

## MISSON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council held at 7pm on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at Misson Community Centre.

### **Pre-meeting questions from the public:**

'Are the trees in the village checked regularly'.

The trees were all checked last year by a qualified person. They will be checked again this year.

'The minutes and agenda were difficult to access due to the website being unobtainable'.

It was explained that the committee were aware of this situation, which was due to problems with the hosting server. The solution is being sought, one option being to move the site to another host.

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

1. Apologies were recorded for Cllr Smith and Cllr Woolliams which were accepted.  
Cllr Woolliams has announced that he intends to stand down as a Cllr, and not put himself forward for re-election. The committee wishes to thank him for all his hard work for the community, over many years.
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 Morgan – non-pecuniary interest as member of the Parochial Church Council and part of the Coronation Committee.
3. The Council approved the minutes of the previous meeting which will now be placed on the website.
4. A question was raised at last month's meeting concerning TEC. The answer from the clerk of TEC was as follows:  
The TEC only publish the agenda and minutes of the yearly AGM, together with the Annual Report and accounts as per the constitution which allows for a yearly public meeting of the charity. As a non-membership charity, the TEC does not hold any other public meetings so don't publish the agenda and minutes of business meetings.
5. No matters to report that are not on the agenda.
6. Report from the District Councillor:  
To remind everyone that they need to have photographic ID to vote in the forthcoming elections. Acceptable forms are, passport, photo driving licence, OAP bus pass. Young Person travel cards, worker and student ID are not acceptable. If you do not have any type of photo ID, you can obtain a form from BDC to still be able to vote.  
Some good news regarding fly tipping. Some residents reported an incident on Slaynes Lane. Due to a dog tearing open one of the bags, a name and address was obtained. This was passed to the Environmental Health Department and subsequently a person from Harworth has been questioned and issued with a fixed penalty notice. Bassetlaw has successfully prosecuted two people in the last year for fly tipping. Another incident has been reported this week of a white van seen at the far end of Slaynes Lane dumping cannabis growing material into the River Idle. This act has been reported to the Environment Agency via their hot line.

Residents are encouraged to report any such incidents, either to the Parish Council or to the various agencies responsible. Any extra information such as vehicle reg. numbers or van logos are always useful.

7. Update on Tunnel Tech – The two worst days were on the 12<sup>th</sup> and the 22<sup>nd</sup> March. The wind was south to south-west. On those days there were no incidents reported by Tunnel Tech and no maintenance work was taking place. There were single reports on the 6<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and the 11<sup>th</sup>. The wind was westerly on those occasions. There were also single reports on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> from the outskirts of the village, and on the 29<sup>th</sup>, a drive by complaint was made. A request was made to ensure that D. Cllr Watson is copied into all complaints via email. This enables an officer to be sent out to investigate the problem on the same day as the incident occurs. Misson Parish Council wish to record its thanks to D.Cllr Watson for all his assistance and help in community matters and his regular attendance to the Parish Council meetings.

Report from the County Councillor – Since the last meeting with MPC formal correspondence has been issued to iGas . See below under fracking.

The application to the extension of the quarry will go before the planning committee later this month on the 18<sup>th</sup>.The County Councillor asked MPC if they wished her to be present at the meeting. It was agreed that she should be there. No papers have been published yet, so it is not known what the planning officers are recommending. It was proposed that a meeting to be arranged between C.Cllr Taylor and some members of the MPC once the papers are published to discuss the recommendations. Councillors have no objections to the quarry, but the proposals for the restoration of the site are unclear.

8. Fracking update – There have been discussions between Notts County Council and iGas .There was also an article on the Drill and Drop website that iGas had written down their fracking assets – Springs Road site. They have promised that they will be off the site by the first quarter in 2024.
9. Report on policing of the Parish – no report received yet. If a report is received before the next meeting, it shall be placed onto the website and notice boards.

10. Councillors to receive and approve the following expenses and receipts:

Expenses.

