

Misson Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held virtually at 7.00pm on Wednesday 3rd March 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:

1. A member of the public raised a question about the incidents of lorries using Slaynes Lane to access the village. This will be discussed under Highways on the agenda.
2. A member of the public wanted it to be recorded in the minutes that the Constitution of the Village Parks and Playground Project was approved at a meeting on the 9th February. Details will be included in the April Newsletter.

Present: Cllrs. Jayne Watson (Chair) Julie Watkins, Peter Edwards, 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 Sutherland & PCSO David Airey.
2. **To receive any declarations of disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests:** None
3. **To approve the minutes of the Council meeting of February 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 3/3/21.
 - **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 4/12/20 – BDC not undertaking site visits currently.**
 - **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.**
 - **Bonfires** - A member of the public raised a question about the stance the Parish Council (PC) took regarding large bonfires being regularly lit within the village burning toxic items. The PC does not condone such action and BDC have guidance regarding how bonfires should be managed. D Cllr M Watson has obtained a poster from BDC which outlines this guidance – this will be displayed in the village. The advice from the PC is for residents to report any transgressions of this guidance to Environmental Health at BDC as soon as possible after the event – or at the time of the event if practical. There has been a recurring incident of this in the village which Environmental Health have investigated and escalated. **Update – Clerk has contacted BDC Environmental Health who are investigating the matter**

5. **To receive reports from District and County Councillors**

• **C Cllr T Taylor:**

Vaccine rollout – this is progressing well – the 60 – 65's are now being invited to attend.

Budget for 2021/22 – a Budget setting meeting was held last week where a balanced budget was presented. Council Tax will increase by 2.99%.

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 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/>

• **D Cllr. M. Watson:**

Covid update

Hospital admissions are currently 76 with 10 in intensive care.

The overall rate in Bassetlaw is 173 per 100k of population – which is higher than the national average of 150 per 100k.

Budget for 2021/22 = a full Budget Committee meeting will be held on the 4th March. BDC is currently forecasting an £800k overspend for the year - £750k as a consequence of the pandemic. Council Tax bills are due to increase by 2.9% - £5.00 for a Band D household.

Flood Review Group – there has been a further meeting with NCC who are the lead Flood Authority – the Local Resilience Forum was discussed.

Discussion about the flooding of roads was included – which covered the A631 Bawtry to Gainsborough Road which comes under the jurisdiction of both BDC and Doncaster BC and is prone to flooding.

It was agreed that better communications are required – the aim is to have one point of contact in each rural setting.

Sandbags – it is not the responsibility of NCC or BDC to provide these to householders.

Training for Flood Wardens had been arranged at the beginning of last year – but postponed due to the pandemic. Future training events will be advertised later this year.

Local Resilience Stores – some Parish Councils and villages have established these. Through discussion it was agreed that the first thing to establish is if there is somewhere in the village it could be located. This will be included in the April Newsletter and will be the subject of further discussion.

Electrical Vehicle Charging – BDC are undertaking a public consultation until 25th March

6. **Parish Council Resilience Stores** – discussed above.

7. **To receive a report on the policing of the Parish:** PCSO Dave Airey provided the update for February via email. There have been ten crimes over the whole BEAT area for February – one of which (Attempted Theft of Motor Vehicle) was in Misson. This compares with ten crimes reported during January. The full report includes security advice applicable to everybody and is available on the MPC website.

There have been further reports of a swan being found dead in addition to the five swans and two geese found dead in the last few weeks – apparently as a result of flying into the overhead power cables. **Action – Clerk to contact Western Power to request markers be placed on the overhead cables.**

Dog napping – there has been an incident of attempted dog napping in Everton recently involving two men which has been reported to the police. A reminder was issued to remain vigilant whilst out dog walking and to report any suspicious activity to the police.

8. To receive a report from Misson Community Association –

Misson Pre-School is continuing during lockdown – the numbers of children remain low. No change to the usage of the hall due to the pandemic restrictions.

