

## Misson Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held virtually at 7.00pm on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 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 contacted the Clerk in advance of the meeting with the following message which was read out to the Parish Council –

*'Having seen the news report this evening I feel that the Covid situation far outweighs any questions I may have regarding the issues in our village.*

*I will therefore reserve these for a future, more 'normal' time.'*

**Present:** Cllrs. Jayne Watson (Chair) Julie Watkins, Peter Edwards, Andy Woolliams, Ken Shephard, Jamie Sutherton, Mark Watson (also attending as D Cllr), C Cllr Tracey Taylor and Clerk Mark Hooper.

1. **To receive apologies for absence:** PCSO David Airey
2. **To receive any declarations of disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests:** Cllr J Watkins declared an interest in planning application **20/01631/CAT** – it was agreed that Cllr Watkins would leave the meeting at that point whilst the planning application was discussed.
3. **To approve the minutes of the Council meeting of December 2<sup>nd</sup> 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** – A third salt bin has been delivered in error and can be retained at no extra cost – it will be sited at the entrance to Misson Mills during January weather permitting.  
**Action – Clerk to issue further reminder to NCC to remove the old salt bins.**
  - **Dame Lane sign knocked over** – brought to the attention of the Clerk following June PC meeting. A new school sign has been installed – there is space available on the posts for the street sign to be fixed to. **Update – Clerk contacted BDC on 4th December – response was that BDC are not undertaking site visits currently.**
  - **Fly Tipping on Slaynes Lane** – there is large amount that has been reported to the Doncaster East Internal Drainage Board, Notts County Council and Bassetlaw District Council to determine which organisation is responsible for this. Clerk has issued further requests for an update. Update – Drainage Board have dredged the waterway and BDC will clear the rubbish. The further fly tipping in the waterway – BDC have contacted the Drainage Board to dredge again – they will then arrange to clear the rubbish.  
Cllr A Woolliams to check if all the fly tipping has been removed and also to ascertain if there are any suitable locations for placing the fly-tipping notices supplied by BDC.

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

### • C Cllr T Taylor:

**Electric Vehicle Infrastructure survey** - this is a joint exercise between NCC and BDC to determine what the commercial and domestic requirements are within the County prior to the 2030 deadline for banning fossil fuelled vehicles.

Pilot schemes will be undertaken following the survey – in particular looking at the different requirements between urban and rural communities.

**Schools** – under the current lockdown only the vulnerable children and those of key workers can attend schools. The definition for key workers has been extended which has placed a burden on schools with numbers of children attending increasing. Awaiting further guidance from central Government re which jobs satisfy the criteria etc.

**COVID:** this is covered under D Cllr M Watson's update below.

### • D Cllr. M. Watson:

**Covid update:** as of 6<sup>th</sup> January, there have been 370 cases within Bassetlaw within the last seven days – an increase of 27% on the previous seven days.

The number of deaths in the same period is 12 – an increase of 71%

Hospital admissions have plateaued – but the expectation is that numbers will increase.

**Flood Review Group** – there was a meeting on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December at which the Emergency Planning Officer gave evidence. There will a further meeting to discuss the findings.

Three documents were issued to the Councillors –

- Notts Local Resilience Forum Flood Defence Plan
- BDC Flood Plan, and
- BDC Emergency Plan

An information gathering exercise will take place with Parish Councils in the next few weeks.

**Parish Council Resilience Stores** – some PCs have stores of emergency equipment – there will be an agenda item at the next meeting to discuss this further.

D Cllr Watson explained that if there have been issues with regular flooding of land it is the landowner's responsibility to provide their own sandbags etc. BDC do have some limited supplies for use in emergencies – such as the November 2019 floods.

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

## 7. To receive a report from Misson Community Association –

**Christmas Meal for over 65s** – over 30 meals were delivered and were well received. MPC to make a financial donation to the cost – amount to be confirmed by MCA.

**Christmas Treasure** – the memory hedge at the Pinfold was a success

**Misson Pre-School** is continuing during lockdown – this will dependant upon the number of children attending etc.

**MCA AGM** – this is in the process of being planned to increase wider participation from the community.

## 8. Parish Financial administration

### To receive and approve:

- The Clerk presented the Financial statements to the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 and Council resolved to accept them:

NatWest Current Acc.	@ 31/12/20	£19,427.30
NatWest Reserve Acc.	@ 31/12/20	£10,564.08

- Councillors resolved to approve the following payments:

<b>Payt</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
BACS	TEC Clerk	Salary – December	£113.00
BACS	HMRC	PAYE – December	£86.80
BACS	MPC Clerk	Salary – December	£377.60
BACS	Lengthsman 1	Maintenance in Cemetery & Village Green	£178.49
BACS	Torne Valley	December - invoice	£19.34
D Debit	Info Commissioners Office	Data Protection Fee Renewal	£35.00
BACS	D Fox	Grass Cutting October & November	£180.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>£990.23</b>

- The accounts reconciliation for the third Quarter of the FY were distributed to the PCs for approval.
- The Clerk had issued the draft 2021/22 budget which was discussed and agreed to. An increase of 5% to the Precept was Proposed by Cllr M Watson and Seconded by Cllr A Wooliams.

## 9. To discuss the implications of the Coronavirus situation –

The various volunteer groups in the village have continued including some volunteers who have been collecting donations to the Bassetlaw Food Bank.

The NCC Community Grant Fund and BDC Business Support Grants are available for organisations and businesses impacted by the further lockdown to apply for.

