

## MISSON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held at 7pm on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023 at Misson Community Centre.

### Pre-meeting questions from the public:

A resident commented about safety concerns that had previously been raised about traffic parking problems at the corner of West Street. The C.Cllr advised that if cars are parking inconsiderately, and causing an obstruction, it is a matter for the police and not the Highways Dept. The complainant wishes it to be noted that he disagreed with that answer. It was suggested by another resident to place an article in the next newsletter informing people about the problem on West Street. **The Clerk will contact Highways to explain the problem and ask if anything could be done.**

A resident asked if a temporary closure could be placed at each end of Slaynes Lane, whilst it is flooded in places to prevent off-road vehicles and motorbikes churning up the road surface. The C.Cllr will write to the Rights of Way Officer to check whether possible.

A resident remarked about the cranes coming through the village to start work clearing the fracking site. It had been stated that they had to use the village route because Network Rail would not give them the necessary permission to cross the railway lines. A FOI had been requested from Network Rail, and it appears that no such request had been made by iGas/Star Energy. The resident will send the FOI information to the clerk, and to the C.Cllr.

A resident commented that the pathway through the cemetery was covered with wet grass cuttings. He thought that it was unsightly and possibly a danger as it was slippery underfoot. It will be arranged to be swept. The bench will be sanded and oiled in the Spring.

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

1. Apologies were recorded for D. Cllr Pashley. It was accepted.
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 Robey – non-pecuniary interest as a Trustee of Misson Community Association. Cllr Scott – non-pecuniary interest as member of Misson Community Association. Cllr Watson wished to declare an interest in the planning application 23/01148/CAT.
3. The Council approved the minutes of 4<sup>th</sup> October. These will now be placed on the website and notice boards.
4. Matters arising not on the agenda – To approve and sign off the Code of Conduct Policy. Discuss the possibility of a three-year budget. To consider making changes to how the accounts are displayed. All to be added to next month's agenda for discussion.
5. No report from the District Councillor as he is on a training session. A report was submitted as follows. *TTN – Judging by the significant reduction of complaint emails the work that has been carried out by TTN has made a difference. Coronation Avenue – I am informed that work has been carried out on these properties and tenants have been offered. I have sent an email for an update. Monthly Surgery – A parishioner raised an issue regarding the rendering that had been removed*

*from Gibdyke Farm and work has stopped. I have emailed Planning for an update and will follow up once I receive a response. Misson Rocket Site – I have emailed Planning re the additional traffic movement in and out of the site. Initial response was that there are no restrictions on vehicle movements. I have offered to meet with the owner of the site to discuss the resident's concerns. Misson Mills – Following my meeting with John Pickersgill, I have sent him an email asking for an update on the agreed actions and to see if I can be of any assistance. Hopefully there has been a reduction of the disturbance caused by articulated lorries late at night.*

6. Report from the County Councillor. The work on the fracking site by iGas/Star Energy commenced on time. The deadline for completion of the clearance is the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024, but due to the recent inclement weather it may take longer, although nothing has been confirmed. The C.Cllr will ask for a report of how the work is progressing. National Grid have ended their soft consultation regarding extending the main line from the Humber to High Marnham. They now wish to have another Councillor briefing which will probably lead to another round of public engagements. It will not come through Misson. There is a future possible major project being discussed for renewable energy in the region of South Leverton/Sturton area. It would be a large solar array, taking in a collection of sites across fields, to take energy into West Burton. There are public engagements events taking place in the local area. The C.Cllr will forward the dates to the Clerk to place onto the Parish Council website. The Local Communities Fund is now open to the 24<sup>th</sup> November for grants for capital projects. Nottinghamshire Council is trying to capture evidence of flood damage to buildings, gardens, etc. by residents submitting photos/videos. The C.Cllr will forward the email address of the NCC 'flood team' for the Clerk to advertise.
7. No report from the police regarding any incidents in Misson and the surrounding area has been received. A website link has been sent instead, but it covers a large area. The C.Cllr mentioned that an 'alert system' was being set up by the police. The Clerk will contact PC Pickersgill to ask for the required link. The Chair agreed to chase up the Police Speedwatch team who offered to visit the village.
8. Councillors received and approved the following expenses and receipts:  
Expenses  
PAYE for September - £94.60 – 23/066  
S E Scott salary for September - £409.00 23/065  
M Guest grass cutting - £150.00 23/064  
Hugo Fox website support - £11.99 23/061  
Enterprise Accountancy for payroll services - £116.40 23/062  
SLCC subs - £112.00 23/063  
Receipts  
S P Davis Memorials - £120.00 23/R014  
Keith Ashton Memorials – 150.00 23/R013  
Bank interest for end of October - £13.57 23/R015  
Bank account balances as at the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023  
Current a/c – £19397.94  
Business Reserve a/c – £10677.49  
The Reserves Policy was signed off.  
It was suggested to look at a better rate of interest for the reserves account.  
It was proposed and seconded to purchase a Christmas tree for the village.
9. Planning decisions/outcomes reported –  
23/000635/FUL – The application to replace the windows in The White Horse Inn. Still waiting for a decision.  
23/00039/COU – Dog training area - application granted.