Celebratory Party – a post-pandemic party is starting to be planned for the summer.

MCA AGM – this was held on the 17th February via Zoom. Some of the previous committee members resigned but did not wish to be re-elected.

Buildings and Maintenance Committee – following the resignation of Cllr K Shephard Cllr J Sutherton has volunteered to take his role on the Committee. **Action – Clerk to contact MCA to establish when next meeting will be.**

9. Parish Financial administration

To receive and approve:

- The Clerk presented the Financial statements to the 26th February 2021 and Council resolved to accept them:

NatWest Current Acc.	@ 26/02/21	£10,146.27
NatWest Reserve Acc.	@ 26/02/21	£10,564.24

- Councillors resolved to approve the following payments:

Payt	Payee	Description	Amount
BACS	J Watkins	Reimbursement re Wheelie Bin Churchyard	£32.00
BACS	SLCC	Membership	£112.00
BACS	BDC	Wheelie Bins - Cemetery	£162.24
BACS	MPC Clerk	Stationery	£4.00
BACS	TEC Clerk	Salary – February	£113.00
BACS	HMRC	PAYE – February	£86.80
BACS	MPC Clerk	Salary – February	£377.60
BACS	CPRE	Membership	£36.00
Total			£831.46

10. To discuss the implications of the Coronavirus situation –

The PC wishes to express their thanks for the various volunteer groups in the village which have continued including some volunteers who have been collecting donations to the Bassetlaw Food Bank. There has been support available for families and children which have helped to maintain morale.

Vaccinations for the 60 – 65's have commenced across the County.

11. Planning –

- To note planning decisions:** none this month

- **20/01695/CDM** | County Matters Application to Vary Condition 4 of Planning Permission 15/01498/CDM to Extend the Evaluation and Restoration Period of the Site for a Further 3 Years until November 2023 and to Relinquish Drilling the Horizontal Well | Land To The Rear Of Misson Springs Cottage Springs Road Misson. **Decision – Raise Objections.** Cllr P Edwards will attend the planning meeting on the 23rd March to raise the objections OBO the Parish Council.
- **FR3/4225 - Extension of Tarmac Play Area and Fencing at Misson Primary School – Decision – Granted**
- **20/01716/CAT** | Works to Trees in a Conservation Area Consisting of Fell one Silver Birch. | The Foldyard High Street Misson - **Not to make a Tree Preservation Order**
- **20/01631/CAT** | Carry Out Works to Trees in a Conservation Area to Remove 2 Leylandii Trees (T1 & T2), Remove Silver Birch Tree (T3) and Prune Dead Branches to Pear Tree Up to a Maximum Reduction of 1.5m in Height (T4) | The White Cottage Church Street Misson - **Not to make a Tree Preservation Order**

b. **To consider planning applications:**

- **21/00123/FUL** | Erection of New Replacement Dwelling | Middlewood Farm Springs Road Misson. **The Parish Council noted the comments of the BDC Conservation Officer regarding the replacement of a single storey dwelling with a two-storey dwelling. The PC recorded a Neutral stance on the application.**
- **21/00091/CAT** | Works to Trees in a Conservation Area - Fell 2 x Leylandii | The Old Granary High Street Misson. **No objection.**
- **21/00022/COND** | **Discharge All Planning Conditions** on P.A 19/01635/FUL - Proposed New Replacement Dwelling | Prospect Farm Springs Road Misson – **for information only**

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

Slaynes Lane – an HGV became stuck in the mud along the lane a couple of weeks ago. There have been other incidents of HGVs using this route to access the village – to get to Misson Mills - it appears drivers of HGVs are relying on Sat Nav instructions to find Misson Mills and this is directing them along Slaynes Lane.

C Cllr T Taylor explained that NCC Highways are open to the idea of improving the signage at the corner of Newington Road and Hagg Lane.

