

MISSON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council held at 7pm on Wednesday 4th October 2023 at Misson Community Centre.

Pre-meeting questions from the public:

A resident from Misson Springs had the following questions concerning the expansion of L Jackson's site.

In 2021 planning application was submitted to NCC for more warehousing units at the site. NCC stated that Springs Road was not suitable to serve an industrial development. However, providing that the proposal was ancillary to the current use, they had no objections. It now seems there are at least three other companies using the warehouses to operate from. The resident said there are now 60/70 HGVs running in and out of the site from 5.30am till late at night, and wishes to know: Did Jackson's get a change- of-use permission, and if so, how? The increase in large heavy vehicles in causing the road to break up at various sections. **The clerk has forwarded this question onto both the D. Cllr and the C. Cllr.**

Present: Cllr Walker (Chair), Cllr Watkins, Cllr Robey, Cllr Watson, Cllr Sutherton, Cllr Scott. **Clerk:** S Scott.

1. Apologies were recorded for Cllr Andrews and D. Cllr Pashley. All were accepted.
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 Robey – non-pecuniary interest as a Trustee of Misson Community Association. Cllr Scott – non-pecuniary interest as member of Misson Community Association.
3. The Council approved the minutes of 6th September 2023, after two minor adjustments. These will now be placed on the website and notice boards.
4. Matters arising not on the agenda – Alan Morris was called out to remove a wasps' nest in the cemetery. A quote was received to trim the trees on the Village Green areas on both sides of Top Street. It was proposed and seconded to accept the quote. The clerk to contact the arborist.
5. No report from the District Councillor as he is away. A verbal report was given by the Chair from James Whalley concerning Tunnel Tech. There was a meeting on Friday morning. They have been given notice of enforcement by BDC, if their two-week maintenance plan doesn't resolve the problems.
6. No report from the County Councillor. **C. Cllr Taylor emailed the next day giving her apologies as she was detained at Misterton's Parish Council meeting.**
7. No report from the police regarding any incidents in Misson and the surrounding area has been received. The D.Cllr was to arrange a meeting with PC Pickersgill to try to obtain more relevant reports in future.
8. Councillors received and approved the following expenses and receipts:
Expenses
PAYE for September - £94.80 – **23/058**
S E Scott salary for September - £408.80 – **23/057**
PFK Littlejohn Auditors - £252.00 – **23/056**
S McCann internet issues - £50.00 – **23/055**
BDC re, waste bin at cemetery - £191.36 – **23/054**
NALC re, cemetery maintenance training - £40.00 – **23/053**
D Fox grass cutting from 1.2 – 30.9.23 - £2040.00 – **23/059**
M Guest grass cutting - £144.00 – **23/060**

Receipts

W Pinder re, burial - £400.00 – 23/R011

Precept payment - £7828.50 – 23/R012

Bank interest for end of September - £12.29

Bank account balances as at the 30th September 2023

Current a/c – £21633.89

Business Reserve a/c – £10677.49

As from 4.10.23, the Council will be charged £9.99 per month to support the Parish Council website. It was proposed and seconded to stay with Hugo Fox for the next six months but obtain quotes for similar website design and support to compare.

9. Planning decisions/outcomes reported –

23/00451/HSE - Home View – Application granted.

23/000635/FUL – White Horse Inn - Still waiting for a decision.

23/00960/PAN – Installation of roof mounted solar PV system at the Rocket Site – Application granted.

New planning applications –

23/01098/CAT – Cherry tree to be crowned at Willow View on Slaynes Lane, plus the removal of an unidentified tree – awaiting a decision.

23/01160/COU – Unit 3 at Misson Mill. Change of use to an MOT station and vehicle repair workshop. No comments to be made.

The clerk to follow up the complaint made regarding the gateway of the Old Granary extending into the pavement. It was reported to the planning department after last month's meeting.

No other planning applications received after the agenda was published.

10. The update on the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group – The consultation is now live on the Parish Council website and BDC's website. The local consultation event is the 21st October in the Community Centre. Information has been posted on the notice boards, and on Facebook. The Parish Council sends its thanks to the group for all their hard work, particularly appreciated as the necessary further work undertaken by them has been due to the failure of a third party.

11. Update on neighbourhood improvement. **The Pinfold** :The artwork for the panel will be going to the printer shortly. It will then go back to the workshop to have the frame made. **River Lane** : We are now up to version seven of the River Lane paper. It was agreed to sign off the paper with the inclusion of an up-to-date photo of the bank. It was proposed that a site visit should be made to clarify which areas need to be trimmed back at the end of River Lane. **Church Wall** : Jason Morden was here earlier this week continuing the work restoring the church wall. The work is now completed on the stone section. We have been verbally offered a grant from BDC to help with the restoration of the brick wall around the church, which will hopefully commence next Spring.

12. Parish groups and projects – Nothing to report this month.

13. Lease requirements of the Community Centre – A majority of MPC members agreed to accept the lease being surrendered by MCA such that from 27th December 2023, MCA will no longer be contractually bound to manage and maintain the Community Centre. It was proposed to arrange a meeting between MCA and MPC to understand what are the immediate implications of this decision for both MPC and MCA, and to discuss alternatives to the lease. This will be an agenda item next month. The clerk and Chair to meet the Chair of MCA. The outcome will be emailed to Councillors.

14. Parish resilience planning – After discussions of whether the garage outside the Community Centre was worth the current asking price, it was agreed by a majority vote not to pay pre-school £700 for the outbuilding. Cllrs Scott and Robey voted in favour of the amount. It was agreed to re-look at the

building which has been left by Pre-School. If it is unsuitable for use as a Resilience Store, then Pre-School is contractually required to remove it.

15. Highways and Parish paths – New signs are to be placed at Misson Mill, but they will be behind the fence, so still not sufficiently visible to vehicles. The clerk to contact D.Cllr Pashley in order to try and get more visible brown signs erected. A house at the top of Vicar Lane has a large hedge which has overgrown into the lane making it difficult to get past. Cllr Robey agreed to speak to the resident to ask if it can be cut. NCC is to be asked if we are scheduled for gulley cleaning.
16. Feedback from meetings attended – The Clerk attended an online meeting concerning cemetery maintenance, also one on digital communication. The session about digital communication has been forwarded on to the Neighbourhood Planning group and to Cllr Robey. Three Cllrs and the Clerk attended in person to a ‘new councillor’ session.
17. Correspondence - It was agreed to add to the agenda next month about formally requesting the purchase of a Christmas tree for the village in line with the budget already agreed. The clerk to check the Standing Orders to confirm the communication requirements between Councillors about pages to be published in the newsletters.
18. The next meeting will be Wednesday 1st November 2023.

S E Scott
Clerk to Misson Parish Council
18th October 2023