

MISSON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 1st December 2021 at Misson Community Centre.

Pre-meeting questions from the public: members of the public asked questions regarding speeding, ownership of a piece of land, seating in the Pinfold, poppies on lamp posts and IGas restoration works. Dealt with under items 13, 15 and 18.

Present: Cllr Walker (Chair), Cllr Woolliams (vice chair), Cllr Smith, Cllr Watkins, Cllr Sutherton, Cllr Watson, CCllr Taylor.

Clerk: Barbara Lowndes.

- 1. To receive apologies for absence:** none
- 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 3 November 2021.** Approved and signed by Cllr Walker
- 4. To note matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting not on the agenda.**
 - Work continues on 'Walks around Misson' leaflet.
 - Christmas tree obtained and set up.
 - Parish Councillor vacancy has been advertised. BDC will advise whether an election is to be held.
- 5. To receive reports from District and County Councillors.**
 - **CCllr Taylor** was in attendance and gave the following report:
 - NCC have adopted a new, ten-year strategic plan encompassing such things as children's services, adult social care.
 - NCC awaits government decisions on strategies that will benefit the East Midlands, including an integrated rail plan and county devolution, presaging economic opportunities and investment.
 - Cllr Taylor has asked NCC to look into highways and speeding in Misson Parish. DCllr Watson gave the following report:
 - Covid rate in local area is 351/100,000, which is a reduction. Within Bassetlaw 2/3 of patients in intensive care are unvaccinated.
 - BDC is reviewing its allotment policy and reviewing planning enforcement.
 - The proposed solar farm will affect all land between Gringley and Clayworth. A survey of residents in the area is to take place.
- 6. To receive a report on policing of the Parish:** not received in time for the meeting. It will be placed on MPC website when received.

7. To receive any reports from Parish groups and projects: Misson Community Association have sent a drain inspection report and requested a meeting. The Council noted that further inspections to obtain additional quotes will cost around £400 and given the urgency, cost and good reputation of the company commissioned for the inspection resolved to dispense with the need for further quotations. **Clerk will advise MCA.**

8. Parish financial administration: The clerk presented the financial statements to 30 November 2021 and the Council resolved to accept them: NatWest Business Current Account: £9,820.25
 NatWest Business Reserve Account: £10,565.05
 The following payments were submitted for approval:

074	EAGL-S - Gary Thornton - Newsletter printing	96.00
075	M Walker - reimbursement for Christmas tree at Misson church	28.00
076	S McCann - computing and web/email configuration	60.00
077	Torne Valley - Statement (chainsaw)	255.10
078	Bawtry Forest - Christmas tree	276.00
079	M Hooper - hours worked	63.10
080	S Scott - TEC Clerk salary	113.00
081	B Lowndes - Clerk salary	377.60
082	HMRC - PAYE - November	102.80
083	M Guest - Lengthsman - November	33.00
084	Brian Lowndes - Lengthsman - November	90.00
		1,494.60

The Council considered capital spending to include in next year's budget and resolved to finance a storyboard for the Pinfold. (Discussed under item 13).
 The Council also resolved to finance a resilience store, to be factored into budget. (Discussed under item 16).

Clerk to apply for matched funding from Local Communities funding stream and obtain costings for resilience store.

9. To appoint a new internal auditor. The current auditor has retired. The Council resolved to appoint a new auditor at a comparable cost to present.

10. To consider the appropriate number of Councillors for Misson Parish: item to be carried forward to the next meeting.

11. To consider donation towards Christmas meal for older parishioners: The Council was advised that no funding was sought.

12. To note planning decisions and applications: none

To consider any other planning matters: The Council examined the NCC Planning Validation Consultation and resolved to concur with it, noting the requirements for local engagement and consultation throughout the planning process. **Clerk to respond.** The Council also discussed the Misson Neighbourhood Plan and Design Guide and resolved to review them when the Bassetlaw Local Plan was finalised.

