

MINUTES of the MEETING of MISSON PARISH COUNCIL
Held on Wednesday 3rd February 2016

Councillors Present: J Holmes, J Sutherland, J Watkins, J Watson, A Wilcox,
A Woolliams (Chairman); County Cllr L Yates

Public Participation Seven residents attended. Residents raised the following issues/comments:

- Mr Edwards confirmed that the Unity bus service (127) will cease at the end of March 2016. NCC is assessing the options available & the short term solution may be to put on some extra Stagecoach services (27) to cover key times of day. Cllr Yates confirmed that the Stagecoach service, morning & evening, which included the school service would not be affected as it was a commercial service. NCC will look to continue to provide a subsidised service to Misson due to distance from main bus routes.
- Speed Awareness Scheme update. Positions on The Green/Top Street and Station Road have been assessed as safe to operate the scheme. Most of the equipment has been delivered but further volunteers will be welcome. Cllrs Sutherland, Watkins, Watson & Woolliams volunteered. **Members**
- Resident Mr Clarke had volunteered his services as a hedge layer to tidy The Pinfold. The Clarke reported that investigations to identify the owners address were ongoing via The Land Registry.
- School Governor Mrs Handy reported on the school link to a community in Bordeaux called Missen, which may be extended to the wider Misson community. Members appreciated this suggestion and asked Mrs Handy to explore the potential via her contacts. **Mrs Handy**
- Residents asked if the MPC will be celebrating Her Majesty the Queen's 90th Birthday in April or June 2016 with perhaps a commemorative tree planting. Members will discuss at the next meeting. **Clerk**
- Cllr Yates gave her report:
 - Road closures are possible for street parties to celebrate the Queen's Birthday
 - Environment Agency consultation 12th February on the IGas EA Permit application
 - NCC Lengthsman Scheme – expected to continue but no decision yet
 - Cllr Watson gave a very good presentation of MPC objection to the IGas Boreholes application. Although the decision went against Misson, the PC should note the conditions applied to the approval & try to ensure that they are adhered to.
 - The Misson survey and Petition will be handed in to the NCC Budget Setting meeting on 25th February 2016. A total of 396 residents completed the survey (76% of the parish) with the results:
 - 87% against the proposal to explore for shale gas (345 residents)
 - 4% for the proposal (14 residents)
 - 9% undecided (37 residents)
 - 363 residents signed the petition against the proposal for shale gas development in Misson Springs representing 70% of the population of the parish.

(1) Apologies for Absence. . Cllrs V Shilling, District Cllr A Simpson

(2) Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary & None Pecuniary Interests. None

(3) Minutes of the Meeting 6th January 2016. Council **resolved to** approve the minutes as a true record.

(4) Matters Arising from Minutes of Last Meeting not on the Agenda. None

(5) To review progress with odour reduction at Tunnel Tech

The TTCC gave their report as follows:

- Thirteen residents attended the TTCC meeting on 29th January at which Mr Middlebrook, TTN Operations Manager, together with a Dutch colleague, presented an outline of the proposed abatement works to completely abate the whole operation to full enclosure it if necessary. A full planning application will be made to BDC on 1st February 2016.
- The abatement will take place in three phases, if required, to capture the odour completely. After the first phase an assessment will be made by BDC & TTN. If agreement is not reached on the outcome the expert consultancies in odour modelling, ADAS & Odournet, will make their assessment. Should agreement between the parties still be lacking an independent third party will assess & make a judgement on the case.

- The TTCC were impressed with the plans presented, and the partnership working between BDC & TTN to reach this approach. TTCC believe that a solution could be within sight.
- Mr Middlebrook will present the TTN plans to the March MPC meeting. TTCC requested that BDC Officers are invited to the meeting. MPC **instructed** the clerk to invite the BDC Officers. **Clerk**

MPC Members were delighted to hear the TTCC Report & wished to offer their heartfelt thanks to Members of the TTCC and all the residents who have supported the Committee over many years. Members look forward to a future for the parish without the blight of the TTN odour.

