule to be cut back in due course. The footpath was cleared the next day. Still awaiting the verges to be cut. Notts CC will be contacted again.
5. No report from the District Councillor as he is on holiday.  
Report from the County Councillor – STEP project. Planning applications have been submitted for the demolition of the old sections of the power station, so there is momentum. HIVE is another major project which is out behind Sutton-cum-Lound. This is the reclamation of pulverised fly ash from landfill sites to be processed into a substitute for cement. Consultations have now closed; it is now going through the assessment stages. The biggest impact for Misson could be the possible need to mitigate any proposed increase of traffic through the village. The route for vehicles has not been finalised due to the market not being defined yet. There is the possibility of another round of consultations due to the number of objections being received. Regarding Igas, there is no tangible update, due to the start of the bird breeding season. They are still being monitored however, due to their agreement that work will start later this year as soon as they are legally able. National Grid are proposing to put in another major infrastructure, to put more capacity into the grid. Misson will not be affected directly as pylons would be erected to the southeast of the parish boundary. There will be some public consultations soon, the nearest venue would be in Gringley.
6. The report on policing of the Parish was received as a spreadsheet covering the Misterton, Everton, and Misson catchment area. The report will be placed on the website.
7. Councillors received and approved the following expenses and receipts:  
Expenses  
£180.00 – M Guest for hours worked in May. 23/029

£33.00 – B Lowndes for hours worked in May 23/028

£39.22 – S E Scott. Reimbursement for payment of on-line training for S Robey 23/027

£393.80 – Salary for S E Scott for May 23/026

£94.80 – PAYE for May 23/025

£120.20 – S E Scott. Reimbursement for insurance for lawn mower. 23/030

Receipts

£10.31 - Bank interest for the end of May 23/R004

Bank account balances as at the 30<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Current a/c – £12185.27

Business Reserve a/c – £10630.50

8. Planning decisions/outcomes reported –

23/00451/HSE – Home View. Updated plans have been submitted after a visit from the Conservation Department. Adjustments have made in accordance with the recommendations of the department. The MPC support the views of the Conservation Department.

New planning applications – 23/00635/HSE – request to replace windows at The White Horse with UPVC frames. No response from the designated officers is yet received.

No other planning applications received after the agenda was published.

9. The steering group update on the Neighbourhood Plan has been placed on the website –

[www.missonparishcouncil.org](http://www.missonparishcouncil.org) It has also been placed on the notice boards around the village. The question regarding future funding for the Neighbourhood Plan will be added to the July's agenda. Cllr.Walker committed to speaking with the Chair of NPSG in order to increase understanding ahead of this decision-making meeting.

10. Update on the continued maintenance of the end of River Lane. The bank is continuing to be eroded for various reasons. MPC is going to pursue the claim of the strip of land having maintained it for the required number of years. Discussions between the interested parties can then restart on how to protect the bank, to benefit the wildlife and fauna, and the people who wish to enjoy it. C Cllr Taylor is to forward any documentation that she has on the previous attempts to establish ownership. Cllr. Walker to regenerate and update a paper explaining the problem, the progress so far, and the planned activity. This will be sent for consultation to all Parish Councillors and an agreed paper will be published and made available to all.

The artist has started work on the information panel for The Pinfold. Hope to see the results soon. The Pinfold has been weeded.

There is a mole within the cemetery grounds. It will be reported to a mole catcher before it causes damage. This was supported by a vote of 6 councillors to 1 objection.

The annual tree survey has taken place. Urban Arborist has been contacted to look in more depth at 3 trees; 2 in the churchyard and 1 on The Green.

The lengthsman duties are to be itemised, so that all councillors are aware of their work around the village; this is an ongoing piece of work that has been coming together since last year.

All the benches and notice boards within the Parish need to be oiled/painted. The materials are to be purchased from Torne Valley, where the council has an account.

11. The Newsletter Group have asked if all the current councillors could write a short by-line and send a photo for submission for the next issue of the newsletter. Cllrs agreed. The clerk will also submit a report from the Parish Clerk.

12. The current lease between MCA and MPC was signed in September 2020. It is not working for MCA who have repeatedly asked for the break clause to be removed. It was agreed to look at a few model lease agreements, and choose one that suits both parties' requirements, and enables bids to be made for grants to update the building. This will be on the agenda of the July meeting.

13. Update on resilience planning. Misson pre-school have a storage unit for sale that could be used to store all equipment that may be required in an emergency. The Chair to follow up and try to establish the asking price. It was suggested that a sign be placed on the footpath next to the vicarage to warn people of uneven ground ahead. However, the footpath is on private land. It was decided that ownership of the land was to be ascertained, and then permission asked to put a sign in place.

There is a concern that residents are not aware of what the council does, or who the councillors are. Although information is placed in the notice boards, and onto the website, and there is a quarterly newsletter, it was suggested that more people could be reached by using social media. The last two meetings have been publicised on Facebook. It was proposed that a link could be attached to the posting to enable interested parties to view the agenda, minutes etc. on the Parish Council website. This was agreed.

14. Apart from the Annual Parish meeting, (which was well attended), there were no other meetings to report.

15. Correspondence received – There will be a Patronal festival in the church over the weekend of 24/25<sup>th</sup> June 2023. Village groups are being asked to submit a flower arrangement. The theme is 'Serving King and Country'. It was proposed and seconded to use the Chair's discretionary budget to submit an arrangement on behalf of the Parish Council. It was reported that someone accidentally switched off the wi-fi connection in the church on Monday evening. A message is to be sent to the warden to ask her to remind people to be careful when switching off lights.

16. The date of the next Parish Council meeting will be Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023

S E Scott  
Clerk to Misson Parish Council  
15<sup>th</sup> June 2023