£112.00 – reimbursement for the annual membership of Society of Local Clerks

£675.62 – repairs to lawnmower by Branton Nurseries

£8.98 – reimbursement for lever arch file and dividers

£118.80 – tax and NIC on salaries

£125.00 – salary to S A Scott

£409.00 – salary to S E Scott

£96.40 – salary to B Lowndes

£12.50 – newsletter article re Neighbourhood Steering group

Receipts

£7.32 – bank interest for the end of February

£9.01 – bank interest for the end of March

£7828.50 – First payment of precept due on 17<sup>th</sup> April

Bank account balances as at the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

Current a/c – £11905.66

Business Reserve a/c – £10611.90

The Chair will sign off the accounting statements of 2022/23 prior to being handed over to the auditor on the 18th April.

11. Planning decisions – The planning application for the extension to Dove Barn on Station Road ref.no 23/00053/HSE has been refused. The heritage/conservation team at Bassetlaw opposed it on the grounds that it would be sympathetic to the existing form of building range.

New planning applications – 23/00288/TPO – request to fell two cherry trees at Woodfield House Newington. The Council has no objection to this application. The trees had been checked by the Tree Officer, as they were subject to a tree preservation order, and were found to be diseased. They are to be replaced.

No planning application has been received for Holme View. The clerk to chase up with the planning department if no progress before the next meeting.

12. The update on the Neighbourhood Plan will be posted on all the local notice boards. The MPC again wishes to thank the steering group for all their hard work.
13. Update on Neighbour Improvement Programme – No update from Harry Stebbings and the Pinfold sign. Regarding maintenance, the grass cutting around the village has started. Matthew Shaw has mown the churchyard, taking care not to trim the wildflowers. Need to consider and find separate storage space for all the equipment currently being stored at a few councillors' homes.

A discussion was made regarding the area next to the Pinfold, on whether to make it a Green Space, and include it in the Neighbourhood Plan for future consideration. Due to objections, it was decided not to.

14. Reports from Parish groups and projects – C.Cllr Taylor will be given a copy of April's newsletter which includes the thanks for the donation to the community pages.
15. Update on Parish Resilience Planning – This is ongoing. Still waiting for Flood Water Warden training dates by BDC. This training would enable wardens to put up 'Road Closed' signs on Slaynes Lane, even before it's under water, to protect the surface from breaking up.
16. No updates on highways and Parish paths to record.
17. Cllrs Watkins and Sutherton attended a presentation arranged by the Environment Agency and Notts Wildlife Trust. Notts Wildlife Trust had been given a grant from Severn Trent Water to enable them to measure peat levels in the River Idle. The Environment Agency explained that many projects were not being completed due to staffing issues. Water quality does not get discussed. The main topic is water retention in case of droughts. The clerk will also follow up on the complaint sent to the Environment Agency concerning the disposal of hazardous material into the River Idle.

D.Cllr Watson attended the Northeast Bassetlaw Forum, which consists of nine local Parish Councils meeting once a quarter.

18. Update on the proposal from MCA regarding the lease of the community hall. It was agreed not to debate this issue at the present time due to sensitivity of the ongoing elections. It was proposed and seconded to discuss at the first meeting of the new Parish Council committee in June.
19. Received correspondence from Sue Scott resigning as secretary to The Town Estate Charity, with immediate effect to enable to stand in the forthcoming Parish Council elections.

Nine people have put their names forward as candidates in the Parish Council elections. There are seven vacancies.

20. Kings Coronation – The committee request the use of the Village Green for the Sunday of the Coronation weekend, 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023. The MPC agree. Thimbles have been busy making fabric bunting to decorate the village for the Coronation. MPC propose and second under S137 of the Local Government Act 1972 to give the group a £100 grant towards the materials purchased in respect of the bunting. The Cllrs wish to thank the Thimbles for their generous work in making the bunting, which will be used for other events.

The Monday is to be a 'Volunteer Day' to help clear up the village, and surrounding lanes. Lunch will be provided by the WI to all the willing volunteers.

The MPC wish to pass on its thanks to the Coronation committee for organising these events.

21. The Annual General meeting will be Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 7pm.

22. The next Parish Council meeting with the newly elected committee will be 7pm on Wednesday 7<sup>TH</sup> June 2023.

The Chair wishes to pass on her sincere thanks to all the residents who turn up to meetings and engage with the process.