

MISSON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held at 7pm on Wednesday 3rd January 2024 at Misson Community Centre.

Pre-meeting questions from the public:

None.

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

1. All Councillors were in attendance.
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 Robey – non-pecuniary interest as a Trustee of Misson Community Association. Cllr Scott – non-pecuniary interest as member of Misson Community Association Management Committee.
3. The Council could not approve the minutes of 6th December 2023 following a concern raised by one of the Councillors. It was proposed that the clerk add an additional comment at item eight regarding the discussions around a three-year budget/plan and resubmit them for signing. The clerk will check on the requirement for future confidential minutes to be recorded, especially around protecting people employed by the Council. This will be added to the agenda for February 2024
4. Matters arising not on the agenda – None.
5. Report from the District Councillor – Several complaints have been received concerning Tunnel Tech North (TTN). An update was received from Environmental Health (EH) stating that they were undertaking regular monitoring around the site. The dates will be forwarded to the Clerk for distribution. A request has been made for the EH team to audit the premises, as complaints are increasing. The D.Cllr has requested to be present at the visit. The complaint from the resident on Top Street reported at the Parish Council surgery on the 21st December has been forwarded to Highways. There was a report of a large HGV parked on the road on the opposite side to Misson Mill. It was unconnected with the establishment. It was parked there all day, despite being offered a parking space within the yard. If this happens in future, it is recommended that the police are called, as it is an obstruction. Following a recommendation from the D.Cllr, the Clerk will mention in her newsletter section, that the Parish Council surgery will continue to be held every third Thursday excluding August and December.
6. Report from the County Councillor – The STEP project is progressing, as is devolution following a formal vote of the County Cabinet. The complaint regarding a road drainage problem on Top Street received at the surgery held in December was received. The flooding on Slaynes Lane was discussed, with the C.Cllr happy to receive more photos to show the problem, and to emphasise why stopping access to the lane by motor vehicles was important. The C.Cllr will also ask about Flood Warden Authority being made possible for members of the Resilience Team, to enable the closure of Slaynes Lane by local assessment. The clearance at the iGas/Star Energy site is progressing slowly due to the bad weather. Any updates will be reported back to the Clerk for circulation.
7. No report from the police regarding any incidents in Misson and the surrounding area has been received. A report from the North East Bassetlaw Forum (NEBF) showed that other councils in the area are experiencing similar problems. It is still the intention of the Chair and The Clerk to contact

PC Pickersgill to try to establish a method of obtaining information which is pertinent to the residents of Misson.

8. Councillors received and approved the following expenses and receipts:

Expenses

Harry Stebbing for the Pinfold panel - £2551.20 inc vat

Information Commissioner's Office - £40.00 paid by DD

S E Scott reimbursement for ink cartridges - £41.42 inc vat

Torne Valley for Postmix for the panel installation - £11.98 inc vat

M Walker reimbursement for newsletter pages - £190.00

PAYE for December - £194.23

M Guest for installing the Pinfold panel - £36.00

Hugo Fox for website support - £11.99 inc vat

S E Scott salary for TEC and MPC for December inc. backdated salary - £737.50

Receipts

Bank interest for end of December - £12.33

Bank account balances as at the 31st December 2023

Current a/c – £15529.48

Business Reserve a/c – £10716.13

An application has been made for an additional reserve account with a better rate of interest.

A request was made for the return of any missing Parish Council documents/files. These were probably taken for safekeeping due to lack of space, but we now have available storage space in the Community Centre, so would welcome their return. In particular, the complete file for the financial year 2015/20106, and the confidential minute book. Cllr Watson stated that he had a couple more storage cabinets that the Council could have.

The approved draft Biodiversity Policy is on hold from further work whilst more information is gathered, especially around neighbourhood planning.

Regarding a three-year financial plan, it was proposed and seconded that Councillors write to the clerk with their ideas of development projects, such as an independent energy audit; saving for a replacement ride-on mower; amplified acoustics in the Community Centre. This will then form a paper for a potential development plan. The Clerk will investigate the CIL requirements and report back.

2024/2025 draft budget. The areas discussed were, the percentage increase, the costs of a possible energy audit, the amount of grass cutting within the village, and the costs involved. As the discussion became disruptive, it was proposed and seconded to bring it to a close, and for Councillors to forward their proposals/questions to the clerk, for the draft budget to be updated, and re-presented at the February Parish Council meeting for approval.

9. Planning decisions/outcomes reported –

23/000635/FUL – The application to replace the windows in The White Horse Inn. Still waiting for a decision.

23/01098/CAT – Willow View on Slaynes Lane. Application to fell one tree and crown a cherry tree. Decision awaited.

23/01160/COU – change of use application for Unit 3 at Misson Mill to an MOT station and vehicle repair shop. Application granted.

