

Misson Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held virtually at 7.00pm on Wednesday 7th April 2021.

As a consequence of the Coronavirus pandemic the meeting was held virtually as a video conference. Members of the public were given the opportunity to join the meeting and/ or to raise questions in advance.

Public Questions: The Chair explained the protocol for allowing public questions. In accordance with standing order 3(e), a question shall not require a response at the meeting nor start a debate on the question. The Chair of the meeting may direct that a written or oral response be given.

1. A member of the public began by stating that it had been a difficult two weeks for the Parish Council with a lot of negative comments being posted on social media in the heat of the moment. He wanted it to be noted that he hadn't been vindictive in comments he had posted. He went on to raise the following question - Accepting that Play Equipment is not permitted on the Village Green and BDC has ruled the Pinfold is also unsuitable, would MPC support an attempt by the Village Park & Playground Project to gain permission from Nottinghamshire County Council to site something modest on the School Sports Field in time for the summer holidays, noting that VP&PP Trustees would undertake the necessary work to try and achieve this and cause no burden to MPC or Misson School? **Response from the MPC thought this was an excellent idea and would be supportive of it.**
2. The same member of the public raised a question about the Pinfold asking if there could be information available to explain how the Pinfold came to be gifted to the Parish Council and the history of it. **The response was that there would be an agenda item re the Pinfold later in the agenda where this would be discussed.**
3. The PC has received several emails from residents supporting the work which has been undertaken on restoring the Pinfold –
 - a. I have just seen the Outline Design for The Pinfold and wanted to say that they look lovely. I like the idea of the circular seat and the paths that can be altered and of course the wildflower meadow. I would be grateful if you could pass on these comments at the meeting please
 - b. I would just like so say how brilliant the restoration of the Pinfold is. this historical feature should be protected from any form of development. Any form of play equipment would ruin this historical agricultural feature, and is not even large enough to adequately support such structures. It should be appreciated and treasured for what it is and what it has been
 - c. It is a piece of historical nature; I do not understand why anyone would want to put brightly coloured swings etc on it. The road is a major cause for concern. It is a blind spot and a child is likely to get injured as cars/ vans, trucks speed once they get past the blind spot. Seen it so many times. The hard work in getting the Pinfold back to its original state would be ruined if this goes ahead
 - d. My initial complaint, was going to be regarding the rope swing on the village green, but at this moment in time, it has been removed and therefore there is no need to discuss it at this time. However, I do have, very strong feelings, regarding the siting, of a playground in this village. I am totally supportive of a play area, within the school grounds, which I believe is work in progress. However, I do feel, that such a playground, should be made, to the correct health and safety standards and it should be monitored and when not monitored, be kept under lock and key, for the obvious reasons. We do not want young children playing there and getting injured unsupervised. Finally, I believe there is the proposal for a second playground in the Pinfolds. I must object to this strongly, for two reasons. One, that it would not be acceptable for the neighbours around the area and secondly, we do not

require two play areas in such a small village. Please note, I am far from against trying to help the children of this village, quite the contrary.

I believe they deserve a play area, but I believe the location and the construction of this, need to be thought through carefully, especially regarding its effect on other people

4. A member of the public raised a question about the minutes from the February 2021 PC meeting re the Pinfold. At that meeting it was confirmed that the landscape design commissioned by the PC had taken into account the ideas submitted by the public in 2018. The outline design has been uploaded to the PC website – to note there is only one design. The member of the public asked why there was no wheelchair access to the Pinfold incorporated in the design. The February minutes stated that the planting of the Pinfold would be undertaken in stages and would be flexible. There would be planting that would be sensory – touch, see and smell. The gate into the Pinfold is wide enough for a wheelchair – looking into a suitable surface within the Pinfold for a wheelchair can be revisited in the future. The question re wheelchair access was supported by another member of the public.
5. A member of the public submitted the following question via email. Lately the response that parishioners have been getting from some members of the parish council regarding the odour from Tunnel Tech is that we are mistaking the source of the odour which they are telling us is either slurry or sewerage, not Tunnel Tech. Could I ask if this is the official view of the Parish Council or just a member's personal opinion? **Response – there is an agenda item on Tunnel Tech later in the agenda where this will be discussed.**
6. A member of the public submitted the following question via email. Could the Parish Council please explain their reasons for insisting on the removal of the swing from the village? **Response – the village Green is owned by the PC who have a duty of care to the public to maintain it as an open space. The PC 's Insurer was approached for advice re the swing and it was confirmed that it needed to be removed on Health and Safety grounds – the PC's Public Liability Insurance would not cover any accidents incurred as a consequence of using the swing. The PC had to reluctantly ask for the swing to be removed.**
7. A member of the public asked if a portable swing could be taken onto the Green and then removed when it has been finished being played on with an adult in attendance. Was the Green open for people to use or just to look at. **Response – the PC would need to look into this further.**

Prior to the start of the meeting the Chair issued a statement regarding the recent level of abuse directed at the Parish Council via social media regarding the issue of the swing on the Green. A lot of personal comments have been posted about the members of the PC which are unacceptable and have to stop.

