

# MISSON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council held at 7pm on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at Misson Community Centre.

## **Pre-meeting questions from the public:**

A member of the public (MOP) asked whether there is a written protocol for raising questions of the Parish Council instead of asking them when they are "off duty". Would it be possible for the Council to hold a surgery with at least 2 councillors present so that MOPs can attend.

The response from the Chair was that the formal method of contacting the Parish Council was through the clerk, either by email or telephone. It was agreed to progress with the new council the previously discussed possibility of holding a monthly surgery in the Community Centre once the pre-school had vacated the building. The D. Councillor said he would be interested in holding his own surgery in the Community Centre at the same time.

A MOP commented that they had received a letter from Notts CC stating that they were responsible for a Highway streetlight down Back Lane. They explained that they had paid to have the hedges cut back on a regular basis even though they were not responsible for one side, however, they could not be expected to climb a 30ft telegraph pole to investigate the problem. The C. Councillor agreed to investigate the matter to find out what caused the correspondence to commence.

A MOP asked if it was possible for the D. Councillor to investigate why there is 2 empty council owned properties on Coronation Ave, which have been boarded up and left in a dilapidated state for months. The D. Councillor has agreed to investigate the situation, as he is aware of similar properties in other Parishes.

The question was asked if there have been any figures concerning the number of complaints regarding Tunnel Tech. Reports have been asked for, but none received. There was concern that the subject had been dropped. The Chair explained that for some time, the regular Tunnel Tech update has been merged with the D. Councillor's report on the agenda. It didn't get mentioned at the last meeting as the D. Councillor was absent. The subject is raised at item 5.

There have more complaints concerning motorists including residents who ignore the speed limits through the village, especially in front of the school. The Chair stated that Cllr Robey and herself were going to attend a 'Speed Awareness' event on the following Saturday to learn what the Parish of Sutton-cum-Lound had been able to achieve to impact this matter. They hoped to bring some solutions back to the next meeting. At a previous Parish meeting, the police were asked about this problem. They stated that we will be added to the schedule of visiting speed traps. The clerk will chase up this matter with the police. Unfortunately, it is beyond the control of the Councillors, including the District and County. Speed bumps were mentioned as a possible solution, but as the C. Cllr replied, they are many rules to consider before these can be sited. It was suggested that the school be approached to remind parents to be aware of the speed limits through the village.

A MOP raised concern about lack of signage to Misson Mill. For the fourth time, the corner wall of the property known as Top Street Barn, has been knocked down by a vehicle turning too late to safely make the bend. The matter was discussed at length, and the County and District Councillors both shared helpful insight about what could and could not be done about this matter. The D. Councillor agreed to approach the owner of Misson Mill and further progress earlier conversations to try and improve things. Chair agreed to make the introductions (Minute 15 below also refers).

A member of the public asked if the Parish Council believed the village has received 'value for money' from the The Pinfold project. It was stated that the Council would discuss it at the next meeting.

A MOP asked about the progress concerning registering the land at the end of River Lane, and what was the intentions of the Council. The request has only just been sent to the Land Registry and we await a reply. The hope is to establish ownership in order to restore the degraded river bank, to how it was before the floods, so that residents can enjoy using the river. Residents will be kept informed on the progress.

**Present:** Cllr Walker (Chair), Cllr Watkins, Cllr Sutherton, Cllr Scott, Cllr Robey, Cllr Andrews, County Cllr Taylor, District. **Clerk:** Absent

1. Apologies were recorded for Cllr Watson and S Scott the clerk, as both on holiday. The Chair to tape record the meeting.
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 Scott – non-pecuniary interest as a member of Misson Community Association. Cllr Robey – non-pecuniary interest as a Trustee of Misson Community Association.
3. Declarations of prejudicial interests from any Councillor – to be discussed at item 14.
4. The Council approved the minutes of 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023. These will now be placed on the website.
5. No matters to discuss that are not on the agenda.
6. Report from the District Councillor – He has developed an action plan regarding Tunnel Tech, as the issues concerning odours coming from the site are increasing. He has arranged a number of meetings to obtain solutions to the problems. The D. Councillor said he had 21 questions where answers need to be forthcoming.
7. Report from the County Councillor – The devolution is still going through process. Probably see some notices soon about Mayoral candidates, ready for elections next May. The STEP programme at West Burton is gathering pace. Regarding IGas, there are still ongoing consultations, but it is still expected that the work will take place in Autumn, even though there has been a change of name to Star Energy.
8. The report on policing of the Parish was received as a spreadsheet covering the Misterton, Everton, and Misson catchment area. The report will be placed on the website. We keep asking for a more detailed report just covering Misson, but police resources do not permit this any longer.
9. Councillors received and approved the following expenses and receipts:  
Expenses  
£424.00 – Salary for S E Scott for June  
£94.80 – PAYE  
£55.00 – Lengthsman payment to B Lowndes  
£96.00 – Lengthsman payment to M Guest  
£22.74 – reimbursement to J Watkins for Osmo oil to maintain the benches in the village  
Receipts  
£10.05 - Bank interest for the end of June  
Bank account balances as at the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023  
Current a/c – £11,324.25  
Business Reserve a/c – £10,640.55
10. Planning decisions/outcomes reported –  
23/00451/HSE – Home View. Still waiting on a decision. Amended plans have been submitted in view of the Conservation Dept's requests. Any comments need to be submitted by 20<sup>th</sup> July.  
23/00508/HSE – Manor Close. The application has been granted with the proviso that materials used are close as possible to the original building.

