

## MISSON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023 at Misson Community Centre.

Pre-meeting questions from the public: None

**Present:** Cllr Walker (chair), Cllr Smith, Cllr Watkins, Cllr Woolliams, Cllr Sutherton, **Clerks:** B Lowndes, S Scott

Also present: C Cllr Taylor

1. -Apologies were received from Cllr Watson and Cllr Morgan, which were accepted.

S Scott was introduced as the new clerk to the Parish Council. A vote of thanks was expressed to the retiring Clerk.

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 School.
3. The Council approved the minutes of the previous meeting, which will be posted on the MPC website.

One resident objected to the minutes of January 2023, on the grounds that they believed that the report from Cllr Watson concerning Tunnel Tech complaints was incomplete. The Chair confirmed that the District Councillor was making his report without the benefit of the official figures reported to Bassetlaw District Council. The minutes are to stay on file as a true record of what was reported at

the January meeting. The clerk to contact Cllr Watson to check the figures with the relevant Environmental Department, and report back to the council at the next meeting.

4. No matters to report that are not on the agenda.

5. County Cllr Taylor reported as follows:

Budget consultations for the district have now finished. There will be a meeting on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February to confirm figures. It is proposed that council tax is to rise by 4.84% in the coming financial year: a 2.84% rise to the main base, and a 2% rise to adult social care. There are no plans to reduce or cut any service provisions.

Notts CC have passed a resolution stating that it does not support fracking within Nottinghamshire, or outside the county's boundaries where it may have an adverse effect on the residents. The Council has banned all fracking activities, including survey work on Council owned or, Council controlled land. However, it issued a caveat stating, that all action would be within current Government and planning laws.

Notts CC are still in dialogue with Igas regarding the site restoration at Misson Springs. They are not minded to overlook the current situation.

MPC would like to thank Cllr Taylor for the obtaining of £350 of funds towards the community pages of the Misson newsletter.

Notts CC have signed off the requirement to facilitate the extending of the age group at Misson Primary School. They will be able to take in from age two. Therefore the pre-school would be able to be accommodated in the school.

The report from Cllr Watson was read out by the Chair:

*DRI and Bassetlaw are still busy: 52 Covid cases at the moment, along with flu and other emergencies. This means that the A&E departments are busy, and some routine surgery is being*

cancelled. On the plus side, none of our nurses have been on strike.

#### *Elections Act 2022*

*Voter ID will be required for the local authority elections in May. This can be a passport, driving licence, PASS card, OAP bus pass, or immigration documents. Unfortunately most employers and student ID badges are excluded by the act. Anyone who does not have full photo ID can apply to the elections office at BDC for a free Voter Authority Certificate. Some of us are concerned that these changes will put some people off voting, and reduce turnout levels.*

#### *Devolution*

*The new Mayor for the East Midlands will be elected in May 2024, although it is really D2N2 rather than all of the E Midlands. The budget will be £38m per year for 30 years. Powers currently held by existing authorities will be preserved. The new combined mayoral authority will have 2 members each from the upper tier authorities (Notts, Nottingham City, Derbys, Derby City) and the mayor, all of whom can vote. There will be 4 members representing the lower tier authorities (such as Bassetlaw) across the two counties, but they will NOT have voting rights. Some have expressed concern regarding these arrangements. Cllr Taylor will probably also comment.*

#### *Council rents*

*Most council rents will increase by 7% in April, and a small number of supported tenancies will go up by 11.1%. These are the figures suggested by national government.*

#### *Levelling up*

*BDC has been awarded £18m for the redevelopment of Worksop town centre, supplemented by another £2m from BDC and its partners. The plan is to rejuvenate the Priory Centre, and create new attractions including a soft play centre, and possibly a bowling alley, as well as new shops etc.*

#### *Cost of living*

*BDC has worked with BCVS to provide £294k including support for money advisors at CAB, tenancy support teams, hardship fund, food bank and community travelling shop (which visits Everton and Misson), food hubs in schools, 42 warm spaces, and warm packs for vulnerable residents.*

#### *Tunnel Tech*

*There was a failure of the acid scrubber on the 12th January which resulted in several complaints of odour. The fault was rectified. This was the first significant odour event since mid November. Further reports were received on Saturday 28th: Environmental Health are investigating. Will inform you of the outcome next month.*

6. See the above report from Cllr Watson regarding an update on Tunnel Tech.
7. See the above report from Cllr Taylor regarding the current state of affairs regarding fracking in this area.
8. Policing of the Parish – PC Pickersgill was unable to attend the meeting due to having to attend a road accident in Retford, but he had sent the follow report earlier in the month.

