

Misson Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held virtually at 7.00pm on Wednesday 7th October 2020.

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. Several questions were raised as detailed below:

Public Questions:

1. A member of the public submitted the following question to the PC – Can the Parish Council (PC) and community liaison member please give us an update on IGas springs road site. **Response** – the latest inspection was the 5th August – planning permission will expire on the 20th November 2020 after which time the site will need to be returned to its condition prior to the development taking place. IGas have confirmed that they are aware of this and are looking at their options moving forward, but that as yet a decision has not yet been made.
2. A member of the public submitted the following question to the PC - Is there an update on the security cameras on streets for the village? **Response** – this was discussed at the July PC meeting and the following is an extract from the August 2020 minutes where it was decided the cost was too prohibitive for the PC to support - *The cost to install two fixed cameras would be in the region of £2,000 if there was an existing power source and columns to attach them to. Annual monitoring of them would be £1,000. A CCTV scheme in a neighbouring village for three cameras that can be moved remotely has cost in the region of £10,000.*
3. A member of the public submitted the following question to the PC - Have the council taken any steps to resolve the issue of alleged odour emanating from the sewerage works? **Response** – this will be followed up following tonight's meeting. **Action – Clerk to follow up with Severn Trent Water.**
4. A member of the public submitted the following question to the PC - Have the parish council been involved in consultation for the local mineral plan? **Response** – yes – the PC was consulted and submitted responses to the plan in October 2019 which were minuted.
5. A member of the public wanted to express thanks for the work which had been undertaken on the hedge laying around the Pinfold. They wished to know whether the PC was paying for this or the Town Estates Charity (TEC). Following discussion at this stage and later in the meeting it was decided that each would pay 50% of the cost – Proposed by Cllr M Watson and seconded by Cllr K Shephard.
6. A member of the public asked for the following statement to be minuted - *We'd like to say how much we appreciate the restoration of the Pinfold area with the newly laid hedge in the traditional manner and how this work has brought this heritage asset back to life to grace the area of the village green. We would like to encourage the PC to include a feature on this work and the heritage value of the pinfold in a future parish newsletter so that it can be fully appreciated by residents and any future visitors, staying in local hostelrys etc, who may follow the village trail which ends at the pinfold, as they did pre Covid.*

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:** none declared.

3. **To approve the minutes of the Council meeting of September 9th 2020.** 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. **Action – Clerk to follow up.**
A third salt bin has been delivered in error and can be retained at no extra cost – it was decided to keep the bin and a decision will be made as to the location of it.
 - **Bungalows on High Street** - PC approved Donna to mow at April meeting - 26/5 - emailed Customer Services at BDC requesting that they stop mowing this. The person who has been dealing with this has not been available for a number of months. It is now in hand to be actioned.
 - **Vicar Lane sign** - BDC contacted - 'Streetnaming' confirmed that they were to order a replacement. **It has now been fitted.**
 - **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. Clerk contacted BDC 10/9 to inform them of this. **Action – Clerk to follow up.**
 - **Memorial Bench in Cemetery**
Cllr J Watson has spoken to the lady who is pleased with this suggestion and has chosen the design for the bench and a plaque to go on it. The net cost will be paid to the PC who will order the bench at the same time as the new notice board for the Churchyard.
 - **Large lorries travelling through the village early in the morning**
Cllr P Edwards has been in contact with the owners of the firm and as a gesture of good will they have agreed to alter the course the lorries travel to avoid the village in future. The problem appears to have been resolved.
5. **To receive reports from District and County Councillors**
 - **C Cllr T Taylor:**
COVID: more of the same in terms of COVID arrangements, monitoring and support.
There has been a recent increase in cases – Nottingham City has over 400 cases per 100k, the rest of the County has an average of 106 per 100k. The trigger point for concern is cases over 80 per 100k. NCC have made recommendations for more stringency – the expectation is that the Government will announce tighter restrictions in the next few days.
Local Govt Reorganisation (LGR): Govt White Paper was due at the end Sept to set out their thinking on the possibility of abolishing existing two-tier councils across the country and creating new single tier (unitary) councils. No details yet, just lots of speculation. This will involve interested County Councils to write to Govt asking to be invited to pursue options appraisals. If Minister agrees, those councils will be invited to explore and make the case for their area. The paper has not materialised yet – expected in October?
The subject of Rural Pavement Clearing was discussed – the PC has been approached by an organisation run by two Parish Councillors from Barnby Moor who are looking to set up a company to provide this service at a lower cost than Highways would charge. Approval from NCC will be required and D Cllr Taylor has set up a meeting between them and NCC Highways to see if this is viable. D Cllr Taylor emphasised that the cost burden for this sits with Highways.
 - **D Cllr. M. Watson:**