## 10. Planning –

a. **To note planning decisions:** none this month

b. **To consider planning applications:**

- 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. **No objections were raised to this application**

- PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:** Vary Condition 4 of planning permission 1/15/01498/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  
LOCATION: Land off Springs Road, Misson, Applicant – IGas Limited.

The Community Liaison Group (CLG) met with IGas on the 5<sup>th</sup> November and were informed that a three-year extension was to be sought. IGas want to wait for the outcome of the Govt moratorium on shale gas development.

The public consultation period was to run to the 8<sup>th</sup> January – this will now run until the 31<sup>st</sup> January.

The MPC response was approved at the meeting subject to some minor amendments regarding the restoration of the site. This will be available on the Parish Council website.

- c. **To consider any planning applications received after the agenda was posted** – none this month.
- d. **Progress with Neighbourhood Plan (MNP)** – as agreed at the December meeting – as a result of the revised housing allocation to nil in the draft Bassetlaw Local Plan – the review of the MNP has been shelved for the time being.  
This will only impact the Housing Policy within the MNP, not the rest of the Policies contained within it.

**Draft Bassetlaw Local Plan** – the PC agreed that they had no comments to make about it.

- e. **To consider any other planning matters** – none this month.

## 11. To review highways and parish paths

**Access to the riverbank** – James Brown of Pollybell had taken action to restrict access to the river path from the third stile from River Lane, across the flood bank to Dales Lane and onto Top Road. He has cited various issues with trespassing, anti-social behaviour, vandalism and increasing abusive behaviour towards his staff which has led to this decision. Following on from this he has agreed for local people to continue using the route in a respectful manner. James has provided an update which is available to read on the Parish Council website.

The PC had a meeting with James earlier in the month to discuss the problems he has had with poaching and abuse to his staff and to discuss the options available. The PC will be having an ongoing conversation with him about this issue with a view to preserving and perhaps improving access to the land.

**Wildlife Crime** – following the December PC meeting there have been incidents of wildlife crime – the shooting of swans and other birds – off Slaynes Lane at the Nature Reserve. The Wildlife Officer from Notts Police, the Environment Agency and the Fire service were called out to deal with the aftermath of this.

If members of the public witness wildlife crime they are encouraged to contact the police on 999 at the time or 101 if it is after the event.

**Action – Clerk to contact PCSO to enquire why these incidents were not included in the December update.**

## 12. The Neighbourhood Improvement Programme

- **Lengthsmen** – activity has slowed down as the winter progresses.  
**Action – Clerk to write to the Lengthsmen and thank them for their hard work during the past year and ask if they would like to continue for the coming year.**
- **Pinfold** – Cllr J Watkins has obtained a planting design from a Landscape Architect free of charge. This was briefly discussed at the meeting and agreed to in principle. In order for the PCs to have time to study the plan it will be included as an agenda item at the February meeting.
- **Misson Cemetery** – there has been an issue with a large amount of ‘spoil’ being left in the Cemetery following a recent burial. The alternatives are for either the Funeral Directors to arrange for a skip for it be placed in and then removed, or establish an area within the Cemetery to accommodate it for it to be used as necessary in the future. **Action – Cllr Watkins to discuss the issue with the Lengthsmen.**

- **Misson Churchyard** – the Chair has been in discussion with the PCC about the Notice board for the churchyard. The size and design have now been agreed upon – it will be ordered when the benches for the Cemetery and Pinfold are ordered.
- **Update re Notts Rural Gigabyte Scheme** – following the presentation made by NCC at the November meeting Cllr M Watson has been in touch with them. He has now registered with the Openreach Platform and been in touch with some of the business within the Parish to canvass interest.

The following information will be included in the January Newsletter:

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

- **Name**
  - **Address**
  - **Post code**
  - **Landline number**
  - **Whether they are a resident or business**
- **January Newsletter** – this needs to be approved by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> – Cllr J Watson has received input from the PCs and will circulate a draft version on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>.

### 13. **Business Liaison**

- **Odour emissions from Tunnel Tech (TTN).** The reported number of complaints during December is 20 compared to 38 in November

Although the number of complaints has reduced – now that the enclosure works have been completed it was anticipated that the problem would be solved.

**Action – Clerk to contact Tunnel Tech North to confirm if the filtration system has been fully commissioned and to ascertain if what action will be taken to investigate the complaints.**

**Residents can lodge complaints with Environmental Health at BDC via the following email address:** [Environmental.health@bassetlaw.gov.uk](mailto:Environmental.health@bassetlaw.gov.uk)

- **Doncaster Airport Committee** – there will be a routine meeting in the next couple of months.
- **Misson School** – the school currently has 20 children who are either vulnerable or the children of key workers attending – with two teachers.  
The school has had requests from other parents to allow their children to attend – this would require another teacher. The school is awaiting further guidance from NCC.

### 14. **To receive feedback from meetings attended during December – none attended.**

- 15. To receive correspondence** – an email has been received from a Misson resident about dog fouling in the centre of the village. This is more prevalent since lockdown – the PC would like to remind dog owners of their responsibilities of clearing up after their animals. This will also be highlighted in the January Newsletter.  
BDC employ Environment Enforcement Officers who have the power to issue fixed notice penalties to people who contravene the law – details can be found via the link below:

<https://www.bassetlaw.gov.uk/environmental-health/environment-crime/enforcement-and-wardens/>

### 16. **To confirm the date of the next meeting: Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2021 at 7.00pm.**