*Unfortunately, over the past few weeks I have been placed on numerous operations which have pulled me away from the area.*

*I will make sure that Misson has further patrols along Slaynes Lane/Hagg Lane to 'educate' at the very least the people littering/loitering along there and also this will have the knock-on effect of dissuading potential poachers if they see any police vehicles in the area.*

*I was aware of Shotgun noises before Christmas which was attending by quite a few resources including Firearms if I am not mistaken.*

*Now I am back I am going to utilise the Neighbourhood Alert more as a method of communication between all of the Parishes as if one is being affected then it is more than likely that others are being too.*

*I would still encourage people to call into the control room any suspicious events/activities as will ultimately have an impact should we start bidding for extra resources to come to the area. Like most things now-a-days we have to provide evidence to support a claim for further/specialist resources and your calls to the control room is great for this.*

*If people could also provide a What3Words for the exact location of the incident as police attending the area may be travelling from far and wide especially if it is a firearms incident, they could be travelling from Nottingham City Centre.*

*Please keep in touch and you have both John and my contact details to publish for any advice. I would still advocate ringing our control room to report any incidents as they allocate appropriate resources quicker than I can get officers travelling.*

*Cllr Morgan reported – When we were discussing local crimes at the last meeting I was actioned to be in touch with Sharon Constantine re Neighbourhood Watch. I have done so and I believe there are ways we can move forward with this. I can report back to the councillors at the March meeting.*

9. The Council approved the following payments: Misson Community Association £20 (hall charge for NP Steering Group meeting 9.1.23); Misson Community Association £20 (hall charge for NP Steering Group meeting 19.1.23); A Walker – newsletter £12 (NPSG article); A Walker – MPC newsletter pages £72; S E Scott new clerk training - £68.80; Misson Community Association £35 (hall charge for NP Steering Group presentation 28.1.23).

Staffing costs – S A Scott £125, B Lowndes £415.80, HMRC £96.60.

Still awaiting an invoice from lengthsman re grass cutting. The clerk to chase up.

Receipts into the bank: W Pinder (burial) £520; K Ashton Memorials £75; bank interest £7.43.

Bank account balances – Current a/c £12,538.36. Business reserve a/c £10595.57.

It was discussed to consider transferring more from the current a/c to the reserve a/c to take advantage of the interest rates. The clerk to inquire about possible costs involve and report at the March meeting.

10. No planning decisions/outcomes have been reported.

Three planning applications have been received:

23/00039/COU Bracken Hill Dog Extension Area – no comments to be made.

23/00053/HSE Dove Barn Extension – no comments to be made.

F/4413 Proposed Western Extension to Existing Misson Grey Sand Quarry – Clerk to write to Notts CC objecting on behalf of Misson Parish Council.

11. Neighbourhood Plan update – The MPC wish to thank the Steering Group for the public consultation on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January. It was most informative.

12. Neighbourhood Improvement – A few trees have been cut back in the cemetery, to allow for Spring mowing.

The river bank at River Lane is continuing to be maintained by the MPC

13. No reports from Parish groups or projects, apart from what is reported above.

14. School playing field update – The report will be taken away for further consideration and will be discussed at the next meeting.
  
15. Parish resilience plan – We now have sandbags in the village. These will be safely stored away ready for use if required.
  
16. Highways and Parish paths – Comments from Cllrs Taylor and Watson were read out concerning the ongoing issue with HGVs travelling to and from Misson Mill, and local residents. There is little that Highways can do, apart from provide brown destinations signage, which unfortunately do not provide directions. These would have to be commissioned and paid for by the owner of the site. Emails have been sent explaining the situation, but the site owners seem uninterested. Misson Parish Council has no authority in this regard and therefore recommends that any residents affected by the vehicles contact Misson Mill owners and the Highways Agency directly.
  
17. Meetings attended in January – Cllr Woolliams attended a school governors' meeting. Concerns were raised about the dip in numbers, and how to attract more children being enrolled. Leaflets have been circulated around local pre-schools, children's groups, estate agents. Also, considering that the use of the school premises be more involved in village events, for example, the Scarecrow weekend, and the Christmas Trail.
  
18. The proposed wording for the Pinfold information panel was read out to the members of the public present. They included thanks to all concerned with the acquisition of the land and the restoration and development of the Pinfold. The information has been forwarded to the artist to design the finished product.

The next Misson Parish Council will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023.