Covid update: at 21st September there were 326 new cases reported for that week in Nottinghamshire – the previous week there were 220 cases. there are currently 41 cases in Doncaster Royal Infirmary and 2 in Bassetlaw Hospital – there have been 2 reported deaths. The highest number of cases outside of Nottingham is Retford North.

Remembrance Day parades have been postponed due to the pandemic.

Fly-tipping – a second van has been seized which was tracked back to Doncaster. This may be classed as an Environmental Crime which could result in a criminal prosecution.

Local Govt Reorganisation (LGR): at District level all seven boroughs within Nottinghamshire are opposed to this – it would remove a voice for locality from decision-making. No progress has been made yet.

Council houses – there are plans to build 120 new Council houses in Manton, Worksop – they will be modular built houses.

- To receive a report on the policing of the Parish:** PCSO Dave Airey provided the update for September via email. There have been seven crimes over the whole BEAT area for September – none of which were within Misson. This compares with seven crimes reported during August. The full report includes security advice applicable to everybody and is available on the MPC website

A local resident raised the issue of vehicles driving above the speed limit through the village – PCSO Airey has been in contact with them to discuss what options are available. These include him using a speed camera when resources allow and the potential for moving the current speed sig at a location nearer the entrance of the village

7. Parish Financial administration

To receive and approve:

- The Clerk presented the Financial statements to the 30th September 2020 and Council resolved to accept them:

NatWest Current Acc.	@ 30/09/20	£13,583.53
NatWest Reserve Acc.	@ 30/09/20	£10,563.81

- Councillors resolved to approve the following payments:

<u>Payt</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
BACS	TEC Clerk	Salary – September	£138.00
BACS	HMRC	PAYE – September	£98.40
BACS	MPC Clerk	Salary – September	£424.00
BACS	M Hooper	Reimbursement for Zoom subscription	£14.39
BACS	Lengthsman 1	Maintenance in Cemetery & Village Green	£135.78
BACS	D Fox	Grass Cutting July, August and September	£570.00
BACS	P Rowell	Hedge Laying - Pinfold	£520.00
BACS	Ranskill Hire	Wood Chipper – Pinfold	£187.14
Total			£2,087.71

- The clerk had prepared the Quarter two accounts reconciliation which was duly signed off.
- To discuss the implications of the Coronavirus situation** – this was covered previously
 - To receive a report from Misson Community Association** –

Pre-school remain the only user of the CC due to Covid. Close communications in place with MPS and no issues thus far

MCA remain in contact with other hall users who are understanding of the current position. Through discussion the MPC were made aware that some groups were precluded from returning to the CC (prior to the recent tightening of restrictions) as their own public liability insurance did not provide sufficient cover for them.

There has been an initial meeting of the Buildings Committee – look to having a joint meeting with reps from MPC in November. **Action – Clerk to confirm availability with Cllrs J Watkins and K Shephard and liaise with MCA**

The MCA Treasurer is undertaking a financial forecast factoring in the Covid implications. **C Cllr T Taylor will look into the potential for any County Council funding available.**

Halloween – MCA to provide sanitiser for all the treasure hunt clues – have approached the TEC for a donation towards the cost of the prizes. MPC agreed to the Green being used for Halloween and at Christmas. The MCA expressed their thanks for this.

