

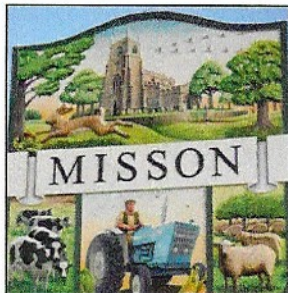
# Misson Parish Council Annual Report 2019 - 2020

Throughout COVID-19 restrictions, Misson Parish Council (MPC) has continued to function and has adapted to challenging new ways of virtual working throughout the crisis. MPC has not been permitted to hold the Annual Village Meeting in 2020 due to COVID-19 and as it is important to inform residents of its work last year, the PC has opted to distribute this Newsletter to households across the Parish. It will also be available on the website and noticeboards, together with the annual accounts.



Misson daisies

**Parish Council Elections** were uncontested in 2019. Andrea Wilcox resigned as a Parish Cllr in January 2020 and Ken Sheppard was co-opted into the vacancy in February. Mark Watson was elected as the District Cllr for Everton Ward, replacing Annette Simpson. Thanks are extended to all of those who have served and presently serve Misson Parish, including our County Cllr Tracey Taylor and PCSO Dave Airey who regularly support our work by attending meetings and responding to the various issues raised.



**Misson Community Centre** : A buildings survey was carried out for the Community Centre in February which has indicated that a programme of work is needed over the next few years. To facilitate this, a new 10 year full repair and maintenance lease was agreed and signed in May 2020 with Misson Community Association (MCA).

**Flooding** : During the severe floods of November 2019, the water levels reached 1m higher than in 2007. Our flood defences were breached and several built properties narrowly avoided being flooded. Nevertheless, some gardens flooded, and acres of farmland were left underwater for months. MPC was in regular contact with the Environment Agency and Bassetlaw District Council (BDC). Sandbags were quickly obtained from BDC for use at those properties most at risk.



As a result of the flooding, the newly restored Hanson's Newington Quarry was saturated and then overwhelmed. It is too early for an assessment of the damage. That said; nature will prevail for sure as the area has nevertheless supported a wide diversity of wildlife this year.

**Christmas Tree** : Following a whole year of planning, an electrical supply was installed on the Village Green and in December 2019 Misson finally enjoyed a village Christmas tree. This project was supported by MCA and our District Councillor who donated money for the tree, and the Misson Marine Club who purchased the lights. For the lighting-up event, local volunteers organised free refreshments, a band and carol singing, and it was a very successful and happy evening attended by over 100 people. It is planned to make this an annual event as it is a great way to bring the community together in a joint celebration.



**Neighbourhood Plan** : Due to a change in the National Planning Policy Framework in 2019, BDC produced a new draft Bassetlaw Local Development Plan. Consequently, the Misson Neighbourhood Plan requires a review to bring it in line with both the national and district policy changes. An amended draft Neighbourhood Plan is being produced and will be subject to public consultation in the near future.

**Local Planning Applications** : As a statutory consultee, Misson Parish Council is invited to comment on all local planning applications. of which there were 31 during 2019-2020. The Parish Council does not have any powers of decision making in planning matters – this responsibility lies with Bassetlaw District Council or Nottinghamshire County Council. However, our Neighbourhood Plan, once it aligns again with Local and National Development Plans, will carry full weight when planning decisions are made.

**Odour Nuisance Tunnel Tech North** : The odour from Tunnel Tech North (TTN) remains a concern for many residents. MPC continue to liaise regularly with BDC who assured us on numerous occasions that April 2020 was the deadline for enclosure works to control the odour emissions. TTN failed to complete the work but BDC did not take any enforcement action and issued a new permit. The completion deadline has also been extended to November 2020 with the understanding that if TTN need more time, the District Council will consider this.

Misson Parish Council will continue to push for decisive action on this issue and the delivery of the conclusion promised.



**Village Maintenance** : The Lengthsmen project has been very successful and the village open spaces have never looked better. Selective mowing in the Churchyard has enabled areas of biodiversity to flourish – the cowslips and ox-eye daisies have been beautiful this year. During a visit to the Cemetery, a BDC officer commented that it is one of the best kept in the District. Regular complaints are received about overhanging branches and plants across the highways and footpaths. It is important residents trim such vegetation to enable pedestrians to walk by, without having to step into the road. Wheelie bins should not be left to obstruct the path either, and once emptied should be taken back in.