(6) Planning:

- a) **Planning decisions:- F/3321** IGas water monitoring boreholes application was **Granted** at the NCC Planning & Licencing Committee on 19th January 2016, following a 2.5 hour debate, by a vote of 9:2 Members in favour. Cllr Watson spoke against the proposal on behalf of MPC, as did Mr John Mann, MP. Members of the NCC Committee applied two additional conditions to the approval – a total of 23 conditions, some of which will mitigate the impact of the works on residents & wildlife. The concern remains that the operator will have to provide data that the conditions are adhered to ie taken on trust. Cllr Watson will circulate the full planning approval with the conditions attached. **Cllr Watson**
- A lot of media, press & TV, were present to cover the planning decision in Nottingham. MPC agreed it was important to have a press representative for the Council and Members **resolved** that Cllr Watson would be the designated spokesman for MPC. **Cllr Watson**
- 15/01557/NOT – approval** for infill of void under existing bridge to create a gravel embankment and installation of a culvert, bridge north of rail crossing Springs Road, Misson Springs – Permitted Development. The clerk reported that the BDC Officer report made no mention of the wildlife and habitat concerns expressed by Members & the Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust as to the likelihood of disturbance to protected species. MPC **instructed** the clerk to pass on these concerns to the Network Rail architect/planner. **Clerk**

- b) **Planning applications:-** None

c) **To consider any other Planning Matters:-**

- Members noted the Environment Agency Consultation Event on the IGas application for a Permit, 12th February between 2 – 7pm at the Misson Community Centre. Members & residents are encouraged to attend.
- Cllr Watson outlined BDC progress with a new Local Plan, which will replace the Core Strategy. MPC, with parishes, will be consulted on the principles & a draft plan is expected in 2017 for eventual adoption in 2019. The Plan will consider housing, economic development, infrastructure, heritage & the environment, & the district is looking to plan for 435 new dwellings per year.
- Members welcomed the report from the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, which was read out at the meeting. Members noted that a design character assessment & guide was being considered for new development & that further funding may be required to complete the NP works. The Clerk reported that further Grant funding may be available. Members reviewed a proposed alternative development site, should it be required, put forward by a local landowner. Members thanked the landowner for their consideration but were minded that the Misson Mill site had been selected as a Preferred Option for any development within the parish by BDC after numerous consultations with residents over a long period of time. MPC instructed the clerk to explain the site selection process to the landowner. **Clerk**

(7) Fracking & Neighbourhood issues

- **CLG Group.** IGas have started work on the boreholes. Professor Smythe report was discussed but there is no consensus of opinion, either report or none could be correct. Members felt there are too many unknowns and more work is required. IGas will not publish the 3D seismic survey data, which is commercially sensitive. Only the Government Department, DECC, will see the 3D data. The Regulators, EA, HSE, & DECC are attending CLG on 11th February. MPC Representatives will attend the Brownfields Shale & Unconventional Gas Conference in London.
- **NEBF Report.** Cllr Watson attended on behalf of MPC. Key issues not covered elsewhere include:
 - An update on rural policing initiatives such as automatic number plate recognition, which is having a significant impact on crime reduction (30% in Ashfield). This will go live in targeted rural villages, including Misson, in a few weeks.
 - Total Transport pilot for rural areas – limited information at present.
 - NCC Rural Broadband rollout way behind target.

- D2N2 – North Midland Devolution proposal is progressing & will be presented at the BDC Rural conference in Retford on 23rd March.
- NEBF next meeting 5th April 2016.
- ARENA – a proposal to create a unitary authority for Rural East Nottinghamshire. Members **agreed** to invite a speaker on the initiative to address the April MPC meeting. **Clerk**

- **Misson Solar PV Farm.** Work is progressing well but as agreement could not be reached with some landowners cabling will unfortunately be along the road site rather than within roadside fields. The Community Benefit payment offer has been increased to a one off payment of £35,000 & will be considered by the Town Estate Charity at their February meeting.
- **Community Centre Maintenance.** MPC has arranged for the gutters to be cleaned out. The lease between MPC & MCA will be reviewed at the next meeting.
- **Heritage Project.** Unfortunately, planters could not be supplied as anticipated & an alternative supplier will be sought. The leaflet text is being drafted thanks to Mrs Handy, and Mr Hickman has kindly provided wildlife photography to illustrate the potential of the public rights of way. An extension to the timescale for completion of the project to June 2016 has been approved by the Grant Funder.