Christmas – it was confirmed that the Christmas Tree will be switched on on the 28th November. The MCA will use the Green for an outside event on the 6th December.

Time capsule – the MPC have identified where it can be placed on the Green – between the bench and the Information Board near the top of the Green.

10. To receive an update on the Community Centre Lease – it was confirmed that the Trustees have signed the amended lease and it should be registered with Land Registry within a week.

11. Planning – the following includes a summary of the PCs comments – the full comments can be found on the BDC Planning Portal which can be accessed via the following link. If any parishioners cannot access the portal and require a hard copy of the comments please contact the Clerk: <http://publicaccess.bassetlaw.gov.uk/online-applications/>

a. To note planning decisions:

- **20/00990/CAT** | Fell 4 Trees T1- Conifer, T2- Silver Birch, T3- Unidentified, T4- Flowering Cherry | Delamere Middle Street Misson. **Decided - Not to make a Tree Preservation Order**
- **19/01635/FUL** | Proposed New Replacement Dwelling | Land At Prospect Farm Springs Road Misson – **Grant**
- **20/01083/CAT** | Works to Trees in a Conservation Area T1 Silver Birch, Fell to Ground Level & Replant with Dawyck Beech or Similar Formal Planting Within 7 Meters or Birch. | Orchard House River Lane Misson. **Decided - Not to make a Tree Preservation Order**
- **20/00913/LBC** - To Repoint the Gable End of the Cottage and Repair, Rebuild and Re-point Cottage Chimney etc. Swan House Church Street Misson. **Grant**
- **20/00964/HSE** | Installation of Oil Tank House, Oil Tank and Bin Store. Demolish Unstable Boundary Wall and Erect Fence | Sunny View Middle Street Misson. **Grant**

b. To consider planning applications:

- **20/01083/CAT** | Works to Trees in a Conservation Area T1 Silver Birch, Fell to Ground Level & Replant with Dawyck Beech or Similar Formal Planting Within 7 Meters or Birch. | Orchard House River Lane Misson. **NB – a decision was made by BND Planning prior to this PC meeting not to make a tree Preservation Order. Action – Clerk to contact Planning Officer as a time extension had been requested.**
- **20/01065/CAT** | Crown Reduce by 30% and Crown Lift to 5.5m Over Road 1 x Sycamore Tree in Front Garden, Crown Lift to 5.5m Over Road 1 x Oak Tree in Front Garden, Crown Reduce by 30% 1 x Golden Willow Tree in Rear Garden, Reduce Height and Reshape Birch Tree in Side Garden Area | Redworth Top Street Misson. The resident had supplied information to the PC prior to submitting the application to BDC. The PC were appreciative of this – they were supportive of the application. **Action – Clerk to contact the resident to thank him for contacting the PC in advance.**

- **20/00936/PDN** | Notification for Prior Approval for Change of Use of Agricultural Buildings to One Dwelling (Class C3) | Levels Farm Springs Road Misson. This is a resubmitted planning application – MPC made no comment on the original application and do not wish to make comment on this one.
- **Progress with Neighbourhood Plan (NP)**
An initial consultation has taken place with a Planning Consultant who has been commissioned to review the NP and prepare a scoping report in the first instance. She will commence work mid-October.
A successful application for a Locality Grant has been made to support the work required – up to a maximum of £9.5k
- **To consider any other planning matters** – discussion was held re the number of planning applications which are received post the issuing of the agenda and prior to a PC meeting. D Cllr Taylor explained that other PCs have a line on their agenda's – ***Applications received after agenda was posted.*** It was decided to incorporate this on future agendas.

