

MISSON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held at 7pm on Wednesday 6th December 2023 at Misson Community Centre.

Pre-meeting questions from the public:

A resident asked if the clerk had received an email dated 29.11.23 regarding the cranes coming back from the iGas/Star Energy site through the village. The clerk had received no emails. The Chair responded that she had been copied into an email sent which included the Community Liaison Group. It stated that Network Rail would not allow them to pass over the culvert, so they will drive through the village. All other traffic from the site will avoid the village as per the restrictions. According to NCC Planning in an email to the Fracking Group, Star Energy had stated that they had contacted the Parish Council by email informing them of the situation. According to Network Rail, no such request had been made. The Chair will pass the email she received to the resident.

A report of the activities in November from Misson Community Association was read out by MCA's Chair – Janis James.

Present: Cllr Walker (Chair), Cllr Watkins, Cllr Robey, Cllr Watson, Cllr Sutherton, Cllr Scott, Cllr Andrews, D.Cllr Pashley, C.Cllr Taylor. **Clerk:** S Scott.

1. All Councillors were in attendance.
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 Management Committee.
3. The Council approved the minutes of 1st November 2023. These will now be placed on the website and notice boards.
4. Matters arising not on the agenda – The Chair contacted the office of the Speedwatch Team. Unfortunately, the leader is on long-term sick. Nobody on the team felt able to give an answer to the question of when they deploy a team in the village. The Chair will chase up again early next year.
5. Report from the District Councillor – An event is to be held in Retford on Thursday 7th December 2023 to promote the use of diesel dye to try and prevent fuel thefts. An event was held on 1st December 2023 hosted by the Local Government Association (LGA). It was critical of Bassetlaw District Council (BDC) mainly around long-term sickness in staff, and the inability to fill vacancies which is impacting staff morale. BDC leaderships are keen to improve matters. The Corporate Peer Challenge Group will be publishing a report based on the findings of the LGA by the end of March 2024. BDC will then publish an action plan. Regarding TTN; the work cleaning the tanks, sumps and pipework is now complete. The remaining sludge from the clean-up operation is still in the process of being removed from the site. The Company has agreed to plant trees around the site in Spring 2024. Going forward, the pipes and tanks will be cleaned out on an annual basis. Regarding the traffic through Misson Springs; this is an NCC Highways Department. The BDC Planning Department was contacted to check if there are any restrictions on the movement of vehicles from Jackson's Rocket Site and confirmed there are no restrictions. An email was sent to the owners, but no

answer yet. It was confirmed that the D. Cllr will attend the Parish Council Surgery on Thursday 21st December 2023.

6. Report from the County Councillor – Devolution received Royal Assent in the King’s speech. The Mayoral elections will be in May 2024. The STEP project is progressing. The C.Cllr commented on a point brought up at the last meeting concerning the cranes coming through the village and a FOI request to Network Rail. It appears that the licence to transport the equipment was submitted by a third party, hence no record of a submission by iGas/Star Energy. The National Grid Infrastructure Project has moved into a new phase with another round of consultations. Highways have responded to the West Street, Misson traffic issues. The department requires evidence of at least three incidents of obstruction, then it will investigate the matter further.
7. No report from the police regarding any incidents in Misson and the surrounding area has been received. The police report that is forwarded to all District Councillors was distributed to the Parish Councillors to check on its suitability for future use. It was decided that it was too vague and had more emphasis on the larger towns in the Bassetlaw area to be useful to the village. The D.Cllr said that he would ask if the report could be made more specific to the rural area. It was proposed and seconded that the Chair and the Clerk try and arrange a meeting with PC Pickersgill. Residents can also access information by registering at www.neighbourhoodalert.co
8. Councillors received and approved the following expenses and receipts:

Expenses

PAYE for November - £94.80 – 23/073

S E Scott salary for November - £408.80 23/072

M Guest grass cutting - £60.00 23/074

Hugo Fox website support - £11.99 23/068

Hire of Community Centre for NP consultation - £40.00 23/070

Bawtry Forest for Christmas tree - £312.00 inc. VAT 23/069

B Lowndes Lengthsman work for October and November - £63.25 23/075

S E Scott reimbursement for paper and ink cartridges - £38.98 inc. VAT 23/067

Receipts

National Grid Wayleaves – £12.65 23/R016

Bank interest for end of November - £12.74 23/R017

Bank account balances as at the 30th November 2023

Current a/c – £16247.30

Business Reserve a/c – £10703.80

It was proposed and seconded that £8,000 be moved from the Business Reserve account to another account with Nat West that offers 4.17% interest on a 95 day account.

It was proposed and seconded (with one Parish Councillor abstaining) that the Biodiversity Policy be adopted as a draft policy to be amended and improved next year.

It was proposed and seconded to approve the following: Code of Conduct Policy, Cemetery Regulations, and after amending a typing error, the Memorial Management Policy.

The requirement of a three-year budget/plan was discussed at length. As nothing was agreed, it was proposed that it would be added onto January’s agenda to be discussed in more detail.

It was agreed to consider the outline budget for the next financial year at the January 2024 meeting.

