

## Misson Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held virtually at 7.00pm on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

As a consequence of the Coronavirus pandemic the meeting was held virtually as a video conference. Members of the public were given the opportunity to join the meeting and/ or to raise questions in advance.

A presentation was made at the start of the meeting by Callum Jones from Notts County Council (NCC) re the **Notts Rural Gigabit Voucher Scheme**.

There is a Government initiative to promote access to superfast broadband to all rural communities within the country. During this financial year NCC are match funding this scheme. Currently 2% of Nottinghamshire do not have this level of access – 82 premises in Misson have been identified as part of this group.

In order to qualify for inclusion in the scheme there are three criteria:

- The houses/ businesses must have a rural classification
- They must currently be receiving less than 100 Mbps download speeds, and
- It must be a group scheme – not individual.

The Government scheme provides £3,500 to a rural small business and £1,500 to a residential home. NCC are adding the same amount of money to each – thus doubling the amount available.

It is run as a group scheme – the funds would be used to pay for the infrastructure. From experience the funds provided are usually sufficient to meet the whole of the installation costs.

The scheme runs until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

An information pack is to be sent through to the Parish Council who will act on a coordination basis to inform the households concerned and seek their approval to go ahead and apply.

### Public Questions:

1. A member of the public wanted to express thanks for the work which had been undertaken on the hedge laying around the Pinfold. They raised the point that the information re the Pinfold on the Parish Council Website was out of date. There was a full report of the Pinfold in the last Newsletter - **Action – Clerk to update the website.**

A supplementary question was raised about what the PC had decided to do with the Pinfold following the submission of suggestions by the village previously. It was explained that a commemorative bench was to be placed in the Pinfold in the next few months. There is to be discussion about the Pinfold under the Neighbourhood Improvement Programme agenda item. The suggestions made by the villagers are still on file and have not been discounted.

The aim for the Pinfold is to create something for the benefit of the whole community – unfortunately not all ideas submitted can be incorporated.

A further suggestion was submitted at the meeting to install two sheep in the Pinfold – historically they were used for housing animals.

2. A member of the public raised the issue of the Minerals Local Plan Enquiry – and how important it is to include a statement of Climate Change in the Neighbourhood Plan. This will be included in the relevant agenda item.
3. A member of the public asked why there was no mention of IGas on the agenda as they have applied for an extension to the planning permission for the Misson Springs site. Cllr Edwards explained that there is a CLG meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> November at which will be representatives from NCC Planning – he will report back to the December PC meeting

**Present:** Cllrs. Jayne Watson (Chair) Julie Watkins, Peter Edwards, Andy Woolliams, Ken Shephard, Jamie Sutherland, Mark Watson (also attending as D Cllr), C Cllr Tracey Taylor and Clerk Mark Hooper.

1. **To receive apologies for absence:** PCSO David Airey

2. **To receive any declarations of disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests:** none declared.
3. **To approve the minutes of the Council meeting of October 7<sup>th</sup> 2020.** These were approved and signed by the Chair.
4. **To note matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting not on the agenda:**
  - **Replacement Salt Bins** – A third salt bin has been delivered in error and can be retained at no extra cost – it was decided to keep the bin and a decision will be made as to the location of it. Cllr Sutherton will move the old yellow bins to more suitable locations at Misson Springs.
  - **Dame Lane sign knocked over** – brought to the attention of the Clerk following June PC meeting. A new school sign has been installed – there is space available on the posts for the street sign to be fixed to. Clerk has provided information and a photo to BDC who are going to arrange a site visit.
  - **Odours from sewage treatment works** – response received from STW - *I've checked with our waste teams and they've confirmed there were no smell issues when they visited site on 14 October. They've advised that for several recent weeks arctic tankers have been going down the lane past the works to possibly inject/spread liquid slurry onto farmers stubble fields, this could be the cause of the smells*

5. **To receive reports from District and County Councillors**

- **C Cllr T Taylor:**

**COVID:** now that the country is moving into a second lockdown NCC will be debating at a Committee meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> November to re-open the Community Grant Fund. £1m was allocated to help local communities and organisations impacted by the first lockdown. Of this £660k had been allocated – leaving c£330k available.

**Local Govt Reorganisation (LGR):** NCC have received notification that Notts is not to be considered in the first wave of reorganisation therefore there will be no change in the short term. It is anticipated that further debate will be held on this.

**Libraries** – these will be closed for the duration of the new lockdown – a click and collect service will be available at certain libraries and mobile units – further information available on the NCC website.

- **D Cllr. M. Watson:**

**Covid update:** BDC are awaiting final guidance re the implications of the new lockdown following the Parliamentary debate today.

The number of cases in DRI remain fairly stable at 207, in Bassetlaw Hospital they have increased to 30.

**BDC Finances** – the current Financial Year is expected to show a shortfall of c£800k – as a result of higher costs and lower revenue. The five-year projection indicates a potential shortfall of c£2m which will lead to some budget cuts. £2.5m has been dispersed by BDC to date in grants and support throughout the pandemic.