Present: Cllrs. Jayne Watson (Chair) Julie Watkins, Andy Woolliams, Mark Watson (also attending as D Cllr), C Cllr Tracey Taylor and Clerk Mark Hooper.

1. **To receive apologies for absence:** Cllr J Sutherton & PCSO David Airey.
As a consequence of the abuse outlined above it was with regret that the Chair announced the resignation of Cllr P Edwards who has worked tirelessly for the good of the village as part of the PC.
2. **To receive any declarations of disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests:** Cllrs J and M Watson declared an interest in planning application **21/00382/CAT** (details on the agenda). Usually, they would sit aside from the meeting as this was discussed. However as there are only four Cllrs present there would not be a remaining quorate number of three to discuss it.
3. **To approve the minutes of the Council meeting of March 3rd 2021.** These were approved and signed by the Chair.
4. **To note matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting not on the agenda:**

Replacement Salt Bins – The bins have now been delivered and are in situ. The Clerk is looking into the disposal of the old bins – emailed NCC 4/2/21.
Bins have now been removed

Dame Lane sign knocked over – brought to the attention of the Clerk following June PC meeting. Emailed BDC who will look into it and undertake a site visit.
A new school sign has been installed – there is space available on the posts for the street sign to be fixed to. **Update 17/3/21 – BDC have confirmed the sign has been ordered.**

Dog Poo Bins – a member of the public raised a question about the provision of dog poo bins around the village. They enquired if an additional one could be located further along Top Road after the Cemetery near the old Vicarage. **Update – Clerk has contacted BDC who will arrange a site visit to determine if a new bin can be installed.**

Street Sweeping – it was raised at the March PC meeting that the village would benefit from the BDC Sweep Cleaning team. **Action – Clerk contacted BDC following the March meeting – response – there is a backlog of work – Misson are on the work schedule.**

River Lane – the sign installed by MPC informing residents and others that the area is now being maintained by the MPC has disappeared. **Update - the sign has been replaced by the Lengthsmen.**

Annual Parish Meeting – this had been scheduled for the 27th April – community groups in the village have been contacted by the Clerk to ascertain if they wish to contribute to the meeting.

Churchyard Notice Board and Memorial bench for Cemetery – it was agreed at the March PC meeting that these two items should be ordered without delay. **Clerk has placed the order for them.**

Swans and Geese flying into overhead cables – WPD have been contacted and a site visit undertaken. Some of the original diverters on the cables have perished which will be replaced. There is still a lot of flooding around Slaynes Lane etc which prevents access to some of the cables – WPD have this on their work schedule now and will install additional diverters when conditions allow.

Issue with BDC Refuse Lorry driving across the corner of the Green – Clerk contacted BDC who will raise it with the driver.

5. To receive reports from District and County Councillors

- **C Cllr T Taylor:**

Vaccine rollout – this is progressing well – the over 50's are now being invited to attend.

COVID: the usual support mechanisms are in place – the Local Resilience Forum and Grant Schemes are available to for small businesses.

In addition, there is a Winter Grant Scheme which is available to help vulnerable families with and without children. Another tranche of funding (£800k) has been supplied to provide free school meals during the Easter holidays.

A Healthy Activities and Food Scheme has been launched to teach vulnerable children about nutrition etc.

Applications and further advice are available on the Notts County Council website -

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/>

A full Council meeting was held on the 25th March at which the Waste and Minerals Plan was adopted which will be in place for the next 15 years. Details of it are available via the NCC website.

IGas Site – the application is progressing through to Planning.

The Lengthsmen scheme will continue through 2021/22 – the Clerk confirmed that information has been received about this.

Signage on Slaynes Lane – there have been recent issues with lorries using Slaynes Lane to access Misson Mills. Highways and the Rights of Way Depts are discussing the issue – the outcome will be that new signage will be installed in due course.
C Cllr Taylor wished to have her thanks for Cllr P Edwards recorded in the minutes for his efforts in progressing this issue – she is sorry that he will no longer be a PC.

