

MISSON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 5th October 2022 at Misson Community Centre.

Pre-meeting questions from the public: 1. Will MPC be contacting NCC about IGas, as they seem to be dragging their heels? Cllr Taylor (NCC) advised that NCC Planning and Enforcement officers were in continual contact with IGas, who had previously sought to delay restoration works until the end of the bird breeding season in August. It now being October the officer was following up and would be asked to advise what the triggers are for further enforcement action. 2. Has MPC been in contact with Tunnel Tech re recent spike in odour nuisance? Cllr Watson advised that a faulty acid scrubber had now been fixed; Tunnel Tech were under an obligation to inform BDC of any issues. 3. What is the outcome of the speed monitoring exercise? Results now on MPC website. It was further asked that the exercise be repeated in a different location from that requested previously. The resident requested a hard copy of the data, which can be supplied on receipt of a postal address. 4. A resident asked about MPC budget . This is published on the MPC website. 5. A resident asked about the Community Centre lease. This was discussed under the main meeting agenda.

Present: Cllr Walker (chair), Cllr Woolliams (vice chair), Cllr Smith, Cllr Sutherton, Cllr Watkins, Cllr Watson.

Clerk: B Lowndes

1. Apologies received from Cllr Morgan, 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 Sutherton - 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:
 - Remembrance Sunday - there will be various events organised by parish groups, which will be published in the parish newsletter. Remembrance plaques will be attached to lamp posts throughout the parish by volunteers, whose assistance is greatly appreciated.
 - Volunteers have agreed to source and set up Christmas tree. There will also be a lighting up event with light refreshments, free to all with any donations going to Misson Church.
5. D Cllr Watson reported as follows:
 - a recent spike in Covid is resulting in cancelled hospital operations due to lack of beds; booster vaccinations are currently being made available.
 - Doncaster Airport - BDC had commissioned reports to demonstrate how important the airport is to the local economy but Peel dismissed it, as well as the efforts made by Doncaster Council and the Mayor of Sheffield. It is currently scheduled to close at the end of October 2022.
 - West Burton has been selected as the future site for a nuclear fusion plant. It will produce green energy and will attract billions of pounds of investment. Local support for the development is very strong. One factor in the decision was the proximity of Doncaster Airport.
 - BDC has secured investment of £3.4m over the next four years from the Levelling up fund.
 - James Naish is the new leader of BDC.

- Misson bottle bank can be emptied by any member of the public contacting BDC via jeanette.walker@bassetlaw.gov.uk. Residents are asked not to dump bottles next to full bottle banks.

C Cllr Taylor reported as follows:

- West Burton 4 (Gringley/Clayworth) solar energy plans have been withdrawn.
- It is expected that the West Burton STEP nuclear fusion investment will be around £19 billion as UKAEA work to make it commercially scalable.
- IGas - dealt with under public questions.
- A scoping request is currently with NCC in respect of a proposed quarrying application at Lound. The plan is to set up a circular production process, using by-products from one activity to support another.
- The devolution announcement (“D2N2” as it involves Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire) is that the four areas are now a combined region. There will be a directly elected mayor from May 2024.
- Ukrainian migrants are being hosted around the county. Hong Kong migrants are being settled mainly in south Notts. Around 600 children have been found school places.

6. Policing: report is on website. Cllr Watson met PSCO John Dale, who will try to attend meetings when work allows. There appears to be a trend at the moment in the extremely rural parts with cable thefts and thefts of power banks, not in the villages but between them. Offenders are stealing batteries from different locations and also power cables including from farms and mobile phone masts. Quite a few building sites are employing remote CCTV and alarms to protect their compounds whilst unattended but are still calling the police for suspicious activity. Police ask that people are extra vigilant when moving around in the hours of darkness and should there be anything suspicious catching their eye, e.g. vans parked up at the side of the road in the middle of nowhere or people appearing to work at the roadside during the hours of darkness they urge us to report this to the police on 999 and if possible pass the registration number of the vehicle should it be possible and safe to do so. Even better if residents can provide the What.Three.Words to police. Police say they would rather attend and find that the work being carried out is legitimate rather than whole villages losing phone signals and the internet. Residents are encouraged to email the police team if there are specific questions.

7. Agenda Item 9 was discussed -the Community Centre and whether to make changes to the lease. The Council resolved not to make any changes to the lease. It was noted that it had been costly to set up the lease in the first place, only two years previously. It was noted also that, if the tenants (MCA) were unable to apply for grants due to the nature of the lease, it was open to the Landlord (MPC) so to apply. The Council also discussed the usefulness of a longer term vision for the building to ensure that structurally it remained sound and functionally served the needs of the whole community and resolved to prepare a paper setting out its vision to share with the MCA and the wider community.

