

# MISSON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 2nd November 2022 at Misson Community Centre.

Pre-meeting questions from the public: A resident asked about village improvement spend - these are works to bring village open spaces up to a high standard, including labour costs to remove ivy from old graves, levelling graves, Pinfold works etc; A resident asked how Misson Community Association could request donations from the Council for Community Centre repairs and a £150 donation for the older residents' Christmas meal and was asked to send a request to the clerk. A further question about a letter sent from the Misson Community Association chair to the Council this afternoon regarding the lease was answered under agenda item 17. A resident asked that the Council assist in publicising the Bassetlaw Community shop van. The Council agreed to publicise and to seek drop off points for donations around the village.

**Present:** Cllr Walker (chair), Cllr Woolliams (vice chair), Cllr Smith, Cllr Morgan, Cllr Watkins,  
**Clerk:** B Lowndes

1. Apologies received from Cllr Watson and Cllr Sutherton, the reasons for which were accepted.
2. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests: Cllr Walker - non pecuniary interest as editor of parish newsletter and trustee of Village Park and Playground Project; Cllr Watkins - non-pecuniary interest as a member of the River Idle Management Partnership. Cllr Woolliams - non-pecuniary interest as governor of Misson Primary School; Cllr Morgan - non-pecuniary interest as member of St John's Parochial Church Council.
3. The Council approved the minutes of the previous meeting, which will now be posted on the MPC website.
4. Matters arising:
  - Christmas Tree quote is £297 including delivery, erection and removal. Council agreed to purchase.
  - Council expressed gratitude to residents who had kindly fixed poppies to lamp posts
5. D Cllr Watson reported as follows:
  - I hope to meet with Env Health for TTN update next week.
  - BDC has updated its constitution, and adopted the new national code of conduct for councillors.
  - The new Planning Enforcement protocol is in place now, and can be found on the website. The number of active enforcement cases has gone down from >3000 a year ago to approx 250 now, and a new admin officer is in place to provide updates to PCs on their active cases.
  - The Bassetlaw Food Bank is under great strain, and residents are encouraged to make donations if they can. For rural communities there is now the Bassetlaw Community Shop for those who cannot travel to the food bank, and I believe it is already visiting Misson.
  - I had forwarded a letter from Hayley Crawford, the Police Inspector, about police involvement with communities. [see item below on policing]
  - Covid numbers are at last declining, from a peak of 98 inpatients at DBH a couple of weeks ago to approx 50 last week.

C Cllr Taylor reported as follows:

- NCC officers and the chairman of the planning committee have responded to enquiries from Misson residents to confirm that:
  - Igas are in breach of the planning permission for the site and must proceed to restore.
  - NCC continue to press for commitment on dates for restoration to begin.
  - Planning enforcement processes are possible and will be used if/as necessary.

In addition to this local position, Govt has now restored the moratorium on the fracking industry, so I gas cannot submit an application to frack at or near the Misson exploratory site under these prevailing conditions.

6. Policing: report for October is on website. Inspector Hayley Crawford provided the following update:

- A PCSO/PC to attend at least one of your parish council meetings every 12 months (the exception being when this is not possible due to demand)
- Officers to send their apologies to those meetings they will not be attending
- A monthly Stakeholder Update from myself emailed to all councillors
- A monthly Blog on social media which you can share with your constituents (including copying and pasting into local newsletters if you so wish)
- A monthly column by myself in the Worksop Guardian
- Regular social media updates on Facebook and Twitter which you can share and promote with your communities
- Twitter: @RetfordCops @Worksopcops **Facebook:** West Bassetlaw Police East Bassetlaw Police Tel: 101 **Ext:** 3101859
- **Email:** Hayley.crawford@Nottinghamshire.police.uk
- There are also ways you can find information you require for your area from our new website at your convenience [www.nottinghamshire.police.uk](http://www.nottinghamshire.police.uk). On here you can look up your local area and see crime and ASB statistics for each month which you can share with your constituents and feed into your meetings. You can also find the details of local officers if you want to make direct contact about a concern.