Misson Cemetery

**Governance** : MPC finances are stable and the Internal Auditor has reported that the governance and internal controls are efficient and effective. A copy of the annual financial statement can be found on the MPC website, [www.missonparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.missonparishcouncil.org.uk), under the Annual Report tab and the Parish notice boards. With donations and grants from other bodies MPC were able to complete a number of projects which included the purchase of a lawn mower; notice boards for the Community Centre; the Newington sign; a wooden bench for the bungalows and new salt bins. A regular Misson Parish Newsletter has also been developed which is published and distributed free of charge throughout the Parish.

**March to July** : COVID-19 has impacted all our lives and the Misson Parish community has pulled together to support each other during the lockdown. Local initiatives have included the weekly Treasure Trail, a photography tutorial and children's activities, and a 'Help Needed' call line. Over 5,000 Hugs From Misson have been made and delivered to local keyworkers. Thimbles Group has turned its skills to making face masks, and local businesses have literally stepped up to the plate to feed us and provide basic provisions. A huge thank you to all concerned.

As always, we rely on the residents to keep us informed about any issues of concern and Parish Councillors thank those who regularly attend meetings and events to support our work.

**Jayne Watson**  
**Chair MPC**  
**July 2020**



If there are any questions in relation to this report or any other Parish matter, please contact the Parish Clerk, Mark Hooper: [clerk@missonparishcouncil.org](mailto:clerk@missonparishcouncil.org) Tel: 07952 332376

**Misson Parish Council**  
**Annual Financial Report**  
**2019/20**

<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>Actual 2018/19</b>	<b>Actual 2019/20</b>	<b>Budget 2020/21</b>
Concurrent Grant	£94.00	£28.00	£28.00
Precept	£11,962.12	£12,560.00	£13,188.00
Cemetery Grant	£197.00	£203.00	£207.00
Deposit A/C Interest	£13.01	£21.27	£6.00
Wayleave	£12.65	£12.65	£13.00
Burials	£990.00	£1,935.00	£1,000.00
MCA Rent	£0.00	£5.00	£5.00
Grants - NCC Lengthsman Scheme	£1,000.00	£3,500.00	£1,000.00
Grants - County Cllr	£0.00	£300.00	£200.00
Grants - District Cllr	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
VAT repayment	£1,760.36	£2,244.14	£2,000.00
Other		£666.87	£0.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>£16,029.14</b>	<b>£21,475.93</b>	<b>£17,647.00</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>			
Equipment - village maintenance	£0.00	£2,704.40	£200.00
Grass Cutting -The Green/ Pinfold/ Verges	£1,882.06	£1,419.60	£1,000.00
Cemetery Maintenance	£1,882.82	£1,919.87	£2,500.00
Churchyard Maintenance	£0.00	£96.25	£300.00
Lengthsmen	£1,095.78	£1,150.23	£1,000.00
Church Clock	£0.00	£200.00	£200.00
Audit fees	£75.00	£210.00	£220.00
insurance	£364.38	£505.64	£550.00
Community centre	£710.09	£1,432.48	£500.00
Clerks salary	£4,158.56	£5,280.52	£5,202.00
Clerks expenses	£189.15	£64.80	£200.00
Town Estates Secretary - salary	£0.00	£1,360.80	£1,353.00
Payroll (Enterprise Accountancy)	£0.00	£165.00	£275.00
NALC & SocLCC subs.	£174.92	£142.40	£175.00
Office equipment	£161.19	£141.00	£200.00
Donations Section 137	£100.00	£425.00	£200.00
Training	£164.00	£60.00	£100.00
Sundries/Professional fees	£266.33	£1,569.30	£200.00
Chairman's Allowance	£25.00	£0.00	£50.00
Newsletters	£0.00	£108.80	£150.00
Parish projects - pensioners Xmas lunch	£150.00	£150.00	£150.00
Parish projects - environmental schemes	£1,398.25	£8,799.54	£500.00
Neighbourhood Improvement Plan	£0.00	£0.00	£500.00
Christmas Tree	£0.00	£0.00	£250.00
To reserves	£2,431.79	-£9,019.43	-£328.00
VAT payments	£799.82	£2,589.73	£2,000.00
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>£16,029.14</b>	<b>£21,475.93</b>	<b>£17,647.00</b>
<b>Balances as at 31 March 2020</b>			
<b>Reconciled Bank Balances</b>			
Current Account		£5,510.58	
Deposit Account		£10,560.03	
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>£16,070.61</b>	