

Misson Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held virtually at 7.00pm on Wednesday 9th September 2020.

As a consequence of the Coronavirus pandemic the meeting was held virtually as a video conference. Members of the public were given the opportunity to join the meeting and/ or to raise questions in advance. Several questions were raised as detailed below:

Public Questions:

1. A member of the public submitted the following question to the PC - Misson Environmental Group have recently formed to investigate issues within the village.
A request was made for the Parish Council to purchase some air quality monitoring equipment to be used around the village.
There is an agenda item re Tunnel Tech North later in the meeting when this issue will be discussed
2. A member of the public raised a question specifically for Cllr Woolliams (who is also a School Governor) – regarding the fact that the results of a public consultation about the development of a Village Park and Playground have been received.
36 responses were made – which is regarded as highly representative for a village the size of Misson. The responses were very positively in support of the initiative.
A request was made for Cllr Woolliams to convene a meeting with John Birch (headmaster of Misson School) and Bev Fullwood (fund finder) and representatives of the independent action group to discuss the public consultation – to which Cllr Woolliams agreed.
This will then enable a company called Playdale to undertake a site visit and provide a costed programme to inform development of the project.

Present: Cllrs. Jayne Watson (Chair) Julie Watkins, Peter Edwards, Andy Woolliams, Ken Shephard, Jamie Sutherland, Mark Watson (also attending as D Cllr) and Clerk Mark Hooper.

1. **To receive apologies for absence:** PCSO David Airey and C Cllr Tracey Taylor
2. **To receive any declarations of disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests:** none declared.
3. **To approve the minutes of the Council meeting of August 5th 2020.** These were approved and signed by the Chair.
4. **To note matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting not on the agenda:**
 - **River Lane** – a sink hole was repaired earlier in the year by Anglian Water. This has subsequently cracked – Clerk has contacted A Water on several occasions. Update - Anglian Water have served a 90 notice to Notts CC Highways (the sink hole is located on the adopted section of River Lane). The work should be completed by the end of December.
 - **Replacement Salt Bins** – ordered – waiting for them to come into stock. Emailed reminder 27th May. Reminder sent 22/6. The bins have now been delivered and are in situ. The Clerk is looking into the disposal of the old bins.
 - **Bungalows on High Street** - PC approved Donna to mow at April meeting - 26/5 - emailed Customer Services at BDC requesting that they stop mowing this. Reminder sent 22/6. Photos etc requested 4/7 which were supplied – reminder sent to BDC 29/7, 6/8, 21/8 & 3/9 – no response. **Action – Clerk to follow up and include D Cllr M Watson in email.**

- **Church** – Clerk has requested details of the planned works to the Church. An offer has also been made to repair the lamp in the porch. Reminder sent 22/6.
Chair has been in contact – there will be a PCC meeting at end of July – where the notice board will be discussed. Response received 8/9 – PCC would like to accept offer to refurbish the lamp and discussions are underway re positioning of notice board. **Action – Clerk to notify Lengthsmen and follow up re notice board.**
- **River Lane** – there is misleading signage regarding the PRoW as it only holds this status to the first style and not beyond. **Update – a new sign has been ordered during July to go at the bottom of River Lane – this is now in situ.**
- **Dame Lane sign knocked over** – brought to the attention of the Clerk following June PC meeting. Emailed BDC who will look into it and undertake a site visit.
A new school sign has been installed – there is space available on the posts for the street sign to be fixed to. **Action – clerk to contact Streetnaming at BDC.**
- **Angel Inn on Dame Lane** – since the July meeting complaints have been rec'd re the rubbish etc left at the pub. Clerk has contacted Environmental Health and Licensing at BDC and also Star Pubs which owns the pub.
Update – a local businessman has taken over the lease on The Angel and is in the process of making it fit to re-open – this included removing the rubbish etc.

- **Grass Snakes Habitat along the River Idle – following response rec'd 12/8 from EA:**

In summary any work undertaken follows guidance relating to preserving the habitat of grass snakes. The PC will be informed of the programme of works.

- **Memorial Bench in Cemetery**
A parishioner had made a request to place a memorial bench in the Pinfold. Following discussion with the PC it has been agreed to replace the current bench in the Cemetery as plans are already progressing re a bench for the Pinfold. Cllr J Watson has spoken to the lady who is pleased with this suggestion. **Action – Cllr J Watkins to progress.**

5. To receive reports from District and County Councillors

- **C Cllr T Taylor sent her apologies and provided the following update via email:**

COVID: more of the same in terms of COVID arrangements, monitoring and support.