12. The Neighbourhood Improvement Programme

- **Lengthsmen** – grass cutting continues – the last cut may be at the end of October.
- **Pinfold** – as mentioned previously extensive work has been undertaken re the hedge laying around the Pinfold which took six days to complete. There has been a lot of local interest in the project – including a school party who have filmed the work being undertaken.

Some areas of the hedge will require new whips to be planted to fill it out in the Spring. The school has donated some wildflower seeds that can be planted around the outside of the hedge which will help to protect it.

- **Misson Cemetery**– work continues to level the graves in the Cemetery and restore some of the unattended graves. A load of blue slate chippings has been obtained for this.
- **Misson Churchyard** – approval was granted at the last PC meeting for the commissioning of the re-building of the five-meter section of stone wall on Vicar Lane.
The Clerk has submitted a grant application to Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust re a contribution towards the cost of re-building this section of wall – a decision will not be made until December.
The Clerk has commissioned the stone mason chosen to re-build the wall – it has been explained to him that work cannot start until a decision has been made about the grant application.

With regards to the rest of the Churchyard wall – the Church architect needs to provide an opinion on the work required. **Action – Clerk to supply a copy of the survey undertaken to the Church architect.**

- **River Lane** – the Lengthsmen continue to maintain this area of River Lane and a path is cut through the undergrowth on the river bank.

13. Business Liaison

- **Odour emissions from Tunnel Tech (TTN).** The reported number of complaints during September is 98 compared to 53 in August.
Residents can lodge complaints with Environmental Health at BDC via the following email address: Environmental.health@bassetlaw.gov.uk

Tunnel Tech North have provided an update regarding the enclosure works: in summary work is progressing and the project remains on schedule to be completed by 30th November.

The full update can be seen on the PC website.

BDC Environmental Health have also provided a site inspection report from 14th September which also confirms that enclosure work is progressing towards the completion date. The report can be seen on the PC website.

- **Doncaster Airport Committee** – there was a virtual meeting of the Noise Monitoring Sub-committee on the 24th September. The airport has been kept busy during the pandemic with freight and the storage of aircraft.
Recently announced that Whizair will locate four units at the airport which will bring some employment with it.
- **Misson School** – Cllr A Woolliams provided an update – 104 pupils are now in attendance – the most there has been. Hot meals are now available at the school and there have been no Covid cases.

14. To discuss the issues with River Lane

The following actions were agreed at last month's meeting:

- **Clerk to contact C Cllr T Taylor** to ascertain what land searches have been carried out in the past. **Response** – C Cllr Taylor has confirmed that the land searches prove that no one has registered the land in recent years – this does not mean that there is not a legal owner somewhere.
- **Clerk to write to the two adjacent land owners** on River Lane to establish if either is of the opinion that their property incorporates this piece of land. **Response** – the two owners have confirmed they have no call on the land.
- **Clerk to arrange for a sign to be installed on River Lane** asking for any landowner to come forward. **Response** – Clerk to pursue this.

15. To discuss sign off of the Newsletter – this was agreed to – Dr Walker will liaise specifically with those PCs who have requested changes. It was noted that this edition will run to twelve pages which was felt to be the maximum size it could be.

16. To review highways and parish paths – at the last meeting an approach by an organisation offering to clear footpaths was discussed. They have subsequently been approached and have provided a quote for the following areas of the village. This was discussed during C Cllr T Taylor's update and is subject to agreement with NCC Highways:

- Bawtry Road, Newington between Hagg Lane and Newington Hall;
- Bawtry Road, Misson between Westfield Villa and Fieldside View;
- Top Street alongside the school boundary

17. To discuss the placement of the time capsule – this was covered in the MCA update and a position for it has been agreed to.

18. To receive feedback from meetings attended during September: nothing to report at this meeting

19. To receive correspondence – none this month.

20. To confirm the date of the next meeting: Wednesday, November 4th 2020 at 7.00pm.