13. The Neighbourhood Improvement Programme: to receive updates and consider commissioning of Pinfold storyboard: Improvements to Misson churchyard include installation of a refurbished porch light, a new noticeboard and clearance of overgrown vegetation. A quote has been obtained for the Pinfold storyboard. The Council resolved to accept the quote, noting the supplier has provided excellent quality in previous commissions by the Parish. **Clerk to pursue.** The Pinfold bench is due to arrive shortly. The Council has selected a curved design and notes with appreciation that it is funded partly by gifts from parishioners. The Council approved installation in metal leg posts to enhance its appearance.

14. To consider Notts Fire and Rescue consultation document: The Council approved the contents of the lengthy document.

15. Business Liaison. To receive reports regarding:

- **Odour emissions from Tunnel Tech:** 300 forms were issued; 30 were returned. 6 reported no smell at all. Most detections were drive- or walk-past, on 26 days. Reports on footpaths around Misson were made on 2 days. Within Misson village reports were as follows: Bawtry Road/Mulberry Court area 19 days; Top St/Station Rd/Middle St/Manor Cl 16 days; Slaynes La/Back La 14 days; The Green 8 days; West St/High St 7 days; Church St 4 days. Particular clusters were noted on 14th and 25th-26th, possibly related to manure delivery and site maintenance respectively. The Council resolved to follow these up with BDC officers. The Council resolved to share anonymised data. **Clerk to publicise findings.**
- **Misson School.** Cllr Woolliams reported that teachers were managing Covid-19 issues very efficiently, including daily lateral flow testing. The school had relatively few cases of infection.
- **IGas.** Concern was expressed by a parishioner that the proprietors would delay decommissioning until the bird nesting season and then seek to use that as a reason for further delay. NCC had advised they were monitoring and the current issue was the availability of specialist equipment need for the works to occur.

16. To receive update on winter preparations and resilience planning; Rock salt has been delivered and bins are being refilled. Three parishioners have volunteered to assist in resilience planning. The Council resolved to commission a resilience store. **Clerk to take forward re commissioning and arranging meeting.**

17. To consider Covid memorial blossom trees appeal. The Council resolved to donate £100 to plant a tree in the Parish in memory of Covid victims. **Clerk to liaise with TEC Clerk re siting.**

18. To review highways and parish paths. PROWS: dog fouling was reported on Path 13 (Norwith Hill). Whilst not illegal it is unpleasant for other footpath users. The Council resolved to seek installation of a dog waste bin in Newington near the footpath

entrance. **Clerk to liaise with BDC.** Regarding a directional sign to Misson Mill, NCC advice is that it requires a brown 'tourist' sign at the cost of the owners. **Clerk to obtain costings.** Regarding River Lane, where concern about degradation of the bank caused by vehicle movements has been raised, research indicates that NCC have adopted the surface, thus any works to manage this would be with reference to NCC Highways. Regarding a complaint by a parishioner about speeding vehicles on Top St, The Council resolved to seek evidence to inform a decision on any required interventions. **Clerk to liaise with PCSO for vehicle speed monitoring data.** Regarding the Misson sign which needs replacing, quotations are being sought. **Clerk to pursue.** Regarding a query from a parishioner about poppies on lamp posts, the Council advised it was responsible.

- 19. Meetings attended in November;** Cllr Walker attended a Hate Conference, arranged by NCC in response to the increase in personal attacks, bullying and harassment directed at Councillors and Officers. The advice was to report incidents, whether to the clerk or to the monitoring officer, rather than ignore them.
- 20. To receive correspondence.** A parishioner wrote to one Councillor about the Parish Newsletter, which was passed to the Clerk to deal. **Clerk to reply.** The Commission for the Protection of Rural England wrote asking whether MPC wished to renew membership. This was approved by the Council. **Clerk to renew membership at basic rate.** Regarding the Park and Playground Project, the Clerk was copied into correspondence between Misson School and the Project trustees. The school welcomed use of its playing field by the community and sought further dialogue with the trustees regarding any proposals to install playground equipment.
- 21. To confirm the date of the next meeting.** The Council resolved that the next meeting would take place on Wednesday 5th January 2022.