Local Govt Reorganisation (LGR): Govt White Paper due end Sept to set out their thinking on the possibility of abolishing existing two-tier councils across the country and creating new single tier (unitary) councils. No details yet, just lots of speculation. This will involve interested County Councils to write to Govt asking to be invited to pursue options appraisals. If Minister agrees, those councils will be invited to explore and make the case for their area.

- **D Cllr. M. Watson:**

Covid update: there are currently 3 cases in Doncaster Royal Infirmary and none in Bassetlaw Hospital – there have been no reported deaths for a month
There have been 733 inpatients in total – resulting in 231 deaths.

Bassetlaw District Council (BDC) has provided support of £26m in grants to 2,300 businesses throughout the pandemic.

Environmental Enforcement Officers have been deployed by BDC since the beginning of August. They have issued 421 fixed notice penalties relating to littering and 9 relating to dog fouling.

Local Govt Reorganisation (LGR): at District level all seven boroughs within Nottinghamshire are opposed to this – it would remove a voice for locality from decision-making. The county covers 800 square miles with a population of 825,000.

The proposal within Nottinghamshire is to have a shortened consultation period in order to avoid planned County Council elections in 2021.

It represents part of the Governments Centralisation Agenda.

It could result in cost savings – there are strong feelings on both sides of the argument.

6. **To receive a report on the policing of the Parish:** PCSO Dave Airey provided the update for August via email. There have been seven crimes over the whole BEAT area for August – none of which were within Misson. This compares with four crimes reported during July. A new system of recording incidents is included in the report.

The full report includes security advice applicable to everybody and is available on the MPC website

7. Parish Financial administration

To receive and approve:

- The Clerk presented the Financial statements to the 28th August 2020 and Council resolved to accept them:

NatWest Current Acc.	@ 28/08/20	£7,584.68
NatWest Reserve Acc.	@ 28/08/20	£10,563.71

- Councillors resolved to approve the following payments:

Payt	Payee	Description	Amount
BACS	J Watkins	Adhesive for notice board	£5.95
BACS	Start Traffic Ltd	Sign for River Lane	£95.06
BACS	EAGL-S	Newsletter Printing	£40.00
BACS	TEC Clerk	Salary – July	£110.00
BACS	HMRC	PAYE – July	£84.60
BACS	MPC Clerk	Salary – July	£368.20
BACS	Lengthsman 1	Maintenance in Churchyard & Cemetery	£77.00
BACS	M Hooper	Reimbursement for Zoom subscription	£14.39
BACS	M Hooper	Reimbursement for Printer paper	£4.00
BACS	BDC	Wheelie Bin in Cemetery	£159.64
BACS	Lengthsman 1	Maintenance in Cemetery & Village Green	£329.82
Total			£1,288.66

8. **To discuss the implications of the Coronavirus situation** – this was covered by D Cllr M Watson.

9. **Planning** – the following includes a summary of the PCs comments – the full comments can be found on the BDC Planning Portal which can be accessed via the following link. If any parishioners cannot access the portal and require a hard copy of the comments please contact the Clerk: <http://publicaccess.bassetlaw.gov.uk/online-applications/>

a. To note planning decisions:

- 20/00792/CAT** | Remove T1 (Victoria Plum) and T2 (Lilac Shrub) | Wardens Cottage Slaynes Lane Misson. **Decided – Not to make a Tree Preservation Order**

b. To consider planning applications:

- **19/01635/FUL** | Proposed New Replacement Dwelling | Land At Prospect Farm Springs Road Misson South Yorkshire DN10 6ET – **amended drawings have been submitted to this planning application which was originally discussed at the January 2020 PC meeting. MPC continue to object to this application - they have reviewed the amended drawings. The comments that were submitted at the time of the original application still stand.**
- **20/00964/HSE** | Installation of Oil Tank House, Oil Tank and Bin Store. Demolish Unstable Boundary Wall and Erect Fence | Sunny View Middle Street Misson. MPC object to this application on the following grounds:
The siting of the oil tank close to the front of property brings it into close proximity with the road.
This appears to be a retrospective planning application.
The building works between this property and the neighbouring property appears to be under dispute.
- **20/00913/LBC** - To Repoint the Gable End of the Cottage and Repair, Rebuild and Re-point Cottage Chimney etc. Swan House Church Street Misson. **MPC are fully in support of this application.**
- **20/00990/CAT** | Fell 4 Trees T1- Conifer, T2- Silver Birch, T3- Unidentified, T4- Flowering Cherry | Delamere Middle Street Misson. **MPC object to part of this application with regards to trees T2 & T4** – there appears to be little justification for the felling of these trees which add much to enhance the green space around the setting of the Church. In addition, there would be a detrimental impact to the street view of Middle Street.
- **20/00009/S36** | New dwelling and Attached Garage, Single Storey Garage for Dame Lane Farmhouse and Erection of Boundary Wall | Land At Dame Lane Misson. **This is an appeal against the decision to refuse planning application 20/00084/FUL. MPC continues to object to this application. The comments made with regard to the original application still stand.**
- **Progress with Neighbourhood Plan**
A meeting has been arranged with a Planning Consultant who was commissioned when the original plan was written to discuss what is required for an application for grant funding for the revised N’hood Plan.
This will be on the 16th September by Zoom and a further update will be provided at next month’s meeting.
- **To consider any other planning matters** – no further planning matters this month.

10. The Neighbourhood Improvement Programme

- **Lengthsmen** – cutting and strimming has continued.
The Green was cut etc in advance of the Village show.
- **Pinfold** – D Cllr M Watson has some wild flower bulbs and plants available for the Pinfold – he will liaise with Cllr J Watkins.
- **Misson Cemetery/ Churchyard** –The boundary wall of the Churchyard next to Vicar Lane has been inspected and requires some maintenance. **Action – Clerk has begun the process of applying for permission for the wall to be repaired – ongoing.**

The Diocese have responded – they require further input from a church architect with regard to the maintenance work on the brick section of the wall that forms the boundary with Delamere.

Three quotes have been sought for the following aspects of work required for the Churchyard wall:

- A five-meter section of the stone wall on Vicar Lane is need of rebuilding
- Repointing of the stone wall along Vicar Lane and Church Street
- Extensive maintenance required to the brick wall that forms the boundary with Delamere.

To date two quotes have been received for the five-meter section of stone wall and one estimate for the remaining work.

One quote for the stone wall is substantially less than the other – it was also felt that the stone mason who had submitted the lower quote (who had also submitted the estimate for the remainder of the work) had the required level of experience and qualifications to undertake the work.

Approval for the commissioning of the work (subject to Diocese approval) was given – proposed by Cllr J Sutherton and seconded by Cllr K Shephard.

Action – Clerk to seek permission from the Diocese re this section of the wall and will then commission the stone mason.

- **Planned works in the Church** – there have been plans to incorporate a kitchen and toilet in the Church for several years. The PCC is in the process of seeing what funding is available before the plans are finalised. **Action – Clerk to write to the PCC to ask that the MPC be kept informed of development with these plans.**

11. Business Liaison

- **Odour emissions from Tunnel Tech (TTN).** The reported number of complaints during August is 53 compared to 51 in July. So far during September there have been 18 complaints.

Residents can lodge complaints with Environmental Health at BDC via the following email address: Environmental.health@bassetlaw.gov.uk

Tunnel Tech North have provided an update regarding the enclosure works: in summary work is progressing and the project remains on schedule to be completed by 30th November. The full update can be seen on the PC website.

D Cllr M Watson has received an update from Environmental Health at BDC –

They are content that sufficient progress is being made to maintain the timescale for the schedule of works.

Air quality monitoring has taken place testing Ammonia and Hydrogen Sulphide levels. Readings were taken in April and July and compared to baseline readings taken in a control area.

The results show that there have been no significant difference between the control area and Misson and the readings are well below the safety limits.

D Cllr M Watson is to request a meeting with Environmental Health to go through the results – and to ask why Particulates have not been included.

With regard to the public question raised at the beginning of the meeting requesting MPC to purchase air monitoring equipment it was felt that it would be beneficial to wait until D Cllr M Watson had met with BDC.

Action – Clerk to ask if Tunnel Tech North has undertaken any air quality monitoring of their own and if so if they can share the results with MPC.