9. Planning decisions/outcomes reported –
23/000635/FUL – The application to replace the windows in The White Horse Inn. Still waiting for a decision.
23/00878/HSE – Application to replace damaged roof tiles with matching clay tiles at The Old Granary. Granted.

23/01098/CAT – Willow View on Slaynes Lane. Application to fell one tree and crown a Cherry tree. Decision awaited.

23/01148/CAT – South View Dame Lane. Application to fell a Cypress Tree. Granted.

23/01160/COU – change of use application for Unit 3 at Misson Mill to an MOT station and vehicle repair shop. Decision awaited.

23/01232/LBA – application to render the external wall at the rear of Gibdyke Farmhouse. Awaiting a decision. The latest comment was that the Conservation Dept has no issues with this request.

23/01278/CND – Home View on Gibdyke. The owners have submitted the type of brick that they intend to use in the building, as requested as a condition of the original application. Granted with the proviso that they lay the bricks in the approved manner.

New planning applications –

23/00053/HSE – Proposed single storey extension to Doves Barn on Springs Road. This is an amended submission after the previous one was refused.

23/01398/CAT – Application to remove a self-set Sycamore in a conservation area at The White Cottage on Church Street.

23/01341/CAT – Tree work in a conservation area. Application to remove a Portuguese Laurel and relocate a Yucca, a variegated Holly and a miniature Willow at The Old Granary.

23/01339/HSE – Application to retain work carried out on the boundary wall at The Old Granary, and to remove existing gates and erect a sliding gate. There have been many comments about this application passed to Parish Councillors, especially now that the driveway has been covered with tarmac. The original plans show a gravel driveway which is preferred to assist drainage. D. Cllr Pashley has been in touch with the head of the Planning Dept and passed on the many concerns of residents. **The Clerk to write and object to the application on behalf of the Parish Council which represents the concerns of residents.**

23/01296/CAT – Application to carry out tree work on the Green by the Urban Arborist. Approved. No other planning applications received after the agenda was published.

10. The update on the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group – The latest report has been published on the notice boards. The plan is almost complete. There were just a few comments from the consultation. There is broader work to be done, but that will be managed by BDC. The Council agreed to send sincere thanks from the Parish Council to the Steering Group for its continued hard work and commitment for getting this work completed, despite third parties thwarting its efforts.
11. Update on neighbourhood improvement – The Pinfold storyboard has been delivered and will be installed by the end of the year. The Autumn/Winter tidy-up by the Lengthsmen is underway. The path between the cemetery and Top Road has been cleared.
12. Following the surrender of the lease of the Community Centre by Misson Community Association, a meeting was held between the Parish Clerk and Chair of the MPC and the Chair and Secretary of MCA to establish what MCA propose in terms of a management arrangement post the lease expiry date in December 2023. It was a very positive meeting, and the results were forwarded to the rest of MPC. It was proposed and seconded that MPC accept the proposal for a term of one year with informal quarterly meetings to check on the progress. Both MPC and MCA are committed to making the terms of the new arrangement work for the benefit of the community. If satisfactory for both sides, the agreement could be extended to three years.
13. Reports from Parish groups and projects – A verbal report was received from the Village Park and Playground Project. For various reasons it is proving difficult to make headway on putting play equipment on the school field. The five year period for making this happen will conclude in

February 2025. A report giving the options available will be made and discussed at the next meeting in January. **The Clerk will add this request to the agenda.**

14. Parish resilience planning – Reports concerning possible flood risks to Misson are shared via social media as they are received. Regarding the garage adjoining the Community Centre, Misson Pre-School have kindly gifted to MPC for the benefit of the village. The Resilience Team have confirmed its suitability. The Chair will write to pre-school and thank them for their generosity. The Resilience Team will be asked to write a piece for the next newsletter, to explain what they do, and for people to identify them.
15. Highways and Parish paths – Highways Department state that the road between Top Street and the Old Vicarage is not in a bad condition. **The Parish Clerk will take photos and submit the request again.** Regarding West Street, the reply from Highways was posted to the resident who made the initial complaint. They require proof of at least three incidents of obstruction to enable them to pursue the matter further. The pavements on both sides of Middle Street are breaking up and are in a dangerous state. **The Clerk to report them to Highways.** The C.Cllr will pursue the suggestion that Slaynes Lane be formally closed whilst flooded.
16. Feedback from meetings attended – The council surgery took place on the 16th November 2023. Cllr Watson mentioned that the Bassetlaw North East Forum would be in two weeks. It was mentioned that due to urgent work being required on the church roof, the wi-fi aerial will need to be taken down. This will entail the Community Centre finding another internet source. Cllr Robey agreed to investigate the matter and offer suggestion of an alternative supplier.
17. Correspondence – A report of fly tipping near the new dog training area was received by email. This was subsequently reported to BDC. It has since been removed. A quote for memorial inspection was received from BDC; £385 plus vat for one of their qualified inspectors to complete the work. It was proposed and seconded to accept the quote.
18. The next meeting will be Wednesday 3rd January 2024

22nd December 2023

S E Scott

Clerk to Misson Parish Council