- **D Cllr. M. Watson:**

- **Covid update**

- Bassetlaw overall has had only 5 new case in the last reported seven days – the wards of Ranskill and Everton have had no new cases.

- Hospital admissions are currently 20 compared to 74 last month.

- The overall rate in Bassetlaw is 46.8 per 100k of population – which is lower than the national average.

- **Vaccines** for the over 50's are now being administered – anybody over 50 or with underlying health conditions can go online to book an appointment or ring their surgery.

- A full Council meeting has been held at which two main issues were discussed:

- **Re-organisation of acute sector health services** – i.e., hospitals. The implication of this would be to split Bassetlaw from Doncaster – BDC have pushed back on this suggestion.
 - **Re-organisation of mental health inpatient services.** Currently there is a dedicated ward at Bassetlaw Hospital – the proposal is to have most adult beds in Mansfield with elderly mental health beds at Sutton-in-Ashfield. There will be further debate on this proposal.

- BDC will be running a health check for bikes at Retford market on 15th May between 9.30 and 2.30, similarly at Worksop market on the 21st May.

6. **Parish Council Resilience Stores** – this item is to be carried forward to a future meeting.

7. **To receive a report on the policing of the Parish:** PCSO Dave Airey provided the update for March via email. There have been seven crimes over the whole BEAT area for March – one of which (Burglary Other) was in Misson. This compares with ten crimes reported during February. The full report includes security advice applicable to everybody and is available on the MPC website. There is an update on the actions being taken to tackle dog thefts.

8. **To receive a report from Misson Community Association –**

- Drains and lady's toilet blocked at the Community Centre. Required emergency call out from drain clearance firm at cost of £175. Is of concern that there may be some issue with the drains as this has happened in October 2020 as well. Previous drain firm has suggested that it is worth putting a camera down to do a full drain survey. Will add to the agenda of Buildings Committee
- Have had a few enquiries with regard to hiring the Community Centre when we are allowed to open to other users
- Talking regularly to MPS team about moving toward returning to other users in the Community Centre and discussions going well

- Planning the rescheduled VE day event in July 2021. Would like to request to use the Green for this event on the 25th July 2021. (Week after Yarn Bomb event on the Green). Currently this would entail food and music, like the Feast event a few years ago. Looking into the possibility of children's entertainment being there too. Thank you. **Response from MPC was to agree with the request.**
- Ian is sorting a date for the Building Committee and will be in touch with options
- MCA happy to support the planned event in the village in June for end of lock down restrictions. Waiting to hear how we can help
- Janis James is leading on a producing a plan of events across the year for all village groups so we can coordinate events. All very welcome to be part of this planning and add events, however early in planning, to the list so we can make sure there is no clashing and we can all help each other

D Cllr Watson raised a point about the emergency legislation permitting virtual meetings during the pandemic is due to come to an end on the 7th May. Unless the legislation is extended there will then be a requirement to hold face to face meetings again. **Action – Clerk to supply list of PC dates to the Chair of MCA.**

9. Parish Financial administration

To receive and approve:

- The Clerk presented the Financial statements to the 31st March 2021 and Council resolved to accept them:

NatWest Current Acc.	@ 31/03/21	£9,522.63
NatWest Reserve Acc.	@ 31/03/21	£10,564.34
- The Clerk has also prepared the Q4 bank reconciliation which was approved by MPC.
- Councillors resolved to approve the following payments:

Payt	Payee	Description	Amount
BACS	TEC Clerk	Salary – March	£113.00
BACS	HMRC	PAYE – March	£86.80
BACS	MPC Clerk	Salary – March	£377.60
BACS	MPC Clerk	Reimbursement re Stationery	£7.48
BACS	MPC Clerk	Reimbursement re Post	£69.09
BACS	J Watson	Reimbursement re Stationery	£33.99
BACS	Lengthsmen 1	Maintenance in Churchyard & Cemetery	£60.50
Total			£748.46

10. **To discuss the implications of the Coronavirus situation** – covered under the C Cllr and D Cllr updates.