23/00635/FUL – White Horse Inn. Still awaiting a decision. The Conservation Department has recommended that the application be refused. Timber frames have been recommended instead of UPVC.

New Planning applications –

23/00701/CAT – Home View. Request to remove an overgrown Leylandii tree that is growing through the BT and electric cables.

No other planning applications received after the agenda was published.

11. Neighbourhood Plan steering group – The Chair met with the Chair of the steering group as agreed at the last meeting, David Hobson, to discuss possible funding solutions. Nothing needs to be decided now as there are 9 Parishes in a similar situation. It is anticipated that Bassetlaw District Council will find a solution to the shortfall in funds due to the need to protect the Neighbourhood Plans. Chair reminded everyone that the steering group finds itself in this unfortunate position due to the consultants employed not completing their work by the required time constraints.
12. Neighbourhood improvement and maintenance – In the October newsletter there will be an article explaining who the Lengthsmen are, and what work they perform around the village. The artwork for The Pinfold is in progress. No grant money will need to be repaid, as we can show that the approved work has been completed. Photographs of The Pinfold will be sent to the funder. The Lengthsman have been doing all the usual jobs smartening up the village. The arborist has been to look at the trees that were highlighted in the Spring. He agrees that a couple of trees particularly on The Green need reducing in height, and a degree of crown lifting. He will be submitting a report to the Council, so we can decide whether to go ahead with the work, or if necessary, get alternative quotes. Jason Morden the Senior Conservation Officer from Notts CC has requested to come back for a couple of days at the end of August to further the restoration of the church wall. There will be a cost to purchase the required materials. The school has stated that they intend to take children to The Pinfold for them to complete their nature studies.
13. Reports from Parish groups and projects – Nothing to report from Village Park and Playground Project as discussion with Misson School is rested until September, whilst School prioritise the receiving of Misson Pre-School. Newsletter Team report that it is preferred that the quarterly newsletter remains at 12- 16 pages long. More groups and individuals are now contributing items.
14. It was formally agreed that the lease requirements of the Community Hall between MCA and MPC will be reviewed, with one councillor abstaining from the vote. The Chair agreed to try and arrange a progress meeting as soon as possible. Parish Councillors participating in the discussions would be agreed separately, but would not include Cllrs Robey or Scott who recuse themselves from the task.
15. Regarding Parish resilience planning ~ Misson Pre-school has invited Misson Parish Council to make an offer to purchase an outbuilding which they are vacating at the Community Centre location. If the Parish Council does not want the building, Pre-School will dismantle and remove it. Cllrs Andrews and Sutherton agreed to look at it, assess its suitability as a Resilience Store, and agree a potential purchase offer to made to Pre-School if appropriate.
16. Maintenance of Highways and Parish Paths is on-going, with nothing notable to report this month.
17. Apart from the Annual Parish meeting, (which was well attended), there were no other meetings to report.
18. The use of official e-mail addresses. Chair reminded Parish Councillors that they should correspond from their official '.gov.uk' email addresses. Where Councillors have been experiencing difficulty in setting up their accounts, help will be sought from the IT specialist that MPC use.
19. Correspondence received – A resident complained about the numerous times that his boundary wall had been damaged due to HGVs missing the entrance to Misson Mill and having to reverse down narrow roads in order to go back. C. Cllr Taylor was asked if this was anything that Notts CC or the Highways Dept could assist with. The answer was that it was the owner of Misson Mill that

was responsible for better signage. D. Cllr Pashley agreed that he would try and help with the current situation, as the Parish Council has had no powers in this regard.

20. The date of the next Parish Council meeting will be Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023

21. Confidential Staffing Item : it was agreed that MPC will advertise the post of Secretary to the Town Estate Charity, for up to ten hours per calendar month. Chair agreed to progress this with the Parish Clerk on return from leave.

S E Scott

Clerk to Misson Parish Council

25<sup>th</sup> July 2023