7. The Council noted the following receipts:

W Pinder	22/R021	£ 200.00
Wayleave	22/R022	£ 12.65
Interest	22/R023	£ 3.45
		<b>£ 216.10</b>

The Council approved the following payments

Cllr Walker (newsletter)	22/071	48.00
Cllr Walker (postage)	22/072	3.45
S Scott TEC secretary salary	22/073	115.00
B Lowndes MPC clerk salary	22/074	383.60
HMRC PAYE	22/075	88.40
D Fox grass cutting (1/6/22 - 31/10/22)	22/076	960.00
		<b>1,598.45</b>

Council also approved back pay from 1 April for two staff to total approximately £350

Bank Account balances as at 31 October: current £12885.70 and reserve £10575.10

Council discussed draft budget for 2023-24 and agreed £1 p.h. increase for lengthsman, effective immediately. The need to prioritise to avoid any large increase to precept demand was considered and Council resolved to prioritise spending on maintenance of open spaces and amenities for the wider public enjoyment and use, including the resilience project (emergency planning); and to plan for 10% increase in costs generally.

8. Planning: To note planning decisions.22/00292/OUT - land off Brackenhill Lane - withdrawn  
Planning application to consider: 22/01390/HSE - Mill House - Council resolved not to comment. 22/01411/OUT - Fell ash tree at Fircroft Farm House Council resolved to object due to the tree having significant importance for the conservation area. The Council requested sympathetic pruning rather than felling and asked that the tree preservation officer be consulted on the matter.

Regarding the Misterton local plan, the Council resolved not to comment.

9. Neighbourhood Plan - The following update was provided by the chair of the steering group:  
There are two parts to the update required of the Plan to keep it relevant:

**Community;** Members of the original steering group have met with Bassetlaw District Council to discuss scope and timescales following the initial consultation. Following that meeting BDC has provided copies of the Plan and an initial meeting to remind everyone what was included in the Plan from 2016 will be set up in the next three weeks. Following that meeting members of the Steering Group will be able to make a decision as to whether they can commit the time required. Thereafter a notice will be circulated through the usual communication channels to establish whether any other parishioner would like to be involved

**Technical;** Following the initial meeting above when the scope of any changes will be noted, a planning consultant needs to be procured to update the Plan in terms of planning policy at district and national level. BDC has provided three consultants who work with BDC on other plans. An application for funding will be made upon the determination of the scope of service required. Will sets out the timescales and opportunities for funding

The Parish Council needs to provide a Terms of Reference for the Steering Group. Again, this can be drafted and agreed after the initial meeting

In terms of timescale all of the above may be impacted if BDC Local Plan is amended (its currently in the Inspection Stage) or delayed beyond November 2022

The Council resolved to set out a Terms of Reference document.

10. Neighbourhood improvement -

- The Pinfold interpretation panel was still under consideration.
- The Pinfold is to be cut shortly, with the kind loan of a trailer by a resident.
- Trees on the village green and in Misson Cemetery will be inspected
- The river bank at River Lane is being maintained by MPC.

11. Tunnel Tech - Council resolved to continue this as an agenda item due to its high profile with residents and to ask that it continue to be addressed by the District Councillor in his reports.

12. Fracking - Council resolved that as this remains of concern to residents it should remain a standing agenda item which would be addressed by the County Councillor in her reports. A resident asked if the Council could write to Notts County Council and it was resolved to liaise with County Cllr Taylor to determine the best way forward.

13. Various groups -

- Cllr Woolliams reported that Misson School breakfast and Friday clubs were going well. Pupil numbers were at 81 children. Discussions were taking place for a possible transition of Misson Pre-School to Misson School during 2023.
- Cllr Morgan reported that refurbishment work in St John's Church is moving forward.
- Misson Community Association reported that the annual break clause in the Community Centre lease was causing a problem in grant applications. The Council reiterated its position that it did not wish to change the lease as it had been arduous and expensive to set up, it was mutually acceptable at the time and that it provided sensible controls for both Landlord

and Tenant. The Council resolved to set out its thinking and position in a 'green paper'. The Council reiterated donations of £500 to fund flooring repairs in the Community Centre and £150 funding for the older residents' Christmas meal at the Angel Inn on 14th December.

14. Resilience planning - a further meeting would take place to agree the contents and costings for an emergency store
15. Highways and paths - Manor Close alleyway and verge now cleared.
16. No meetings in October.
17. Correspondence -a resident asked to funding of £318 for defibrillator spares. It was resolved to have the equipment checked by an electrician as the unit is brand new. Another resident asked for permission to use the village green to make a film. The Council approved this request.
18. Date of next meeting - 4 January 2023.

B Lowndes  
Clerk to Misson Parish Council