23/01232/LBA – application to render the external wall at the rear of Gibdyke Farmhouse. Application granted.

23/00053/HSE – Proposed single-storey extension to Dove Barn on Springs Road. Still awaiting a decision.

23/01398/CAT – Application to remove a self-set sycamore in a conservation area at The White Cottage on Church Street. Still waiting for a decision.

23/01341/CAT – Tree work in a conservation area – Application to remove a Portuguese laurel and relocation of a yucca, a variegated holly and a miniature willow at The Old Granary. Application granted.

23/01339/HSE – Application to retain work carried out on the boundary wall at The Old Granary and to remove existing gates and erect a sliding gate. Awaiting a decision.

New planning applications –

No other planning applications received after the agenda was published.

10. The update on the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group – The plan must consider regional and national planning policies, information from the 2021 census, and feedback from the consultations held in July 2002 and January 2023. Openplan has updated the plan to take in the comments received. It appears that BDC has not kept the group informed of the local plan prior to going out to consultation. This will delay the completion of Reg 14, and the finalisation of the plan.
11. Update on neighbourhood improvement – The Pinfold storyboard has been installed. It was discussed whether to consider writing a paper about the history of the Pinfold. It was agreed. The River Lane paper will be published on the Parish Council website.
12. MCA have kindly offered to continue running the day-to-day operations of the Community Centre. The Parish Council will pick up the costs of any expensive repairs that may be needed. It was agreed at last month's meeting that this arrangement will be trialled for one year with informal quarterly meetings between the Chairs and Clerk/Secretary. It was proposed to have an agenda item for February's meeting concerning a change of name from the Community Centre to Misson Parish Hall. Regarding the internet provision to the centre, Cllr Robey stated that a company called NOW seemed to offer the best price and package. It was recommended that the council wait until the end of January 2024, when hopefully fibre broadband will be available in the village. There could be potential funding for this upgrade.
13. Reports from Parish groups and projects – A report of activities in December was received from the Chair of MCA which was read out by Cllr Andrews. Village Park and Playground Project - for various reasons it is proving difficult to make headway on this project. The constitution states that it should be delivered or concluded in February 2025. The Trustees believe that delivery of the project is unlikely to happen in this timescale. The constitution states if delivered, any excess monies will be passed to Misson School. If not completed, the monies raised to date will be passed to The Town Estate Charity. A possible compromise would be a smaller play area on the land next to the Community Centre, which MPC already own. During the discussions the Chair sat out as she has a prejudicial interest in the matter. It was agreed to add the proposal for a smaller playground to the previously proposed development plan. The feasibility and costings will need to be investigated. The Chair rejoined the meeting.
14. Parish resilience planning – The Resilience team have not been able to convene over the Christmas period. The Clerk to get confirmation of the Flood Warden training from BDC. They have prepared a piece for the newsletter. Cllr Sutherton proposed writing to EA to request that they drain the flood area, and to notify them that the spillway at Hagg Lane was in poor repair. It was agreed that Cllr [Sutherton](#) and Clerk compose a letter explaining the situation on behalf of MPC. It was stated that it was Highways responsibility to place gates on Slaynes Lane, that could be closed if flooded. The C.Cllr is progressing this.

15. Highways and Parish paths – The damaged road sign on Station Road was reported. Highways stated that it would be replaced/repared within 10 working days. As yet, this hasn't happened. There is a 'horse riding' sign missing at Misson Springs. It will be reported. The 'Top Street' sign on the Green is broken. It will be reported to BDC. The Clerk submitted again to Highways, photos showing the state of the road between the cemetery and The Old Vicarage.
16. Feedback from meetings attended – The Parish Council surgery took place on the 21st December 2023. It was agreed between the Parish Clerk and the District Councillor that the surgeries would continue every month in 2024 excluding August and December. As reported under item five, a resident attended to ask for help concerning a long-running problem of flooding outside his house. Cllr Watson attended the North East Bassetlaw Forum on the 19th December 2023. There was a good report from the Head of Economic Growth and Prosperity. He described the funding that has replaced the EU funding. Bassetlaw's share of the fund is £3.39M. There are more than 25 projects across the board at present. There is now an Arts and Heritage Officer at BDC, who can award grants for arts and heritage projects. This could be considered for funding the paper on the history of the Pinfold (see item 11 above). Bassetlaw also has £700,000 from the Rural England Prosperity Fund. One area that this fund covers is rural connectivity, which could be useful when considering the requirement to update the internet within the Community Centre. STEP - the first planning applications for buildings have been submitted.
17. Correspondence – An email was received from the Urban Arborist stating that he will arrive on the 9th January 2024. A report was received concerning a broken tree near the bungalows on Top Street. The Clerk to report it to BDC.
18. The next meeting will be Wednesday 7th February 2024

9th January 2024

S E Scott

Clerk to Misson Parish Council