**Rough sleepers** – a house has been purchased to accommodate them – there were 18 a year ago – there are now 4 who have been offered accommodation but have refused it.

**Planning White Paper** – this was out for consultation until the 29<sup>th</sup> October. It outlines the Government proposals to provide an additional 300k houses per annum nationally. BDC is to set up a workshop for District Councillors to work through the detail and implications of it.

**Floods** – it is nearly a year since the local floods – a report is being produced concentrating on the flooding in Worksop and Retford. D Cllr Watson will report back when it is available.

6. **To receive a report on the policing of the Parish:** PCSO Dave Airey provided the update for October via email. There have been ten crimes over the whole BEAT area for October – one of which (Burglary Other) was in Misson. This compares with seven crimes reported during September. The full report includes security advice applicable to everybody and is available on the MPC website.

PCSO Airey also wanted to bring to the attention of local residents how important it is to report any wildlife offences witnessed being committed on 999 straight away. There has been an increase in these types of crimes locally

7. **To receive a report from Misson Community Association –**

**Halloween** – the joint event went well as did the Pumpkins and House decorating competition with 37 pumpkin entries!

**Access to the Community Centre (CC)** – an issue was raised at the last PC meeting that access to the CC was limited to Pre-School. The MCA Chair has been in touch with Austerfield Centre and clarified that because they have more than one building, they are able to accommodate more groups.

**MCA Resignations** – following the last MCA meeting there were two resignations.

**Approval for use of the village Green** – MPC confirmed that approval was given if a Christmas event could go ahead – subject to Government lockdown regulations.

**Time Capsule** – MPC will arrange for one of the Lengthsmen to dig the hole for it. **Action – Cllr J Watkins to liaise with MCA and Lengthsmen**

**Building Maintenance Committee** – concerns were raised by MPC that a preliminary meeting had been held by the MCA to discuss the maintenance of the Community Centre. As a result a joint meeting between the MCA Trustees and representatives from the MPC took place on the 28<sup>th</sup> October – summary below. The first joint meeting with MCA and MPC will be held on the 16<sup>th</sup> November.

**MCA Trustees and MPC meeting 28th October** - a constructive meeting was held at which the following was agreed to:

- o MCA decisions would in future be made at full meetings and minuted
- o There would be a shared vision for the Community Centre by the MCA and MPC
- o The Buildings Maintenance Committee would hold it's first meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> November at which ideas would be developed for the care of the CC.

8. **Parish Financial administration**

**To receive and approve:**

- The Clerk presented the Financial statements to the 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020 and Council resolved to accept them:

NatWest Current Acc.	@ 30/10/20	£21,103.47
NatWest Reserve Acc.	@ 30/10/20	£10,563.90

- Councillors resolved to approve the following payments:

<b>Payt</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
BACS	EAGL-S	Newsletter Printing	£80.00
BACS	EAGL-S	Signage re River Lane	£38.95
BACS	J Watkins	Reimbursement re blue slate for Cemetery	£75.30

BACS	TEC Clerk	Salary – October	£113.00
BACS	HMRC	PAYE – October	£86.80
BACS	MPC Clerk	Salary – October	£377.60
BACS	PKF Littlejohn	Audit – limited assurance review	£240.00
BACS	M Hooper	Reimbursement for Zoom subscription	£98.86
BACS	Lengthsman 1	Maintenance in Cemetery & Village Green	£267.49
<b>Total</b>			<b>£1,378.00</b>

- The Clerk explained that a grant for £9,245.00 has been received to fund the review of the Misson Neighbourhood Plan. If the grant is not fully used any surplus will be returned.
  - **The Notice of Conclusion of Audit** has been received and published on the notice boards and website.
9. **To discuss the implications of the Coronavirus situation** – the White Horse will close apart from take-aways. The landlord has taken over the tenancy of the Angel and was due to open on the 5<sup>th</sup> November – which will not now happen.

#### 10. Planning –

##### a. To note planning decisions:

- **20/01065/CAT** | Crown Reduce by 30% and Crown Lift to 5.5m Over Road 1 x Sycamore Tree in Front Garden, Crown Lift to 5.5m Over Road 1 x Oak Tree in Front Garden, Crown Reduce by 30% 1 x Golden Willow Tree in Rear Garden, Reduce Height and Reshape Birch Tree in Side Garden Area | Redworth Top Street Misson. **Decision taken not to make a Tree Preservation Order**
- **20/00639/FUL** | Erect Dwelling Associated with Existing Equestrian Business (Resubmission of 19/01590/FUL) | True Fate Equestrian Centre Bracken Hill Lane Misson – **Grant**

##### b. To consider planning applications: - none this month

##### c. To consider any planning applications received after the agenda was posted – none this month.

##### d. **Progress with Neighbourhood Plan (MNP)** – as mentioned previously a Planning Consultant has been commissioned to assist with the review of the existing plan.

The current Design Guide stands the plan in good stead – the aim is to minimise the changes to the current plan whilst making it relevant.