(8) Communications

- Cllrs Watson & Watkins will attend the NALC workshop in February on website design by Hugo Fox, the new designer of choice for MPC.
- The clerk has sought an update from NCC on the rural broadband rollout timescale re Misson, & the provision of the minimum of 2Mbps to all residents a requirement of the BDUK contract since December 2015. Information has not been received to date.

(9) Road Safety, Highways & Parish Paths

- Members confirmed the date of the NCC Highways Manager visit as Tuesday 1st March 2016.
- The clerk reported that BT will re-site a telegraph post on Springs Rd & had NCC agreement.
- HGVs remain an issue with residents when traveling through the village to/from the Rocket Site. Cllr Sutherton agreed to seek a date for a meeting with Mr Jackson to discuss the issues. **Cllr Sutherton**
- Cllr Watson reported on the BDC Double Devolution idea, which will address issues such as the NCC Lengthsman scheme covers will the addition of BDC areas of responsibility (eg littering). The proposal is to have a working group of parish representatives, which will meet prior to the next NEBF meeting.

(10) Policing

- The prospect of protestors and trespass is a concern to the local police who have met with both the clerk & Cllr Watson regarding the IGas site at Misson Springs. MPC have assured the police that any actions undertaken by Misson Community Action Group have taken place with the knowledge and guidance of Nottinghamshire police & highways.
- The new Neighbourhood Policing model of a single Inspector was noted, and the letter read out. The policing report for January provided by PCSO Steph Jones included criminal damage to crops; two burglary other – outbuildings broken into & items stolen. PCSO Jones has met with the School Head & will be speaking to the pupils about safe play.

(11) Financial reports.

- The clerk presented the financial statement to 31st January 2016 and Council resolved to accept it.

MPC current account balance @ 29/01/16	£15,303.12
MPC deposit account balance @ 29/01/16	<u>£10,518.55</u>
Total funds	<u>£25,821.67</u>

- Council **resolved** to **approve** the following cheques for payment:

Chq. No	Item.	Amount.
000927	Notts ALC	£ 128.72
000928	Planning with People (NP budget)	£ 250.00
000929	NNL (Lengthsman)	£2,058.00
000930	S A Scott	£ 311.24
000931	Mr P Edwards (energy working grp)	£ 104.75

- Members **resolved not** to opt out of the SAAA External Audit Scheme
- Members **approved** an application to the Transparency Fund for a laptop & printer/scanner.
- Members **noted** the NNL quotation for the 2016-17 grass cutting works & instructed the clerk to seek further quotes for comparison. **Clerk**
- Members **reviewed and approved** the Q3 MPC Accounts September – December 2015
- Members discussed the 2016-17 budget options prepared by the Clerk as requested. In addition, the clerk had prepared a budget with a 10% increase in the 2015 Precept having assessed the reduction in Concurrent Grant notified by BDC – a 31.9% reduction. Members discussed the work programme for 2016-17 and remarked on the success of the strategy for leveraging grant funding for parish projects – some £16,501 grant funding has been received over the financial year with a further £10,873 approved. This represents gearing of over 2.5 times the Precept of £9,864. Councillors were mindful of the additional costs associated with responding to the on-going planning application for shale gas exploration, which needed to be budgeted for. Members agreed to contribute a sum from the MPC Reserves to meet the anticipated budget shortfall. Members **resolved to approve** the 2016-17 Budget with a Precept of £10,850, an increase of 10% on the current figure. This represents a £3 increase per year on a Band D Council Tax payer. MPC instructed the clerk to notify BDC of Misson Parish Precept requirement. **Clerk**

(12) Correspondence. None not covered in the agenda

(13) Council confirmed date of the next meeting as Wednesday 2nd March 2016 at 7.30pm