8. The Council noted the following receipts:

Precept	22/R018	£	7390.50
K Ashton memorial fee	22/R019	£	150.00
Interest	22/R020	£	1.91
		£	7542.41

The Council approved the following payments:

Allied Westminster - Community Centre insurance	22/064	447.30
M Guest cemetery and churchyard maintenance	22/065	88.00
Reimburse B Lowndes for lamp post poppies	22/066	115.59
Reimburse B Lowndes - printer ink	22/067	49.80
S Scott TEC secretary salary	22/068	115.00

B Lowndes MPC clerk salary	22/069	383.60
HMRC PAYE	22/070	88.40
		1,287.69

Bank Account balances as at 30 September balances are: current £13561.44 and reserve £10571.65

Quarter 2 bank reconciliation was agreed. Current total balance carried forward is £24133.09.

9. Planning: To note planning decisions. (22/00704/FUL - : Farm - granted; 22/00282/TPO - Fircroft Farm House - granted.

Planning application to consider: 22/01256/CAT August House, High Street. The Council resolved not to comment.

In respect of a Councillor query on the status of Misson quarry application V 4426- no decision yet.

10. Neighbourhood Plan - Neighbourhood Plan - The Council had been advised by BDC that to retain its full weight in planning considerations updates are needed to reflect changes in national and local policy. The steering group who worked to develop the plan to referendum stage and the previous PC chair who had been closely involved with the process since that time have been contacted and asked to temporarily reform. They will attend a meeting with BDC planning officers to understand the update process, including community information and involvement. The steering group will report on these matters to MPC including the availability of grant funding and whether it would be appropriate for MPC to apply for this to support the steering group recommendations.

11. Neighbourhood improvement -

- The Pinfold wildflowers will be cut once seed has set and the cuttings cleared and removed this autumn. The hedge will be cut. Pinfold interpretation panel procurement is ongoing.
- River Lane bank maintenance - MPC mows a path to enable pedestrians to access the water's edge whilst allaying wider degradation of the riverbank and increasing biodiversity. It was noted that reeds are already thriving in areas to the sides of the path, naturally regenerating and strengthening the bank. MPC continues to take an active interest, keeping the area free of rubbish and having erected a sign to inform residents about maintenance.
- Misson Churchyard wall has largely been repointed by volunteers, supported by Notts County Council senior buildings conservation officer. Further work to finish this will recommence in spring, date to be decided.

12. Tunnel Tech - Complaints data up to end August has been placed on MPC website. Cllr Watson reported that, after a quiet May, there were two spikes in complaints on 9-10 June and 16 June. Both were investigated; nothing found in respect of the first spike but on the second a fault in the scrubbers and a control circuit were identified and later repaired. Further complaints around 18-22 August were found to be the result of a flooded biofilter pump following a heavy rainstorm. A further spike on 14 September was connected to the recent acid scrubber problem. Cllr Watson is pressing BDC to investigate every incident of odour escape. It was suggested that residents may wish to be included on a circulation list of any updates received. Clerk to contact correspondents to invite inclusion.

13. Fracking - The senior planning enforcement and monitoring officer at Notts CC advised as follows:- "I can confirm that the Springs Road Borehole site has not yet been restored. As you will recall in November 2020 the site was subject to a variation application to vary condition 4 to delay the restoration which was refused in August 2021. We have been in discussions with IGas since this date and they have advised that the works would commence after the bird breeding season 2022 (February-August). We are therefore expecting the restoration works to start in the foreseeable future." Cllr Watson advised that the legitimate role of the MPC is to reflect the views of residents and to respond to any planning applications. Previously over 90% of residents opposed fracking plans. IGas claimed to be in touch with the community but no approach has been made to CLG, MPC or BDC. BDC intends to table a motion in December opposing fracking in Bassetlaw, as future applications will be for production wells

rather than exploratory ones. It is open to Government to declare any such applications as national infrastructure projects and remove them from BDC or NCC control.

14. Various groups -

- Cllr Woolliams reported that school pupil numbers stand at 85. Progress is being made on the community project with turfing and tarmacking underway. The Friday play group is proving popular.
- Cllr Walker reported that the newsletter is now 12 pages and features many community groups. Cllr Smith agreed to review MPC content in future.

15. Resilience planning - ongoing. Flood warden training is awaited.

16. Highways and paths - an alleyway near Manor Close needs weeding. The footpath on the left hand side near the cemetery has been cut but the verge still needs strimming. Clerk to pursue.

17. Newsletter - MPC agreed Council content subject to minor alterations.

18. No meetings in September other than reported above in item 6.

19. Correspondence - dealt with under other agenda items and public questions above.

20. Date of next meeting - 2 November

21. Staffing - The Chair reported that she had received a letter of resignation from the Parish Clerk who would like to be replaced by December 31st 2022 at the latest. The Parish Council thanked the Clerk for her service.

B Lowndes

Clerk to Misson Parish Council