It is important to reflect the justification of using the Misson Mills site for the planned housing development in the village and to demonstrate progress is being made in this area.

The issue raised under Public Questions re including a Climate Change Statement will be discussed at the next MNP planning meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> November.

##### e. To consider any other planning matters – none this month.

#### 11. The Neighbourhood Improvement Programme

- **Lengthsmen** – more work has been undertaken in the Cemetery re the levelling of some of the older graves.  
Areas of the Cemetery have been identified for tree planting.

- **River Lane** – signs have been purchased which will be installed by the Lengthsmen explaining that the Parish Council are now maintaining the area at the bottom of River Lane. There is a large amount of fly-tipped vegetation adjacent to one of the properties at the end of River Lane. **Action - Clerk to write to the owner of the adjacent property in the first instance.**
- **Pinfold** – Cllr J Watkins asked for approval for £100 to be sent on Hawthorn whips to infill the hedge and daffodil bulbs to be planted in the Pinfold – proposed by Cllr P Edwards and seconded by Cllr K Shephard

Cllr J Watkins explained that a landscape architect had offered to produce a free planting scheme for the Pinfold – this was proposed by Cllr J Watson and seconded by Cllr J Sutherland

- **Misson Churchyard** – the Church architect has held a site visit and met with Cllrs J Watson and J Watkins. He has approved the rebuilding of the five-meter section of stone wall on Vicars Lane. He has also outlined some proposals for the boundary wall with Delamere. The PC is awaiting the outcome of the grant application to Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust re a contribution towards the cost of re-building of the Vicar Lane section.

## 12. Business Liaison

- **Odour emissions from Tunnel Tech (TTN).** The reported number of complaints during October is 30 so far compared to 98 in September.

**BDC Environmental Health** are to undertake a site visit within the next week to check progress with the enclosure works – an update will be provided to the PC.

**Residents can lodge complaints with Environmental Health at BDC via the following email address:** [Environmental.health@bassetlaw.gov.uk](mailto:Environmental.health@bassetlaw.gov.uk)

**Tunnel Tech North** will be asked to provide an update on progress to inform the December Parish Council meeting – **Action – Clerk to request update.**

It was discussed what action would be taken if the enclosure works were not completed by the 30<sup>th</sup> November. In that situation D Cllr M Watson would request an urgent meeting with officials from BDC Environmental Health.

- **Doncaster Airport Committee** – communication has been received from the airport re firework displays. If any are to be undertaken within the controlled airspace around the airport (which includes Misson) permission must be sought in advance. It was agreed that this information would be included in a future edition of the Newsletter.
- **Misson School** – Cllr A Woolliams provided an update – at the end of the last half-term a case of Covid was diagnosed within Year 5 – this led to Years 5&6 being sent home and their teachers going into self-isolation. There are currently two members of staff in self-isolation through contact with family members. A meeting of the **Playground/ Park Group** was due to be held later this week – this may be postponed.

13. **To discuss the Christmas Tree on the Green and in the Churchyard** – The PC were asked if they were content to fund a Christmas Tree which will form part of the Church festival to be held in the Churchyard this year at a cost of £35. Proposed by Cllr P Edwards and seconded by Cllr J Watkins. Bawtry Forest will remain operational during lockdown – Cllrs P Edwards and J Watkins to arrange to select a tree for the Green. D Cllr T Taylor agreed to donate £150 towards the cost of the tree – **Action – Clerk to request the donation in writing.**

Dr Walker brought to the attention of the PC that a Christmas Treasure Trail will take place on the 28<sup>th</sup> November – lockdown regulations permitting.

14. **To discuss the issues with River Lane** – signs have now been received explaining that the area of River Lane leading down to the river is now being maintained by the PC – these will be installed by the Lengthsmen
15. **To review highways and parish paths** – a report of fly-tipping had been made in the water course at Slaynes Lane/ Hagg Lane The Clerk duly reported this to the Internal Drainage Board who in turn contacted BDC and NCC. A very comprehensive update was provided.  
Further update – the fly-tipping is still in situ – **Action – Clerk to follow up.**
- Slaynes Lane** – an email has been received from the Landscape Architect employed by Hanson's Quarries regarding the work required to improve the road surface on Slaynes Lane. This is confirming the work will be undertaken once quarrying for minerals ceases. **Action – Clerk to respond asking for the PC to be included in any discussions with the Environment Agency and Notts Wildlife Trust with respect to areas of the site that had been flooded.**
- A number of potholes have appeared on Hagg Lane – **Action – Clerk to report them to NCC Highways.**
16. **To receive feedback from meetings attended during October:** nothing to report at this meeting  
The next North East Bassetlaw Forum meeting will be on the 7<sup>th</sup> December
17. **To receive correspondence** – a letter had been received from British Canoeing explaining that grant funding may be available for improving access to the river at the bottom of River Lane. Following discussion, it was agreed to decline the offer for now. **Action – Clerk to respond to letter explaining that this would not be pursued at this stage.**
18. **To confirm the date of the next meeting: Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020 at 7.00pm.**