11. Planning –

a. To note planning decisions:

- **20/01663/HSE** | Proposed Single Storey Side Extension | Barn Owl Lodge Park Drain Westwoodside - **GRANT**
- **20/01687/HSE** | Erect Two Storey Front Extension | Maltsters Newington Road Newington - **GRANT**
- **21/00029/HSE** | Erect Single Storey Side Extension | Middlewood House Springs Road Misson – **GRANT**
- **21/00123/FUL** | Erection of New Replacement Dwelling | Middlewood Farm Springs Road Misson - **REFUSE**

b. **To consider planning applications:**

- **21/00361/FUL** | Demolish Existing Farmhouse and Erect a Detached Two Storey Dwelling | Morton Villa Farm Springs Road Misson. Response – the MPC felt the proposal is a large-scale development in relation to the area in which it is to be sited. It appears to be considerably taller than the building it is replacing and will be sited close to the road. **This application was opposed.**
 - **21/00472/HSE** | Carry Out Internal and External Alterations to Existing Detached Outbuilding Including New Door and Window Openings and Rooflights | Windmill Cottage Top Street Misson. **No objections were raised to this application**
 - **21/00382/CAT** | T9 & T10 (Lilacs) Bothare Overgrown and Flower Poorly Plan to Trim Main Stems of Both to Wall Height (1.7m) to Produce New Growth with Finished Height of 2.2m to Match Privet Hedge. | South View Dame Lane Misson. **See declarations of disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests comments – MPC could not comment on this application.**
- c. **To consider any planning applications received after the agenda was posted – none this month.**
- d. **To consider any other planning matters – None this month**

12. To review highways and parish paths

There have been further incidents of lorries getting lost in the village looking for Misson Mills. Cllr P Edwards contacted Slam Transport who were experiencing these difficulties recently and quickly resolved the issue with them.

13. To consider setting up a Flood Responsibility Plan – this item to be carried forward to a future meeting.

14. The Neighbourhood Improvement Programme

- **Lengthsmen** – now the growing season has started again the Lengthsmen have begun cutting grass etc.
The lamp in the Church porch was refurbished by one of the Lengthsmen and returned before Christmas. It has still not been re-installed. **Action – Clerk to contact Church to see if they need any assistance in re-installing it.**
- **Pinfold** – Cllr J Watkins asked for approval for the Harry Stebbing bench for the Pinfold. The cost in total will be £3,400 – a grant for £1,800 has already been approved. This was Proposed by Cllr A Woolliams and Seconded by Cllr M Watson.

Cllr J Watkins requested that a temporary Story Board be installed in the Pinfold to explain the history of the area and what work had been taken to restore it. Proposed by Cllr M Watson and Seconded by Cllr A Woolliams.

Cllr J Watkins explained that a Historic Buildings Officer (Jason Morden) from NCC had been in touch regarding the remaining part of the Pinfold Cottage wall which requires restoration. Jason will be working on the wall in April with the help of volunteers. Full details will be included in the next Village Newsletter.

A request was made to raise a comment at this stage from a member of the public – if the plans for the Pinfold remain flexible approving the purchase of the bench would indicate that they are not.

- **Update re Notts Rural Gigabyte Scheme** –Cllr M Watson has now registered with the Openreach Platform. He has registered 11 houses and businesses to date and has a further 20 enquiries to register when he can gain access to the website. He is waiting for BT Openreach to reset his password. He is still experiencing difficulties obtaining a new password.

If members of the public and/or businesses wish to register an interest in the scheme can they email Cllr M Watson at Mark.watson@missonparishcouncil.org with their:

- **Name**
- **Address**
- **Post code**
- **Landline number**
- **Whether they are a resident or business**

15. **Business Liaison**

- **Odour emissions from Tunnel Tech (TTN).** The reported number of complaints during March is 29 compared to 16 in February – these are the preliminary figures which may change.

BDC have provided an update to the situation which is included on the PC website and attached to these minutes as an Annex.

D Cllr M Watson has had a meeting with Environmental Health at BDC during March to discuss the situation.

The outcome of this is that BDC have only two further courses of action

- Involved DEFRA, or
- Instigate further court action

Whichever course of action is followed will require a higher level of evidence will be required – proactive rather than reactive. D Cllr M Watson has suggested that there should be a defined period of monitoring of perhaps two months during which a daily diary is kept by households in the area recording if there is any smell on a scale of severity of 0 – 10 and potentially the wind direction on each day.

In addition, there are other sources of odours such as the spreading of slurry – there are a small number of landowners in the vicinity this would apply to who could be contacted to ascertain their schedule for undertaking such works. This would help to prove where the odours were coming from.

D Cllr M Watson is awaiting a response to this suggestion from BDC.

Residents can lodge complaints with Environmental Health at BDC via the following email address: Environmental.health@bassetlaw.gov.uk

- **Doncaster Airport Committee** – with the departure of Cllr P Edwards there is no update on this.
- **Misson School** – nothing to report currently as the school holidays are underway.

16. **To receive feedback from meetings attended during March** – none

17. **To receive correspondence** – none this month

18. **To confirm the date of the next meeting: Wednesday, May 5th 2021 at 7.00pm.**