Action – Cllr P Edwards to discuss the situation with the owner of Misson Mills in the first instance.

Street Sweeping – Cllr J Watkins raised the issue that the village would benefit from the BDC Sweep Cleaning team. **Action – Clerk to contact to BDC and request them to come out.**

River Lane – the sign installed by MPC informing residents and others that the area is now being maintained by the MPC has disappeared. Following discussion, it was agreed to replace the sign Proposed by Cllr J Watkins and Seconded by Cllr M Watson – this time on a sturdier post. **Action – Clerk to source a new post. Action Cllr J Watkins to contact the Lengthsmen to confirm if they have the additional sign.**

13. To consider setting up a Flood Responsibility Plan – this was covered under D Cllr update.

14. **To consider if an Annual Parish Meeting is required this year.** Current legislation only allows for remote meetings to continue until the 7th May 2021- although representations are being made to the Government to extend this legislation.

Following discussion, it was Proposed by Cllr J Watson and Seconded by Cllr P Edwards to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on the 27th April – this will include updates from all interested groups within the village and be open for any residents to attend. **Action – Clerk to contact the MCA, WI, Thimbles group and Park and Playground Committee to see if they wish to join the meeting.**

The **Annual Parish Council Meeting**, at which the Chair and Vice Chair will be elected, will be held prior to the usual Parish Council meeting on the 5th May.

15. The Neighbourhood Improvement Programme

- **Lengthsmen** – activity has slowed down as the winter progresses.
- **Pinfold** – Cllr J Watkins explained that little progress has been made during the past month. Hopefully there will be more progress during March.

Cllr J Watkins asked if any progress had been made with Land Registry re registering the strip of land between the Green and the Pinfold. The Clerk explained that Land Registry had been contacted in 2019 and no response had been received. **Action – Clerk to contact Land Registry again.**

- **Misson Cemetery** – a local Funeral Director had contacted the Clerk to establish if a resident of the village could purchase a Cremation Plot to inter the ashes of her parents. Following discussion, it was agreed that under these circumstances a Cremation Plot could be purchased. It was also established that full Burial Plots can only be purchased by residents of the village for their own use. Proposed by Cllr J Watkins and Seconded by Cllr J Watson **Action – Clerk to inform Funeral Director and also to amend the Cemetery Regulations.**

Churchyard Notice Board and Memorial bench for Cemetery – it was agreed that these two items should be ordered without delay. The bench for the Pinfold can be ordered at a later stage. **Action – Clerk to place the order.**

- **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.

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**

16. Business Liaison

- **Odour emissions from Tunnel Tech (TTN).** The reported number of complaints during February is 16 compared to 17 in January – these are the preliminary figures which may change.

D Cllr M Watson has requested a meeting with Environmental Health at BDC in March to discuss the situation – he will follow this up.

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

- **Doncaster Airport Committee** – there will be a routine meeting on the 28th March.
- **Misson School** – the school currently has 27 children who are either vulnerable or the children of key workers attending – with two teachers and two teaching assistants. All the pupils will be attending from the 8th March – along with five teachers and four teaching assistants.

As part of the extension of the playground three trees have been felled – the intention is to replace them elsewhere within the grounds.

17. **To receive feedback from meetings attended during February** – the TEC Clerk arranged a meeting during February with interested groups in the village to discuss the Landfill Funding that is available for capital projects.

18. To receive correspondence –

Following the declaration of a Casual Vacancy on the Parish Council confirmation had s been received from BDC that an election is not required. A replacement Parish Councillor can now be co-opted by the PC.

BDC is revaluating the Public Spaces Protection (Dog Control) Order 2018 which runs until August 2021. This requires dog owners to keep their dogs on leads and clear up after them whilst in the Churchyard and the Cemetery.

19. **To confirm the date of the next meeting: Wednesday, April 7th 2021 at 7.00pm.**