

MINUTES of the MEETING of MISSON PARISH COUNCIL
Held on Wednesday 3rd August 2016

Councillors Present: V Shilling (Chairman), A Woolliams (Vice Chair), J Watkins, J Watson, A Wilcox, P Edwards and J Sutherton

Public Participation: Representatives from Misson Organic Dairy Ltd attended the meeting to discuss the planning application for the dairy farm at Dales Lane Misson.

Mr Arlington advised the Council that he owns a dairy farm in Caunton and would like to re-introduce organic dairy farming to the area. The system is simple; the cows will live outdoors all year long and will be brought via crossings over the bridleway to the milking parlour daily. The milking parlour is an open sided construction; the dirty water from the parlour will be stored in a lagoon and then used as a fertiliser for the land. The feed for the cows will be delivered once every 2 to 3 weeks and there will be 3 crossings across the bridleway to get the cows from the field to the parlour.

Cllr Shilling raised concerns with the cows crossing the bridleway 4 times a day; Mr Arlington advised that the cows are being kept in a large area and won't always cross the bridleway within the same area.

Cllr Shilling asked for the timings for the scheduled crossings; Mr Adlington advised that the cows would cross at 5am, 2pm and 8pm in groups of 40.

Cllr Shilling advised that the bridleway is already in a poor state and had concerns that the condition could deteriorate; Mr Adlington advised that he wanted to work towards ensuring that the bridleway is kept open and in good condition.

A resident raised concerns with delivery vehicles using the track; Mr Adlington advised that the track had been improved and will be maintained; there will be a speed limit of 10mph for lorries and tankers.

A resident raised concerns with people misusing the track and causing damage to the area; Cllr Watkins advised that hopefully if more people are visible within the area then it should make the area safer. Mr Adlington advised that there would be a presence of 3 to 4 employees 365 days a year from 4am to 6pm. Cllr Edwards questioned which field would be used for grazing; Mr Adlington advised that all the fields are within walking distance of the parlour and that there will be a new track along the bombing field. There will be 2 or 3 fields used for grazing which will be used in a rotational basis.

A resident questioned whether the proposed land is south or north of the line bank; Mr Adlington advised that the land goes up to the bombing ground.

Cllr Shilling raised concerns with odour from the lagoon; Mr Adlington advised that the water within the lagoon will only be dirty water from the parlour and will not contain cow waste as the cows are kept outdoors all year round.

Cllr Shilling questioned what the dirty water will be used for; Mr Adlington advised that the water will be used to fertilise the land.

Cllr Wilcox questioned if the lagoon will be open; Mr Adlington advised that yes it would be open.

Cllr Watson questioned whether a permit was required for the lagoon; Mr Adlington confirmed that no permit was required.

Cllr Shilling questioned what would happen to the silos if the parlour ceased to operate; Mr Adlington advised that everything would be taken away.

Cllr Woolliams questioned what would happen to the cows if there was a bad winter; Mr Adlington advised that wet times are challenging but the site is 400 acres of sand and gravel with areas of hard land. There should be no welfare issues.

Cllr Watkins asked if the cows would be a hardy breed; Mr Adlington advised that the breed are specifically chosen so they can be kept outdoors all year.

Cllr Shilling questioned whether an archaeology survey had been carried out; Mr Adlington advised that the land had previously been used for quarrying so no survey was required.

A resident questioned if the bridleway would be closed when the cows were crossing; Mr Adlington advised that this would not happen.

A resident questioned whether any access restrictions along the bridleway would be enforced; Mr Adlington advised that there was no intention to restrict access to the public.

Cllr Shilling questioned how the crossings for the cows would be constructed; Mr Adlington advised that they would be constructed of concrete sleepers covered with astro turf.

A resident questioned whether the company intended to provide any educational projects; Mr Adlington advised that this had been discussed and the company was working with Bishop Burton College to provide apprenticeship schemes.

Mr Adlington advised that he hoped that the Parish Council could promote the application.

Member of the public raised the following issues and made the following comments:

- The green algae has re-appeared on the river and is almost covering the entire river in places. Cllr Shilling advised that the Council would contact the Environment Agency regarding the issue.
- Thank you to the Parish Council for the donation of the bench and contribution towards the Community Centre lighting.
- The bridleway leading to Mill house requires maintaining; Cllr Shilling advised that the matter had already been reported.
- The grass areas within the village are left in a messy state after being cut; Cllr Shilling advised that the company that carry out the maintenance work will be contacted regarding the issue.
- The pavement along Station Road is impossible to walk on due to encroaching hedges. Cllr Shilling advised that she would inspect the area.

(1) Apologies for Absence. None.

(2) Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary & None Pecuniary Interests. None.

(3) Minutes of the Meeting 24th May and 6th July 2016. Council resolved to approve the minutes as a true record.

(4) Planning: To discuss the proposed dairy: Cllr Sutherton advised that he felt the dairy farm is a good idea. Cllr Shilling advised that she had reservations regarding the restoration of the area if the dairy farm became defunct and did not want the village to be left with an unused lagoon after the problems the village experienced with the previous dairy farm. Cllr Sutherton suggested that the Council could be supportive of the application but could also raise concerns. Council resolved to write to Bassetlaw District Council to support the proposal but raise concerns with the potential damage that could be caused on the bridleway and the importance of removing the lagoon and silos if the dairy ceased production.

Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr Watkins advised the Council that BDC have raised concerns with the size of the central play area as they believe it is in excess of the guidelines for green space within housing developments. The Council agreed that the proposed area would be available for the entire village to use as there is no other recreational area within and around the village.

(5) Fracking & Neighbourhood issues including:

- **Response to Regulation 22**

Cllr Watson read the proposed response which has scheduled to be sent on 5th August and advised that the planning meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday 5th October. There will be 3, ten minute slots available for groups to raise their concerns with the application. Cllr Watson suggested expressing an interest as soon as possible to ensure that the Parish Council and the Liaison Group had the opportunity to speak.

(6) Litter Issues – Grass Verges: Cllr Watkins suggested contacting BDC to see if they could organise a litter pick along Newington Road. Cllr Shilling advised that there is an issue with dog fouling within the village. Cllr Watkins requested the Clerk to print new anti-dog fouling posters and to contact BDC regarding the issue and request that the dog warden visit the village. Cllr Shilling advised that the problem was particularly bad along Slaynes Lane and River Lane.

(7) Robin Hood airport committee – Parish Council Representative: Cllr Wilcox advised that Cllr Edwards had volunteered to be the new representative for the Council. Cllr Watkins advised that there is an issue with planes flying over the village constantly on certain days. Cllr Edwards advised that this is for training purposes and that if residents had any issues then they should report them to the airport.

(8) Finance – To receive, review and approve:

- **Cheques for payment:**

North Notts Landscapes	£456.00
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Urban Forward Ltd	£2,450.00
S Youngman	£488.86
J Watkins	£19.98

(9) To receive correspondence: None.

(10) To confirm the date of the next Council meeting: Wednesday 7th September 2016.