- **Doncaster Airport Committee** – there will be a virtual meeting of the Noise Monitoring Subcommittee on the 24th September which Cllr P Edwards will attend.
- **Misson School** – Cllr A Woolliams provided an update – the school has been decorated in advance of the new term – 101 pupils are now in attendance – nine up on this time last year. There is a real feeling of optimism about the school after the months of lockdown.

12. To receive a report from Misson Community Association (MCA):

The Chair of MCA had provided a written update ahead of this meeting which is summarised below:

1. There are plans for opening the centre to other groups while maintain Covid 19 safety. **Update at meeting – due to the recently announced Covid restrictions to no more than six people congregating inside or out these plans will need to be comprehensively revised.**
 2. MPC had raised a point about the lock on the front door of the Community Centre having been changed and requesting a key for their use. Update - the key is available but will need to be signed for in the same way as previously.
 3. MPC had raised a point that a protocol needs to be established for approval to any changes to the fabric of the building. **Update** – the Chair of the MCA is going to arrange a first meeting of the MCA Maintenance Committee (which will include a member of the MPC) to discuss Ts&Cs and will also cover this subject.
 4. MPS have returned to the centre, so far all going well.
 5. Village show and scarecrow festival a success! After lots of creative thinking and comprehensive risk assessment the events did get a lot of support both locally and from further afield.
13. **To receive an update on the Community Centre lease** – during August MPC were contacted by Foy's Solicitors who prepared the renewal lease. Foy's had omitted to include the documents to exclude the protection of the Landlord & Tenant Act 1954. Foy's re-issued the lease to the MCA including this item – the MCA have added their signatures to it and will return it to Foy's in the next few days.

14. To discuss the issues with River Lane

It has come to the attention of the PC that there is potential for registering part of River Lane as a Town and Village Green through the Commons Act of 2006. This would enable that section of land to have the same legal principles applied to it as they do to the Green.

Following discussion, it was decided to obtain legal opinion in the first instance.

Action from August meeting– Clerk to contact Notts Association of Local Councils to obtain a list of suitable solicitors.

Update – the Clerk had contacted a solicitor who has experience in this area and received a comprehensive response which has been shared with the PCs.

Following discussion, the following course of action was decided upon in the following order:

- **Clerk to contact C Cllr T Taylor to ascertain what land searches have been carried out in the past.**
- **Clerk to write to the two adjacent land owners on River Lane to establish if either is of the opinion that their property incorporates this piece of land.**
- **Clerk to arrange for a sign to be installed on River Lane asking for any landowner to come forward.**

15. To review highways and parish paths –

There has been a recent issue with large trucks driving through the village early in the mornings. Anecdotal evidence is that the lorries are not allowed to use the crossroads at the Blue Bell Inn in Blaxton which is part of the Strategic Highways Network.

Action – Clerk to contact the Parish Clerks at Blaxton and Finningley to ascertain if any restrictions have been imposed on that stretch of road.

The Clerk had received an email from a company specialising in the clearing of public footpaths. There is a section of Top Street near the school which is overgrown. **Action Cllr J Watkins to provide the Clerk with further information – Clerk will then request an outline quote.**

16. **To discuss the placement of the time capsule** – due to the length of the meeting this item will be carried forward.
17. **To receive feedback from meetings attended during August:** nothing to report at this meeting
18. **To receive correspondence –
Update re IGas from Notts County Council -**

I can confirm that the site is currently operating in accordance with the requirements of the planning permission and operations remain in the evaluation phase. At the site meeting we highlighted that the permission will lapse on 20 November 2020 after which the site will need to be returned to its condition prior to the development taking place. IGas have confirmed that they are aware of this and are looking at their options moving forward, but that as yet a decision has not yet been made. Once this is confirmed we will let you know, but I have asked IGas to ensure that any decision is communicated to the Parish and CLG as representatives of the local community.

Appeal from the Misson Thimbles group against the Parish Council decision to not allow the placement of a picnic bench on the Green.

The PC were asked to re-consider their decision – following discussion it was reluctantly decided to uphold their original decision. It is still not felt that the Green is the most appropriate place for a picnic bench for the reasons stated in the original decision.

Action – Clerk to write to the Misson Thimbles group to inform them of this.

19. **To confirm the date of the next meeting: Wednesday, October 7th 2020 at 7.00pm.**