23/00878/HSE – Application to replace damaged roof tiles with matching clay tiles at The Old Granary. Awaiting a decision.

23/01098/CAT – Willow View on Slaynes Lane. Application to fell one tree and crown a Cherry tree. Decision awaited.

23/01148/CAT – South View Dame Lane. Application to fell a Cypress Tree. Awaiting a decision.

23/01160/COU – change of use application for Unit 3 at Misson Mill to an MOT station and vehicle repair shop. Decision awaited.

23/01232/LBA – application to render the external wall at the rear of Gibdyke Farmhouse. Awaiting a decision.

23/01278/CND – Home View on Gibdyke. They have submitted the type of brick that they are intending to use in the building, as requested as a condition of the original application. Awaiting a decision.

An enforcement notice 23/00229/ENF has been placed on The Old Granary regarding the extended wall and gates. No more information available.

New planning applications – None received.

No other planning applications received after the agenda was published.

10. The update on the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group – The latest report has been published on the notice boards. There was a ‘drop in’ consultation on the 21<sup>st</sup> October. Approx 20 people attended. The steering group will look at the responses to check if any adjustments need to be made to the proposed plan. They are also awaiting responses from other bodies, including BDC. The Parish Council can confirm to the steering group that all households received the NP summary which was delivered with the latest newsletter. The latest invoice from the consultant has been approved ready for payment, subject to the NP group’s authorisation.
11. Update on neighbourhood improvement –. – It was agreed to approve the original design of the Pinfold information panel. The Urban Arborist has applied to BDC to enable work on the trees on The Green. The inspection to the end of River Lane is on hold due to it being under water since the recent storms.
12. Reports from Parish groups and projects – A report was received from MCA.
13. Lease requirements of the Community Centre – From the 27<sup>th</sup> December, MCA will not be contractually obliged to maintain the fabric of the Community Centre. The MCA were keen to continue to help manage the facility without the benefit of a lease. They were going to discuss and come back to MPC with some proposals. It was agreed that the Chair and Clerk should meet again with the Chair of MCA to discuss the proposals offered. A date will be arranged.
14. Parish resilience planning – The Clerk to contact the Resilience Team to inspect the outbuilding at the Community Centre to check if it’s fit for purpose. The Chair to contact Pre-School to arrange a meeting.
15. Highways and Parish paths – The overgrown hedge on Vicar Lane has been cut back. The Clerk to ask the owners of Holly House to cut back the ivy that is obscuring the road signs. The signs will then be cleaned. Highways will be asked to trim the hedge on Station Road which would be too dangerous for the Lengthsmen to work on. Top Road between the cemetery and The Old Vicarage is in a bad state of repair. It will be reported to both Highways and the dairy. The pavement between Hagg Lane and Newington Hall has been reported as being heavily overgrown, and therefore quite narrow. The pavement between the cemetery and the first bungalow is scheduled to be cleared when the weather improves.
16. Feedback from meetings attended – The first Parish Council surgery was attended by three parishioners and is another opportunity for residents to air their concerns. The District Councillor was also present. Cllr. Watson attended the Northeast Bassetlaw Forum meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> October. It was thought that the ‘cost of living’ crisis would affect more people this year, as savings

dwindle. The Citizens Advice Bureau in Worksop is the fifth busiest in the UK. BDC have put forward another £160,000 of funding. This will fund three extra CAB posts including one housing specialist. Money has gone towards the Community Shop which comes into Misson on Tuesday mornings, to help it continue another year. Warm packs will be available from BDC for people who cannot afford to heat their homes. No new development regarding the STEP project. The date for the Mayoral elections for the East Midlands has been confirmed as 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024. Disposable vapes were discussed, especially the increase in cheap unregulated imports with higher levels of nicotine and other toxic metals. The next meeting of the forum will be the 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

17. Correspondence – It was proposed and seconded to purchase a Christmas tree to be placed on The Green. A request was received to tender for grass cutting services next year. The Clerk emailed back with details of what the Parish Council currently pay for the service. There has been no reply since. An email was received asking about a proposed mobile phone mast in the village a few years ago. Planning permission was granted, but the applicant disappeared. The installation of a mast would be the responsibility of a private company. The Parish Council would welcome better reception. The Clerk to contact BDC to arrange an inspection of all the memorials in the cemetery and churchyard. If BDC no longer provide the service, contact will be made with an independent company. The Cemetery Regulations will be reviewed ready for approval at the next meeting.
18. The next meeting will be Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023

14<sup>th</sup> November 2023

S E Scott

Clerk to Misson Parish Council