

## Misson Parish Council

**Minutes of a meeting held on Wednesday September 5<sup>th</sup> 2018 at Misson Community Centre at 7 pm.**

**The Parish meeting was preceded by a presentation from Michael Tagg, Conservation Officer with Bassetlaw District Council to explain the Conservation Area covering part of the village and the enhanced provision within the Article 4 Direction.**

Michael Tagg started by explaining that this proposal had come about from a consultation where residents were asked to complete a questionnaire and asked if they supported the establishment of a Conservation Area and the adoption of the Article 4 Direction which is required to provide protection for any enforcement measures employed to preserve the character of village. A majority of those who responded were in favour of the proposals.

There was clearly a level of concern amongst the residents present that this was undemocratic, that the provisions were being 'railroaded' through and that this should now be decided by a vote of residents.

Michael Tagg explained that the basic Conservation Area designation mainly covered new construction, the demolition of buildings and the removal of trees and said that this relaxed regime did nothing to preserve or enhance the character of a particular area. He said that the purpose of the Article 4 was to make a range of other proposed changes to properties that may have fallen under permitted development, subject to Planning Permission. With regard to the question of a wider vote on the issue, he said the introduction of such a scheme is part of a legislative process that follows the period of local consultation during 2017 within which there is no provision for a further village vote. (Full details of the consultation are available on the Bassetlaw website under Misson Conservation Area).

When asked by a resident if there were any other areas of Bassetlaw covered by the Article 4 Direction Michael Tagg said that the only other one was Mr Straw's House at Worksop. He went on to say that whilst the Article 4 Direction had been widely adopted in other parts of Nottinghamshire, Bassetlaw had been particularly slow in introducing such provisions. With regard to Misson he said that with a Medieval street pattern and a number of historic buildings the designation of a Conservation Area was long overdue. That Misson is likely to be one of the first to adopt the Article 4 Direction is only as a result of it having been recently surveyed as a part of the Neighbourhood Plan process but it is the intention to introduce it in other villages with Conservation Areas throughout Bassetlaw.

Michael Tagg then went on to explain that the requirements of the Direction were not as draconian as some people imagined. He said that provision applied only to those parts of certain designated properties visible from the street and that the process of making an application was free of charge. When questioned about the higher costs of, say, replacement windows of an acceptable design he said that these had come down in price significantly. He said that in any proposed change requiring permission the key question was whether the new features *preserved* or *enhanced* whatever it was that they replaced. If they did then permission would be forthcoming but if it was considered to be backward step then it would not. The general advice was to ask first. All residents affected by this proposal had received hand delivered copies of the consultation which ends on September 28<sup>th</sup> 2018.

Any queries or responses can be directed to [Michael.tagg@bassetlaw.gov.uk](mailto:Michael.tagg@bassetlaw.gov.uk).



## Public Questions

**Post Box.** A resident thought that the new post box was inappropriate and that the supporting post was inadequate. It was explained that the Parish Council has been in correspondence with the Royal Mail for several months about a replacement for the rusted old post box and that a like for like replacement was preferred. However, the Royal Mail has indicated that no such boxes are available and even if one had, it would eventually have to be replaced by a stainless steel box. Some residents consider it inappropriate and others are pleased that larger letters can at last be posted. **CHAIR: To follow up with Royal Mail**

**Harworth incinerator.** There was concern raised about the proposed new incinerator at Harworth as emissions from there could blow across to Misson and negatively impact on the area. **MONITOR**

A resident asked if **the drilling rig** at Misson Springs and the presence of a fracking site would negatively impact on the Conservation Area status. It was felt that as the rig was unlikely to be visible from the Conservation Area so would not affect visual amenity. **MONITOR**

**1. Apologies for absence. Annette Simpson, Julie Watkins and Jaime Sutherton.**

**2. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests. None.**

**3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2018. Council resolved to approve** these as a true record.

**4. Matters Arising from Last Meeting not on the Agenda.**

- Chair reported that the damaged stile on the river path had been repaired.
- MW commented that Supt. Fretwell had been in touch with the PC to say that his visit to Misson had significantly impacted on his view of local policing particularly around the proposed fracking site. It was thought that it would be worthwhile to invite his replacement to a future meeting.

**5. To Receive a Report From District and County Councillors.**

**District Councillor.** Absent – no report.

**County Councillor.**

TT encouraged the PC to respond to the new **NCC Local Minerals Plan consultation** by September 28<sup>th</sup>.

**ACTION Chair, PE and MW to draft response to circulate to members for approval before deadline.**

**Winter Weather Preparation** – encouraged to check supplies of salt. **ACTION PE**

**Highways and Transport.** TT has been asked to submit bids for 5 highways schemes and 5 transport schemes by the end of September and asked for suggestions from Misson before deadline. **ACTION CHAIR, PE and MW to circulate proposals for approval before deadline.**

Proposed Government Changes to National Planning re **Permitted Development and NSIP.** TT informed that NCC would be responding as a consultee.

**6. To Receive a Report Regarding Policing of the Parish.**

PCSO David Airey submitted a report. (See MPC website) There were 7 reported crimes of interest across the policing area with 1 theft in Misson. Diesel irrigation pumps, ornamental chimney pots, heating oil, patio furniture and drums of oil were stolen. It was noted that a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme has been established in Misson with 12 Street Co-ordinators established. Sharon Constantine is the Lead Co-ordinator. A WhatsApp group to be set up soon to enable instant notifications.

**7. Planning**

**7a) To Note Planning Decisions**

**18/00786/HSE** Lyndhurst, Middle Street. Replace First Floor Bathroom Concrete Flat Roof with Timber Roof Structure and Velux Roof Light **Granted 15<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

**18/00823/VOC** Nettleham Well Farm Brickyard Lane. Vary Conditions 3 and 4 of Planning Permission 16/00920/COU - Change of Use from Barn to Home Gym. **Granted 21<sup>st</sup> August 2018**



**18/00905/NMA** Carlton House Station Road. Non Material Amendment on **P/A 16/00798/FUL** - Demolish Existing Barns and Erect Detached Two Storey Dwelling. **Determined 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

**18/01032/CAT** The Lodge Church Street Norway Maple (Crimson King) (T1), 1.5 Metre Crown Reduction and Clear Building by 2 Metres. **Decided August 22<sup>nd</sup> 2018**

#### **7b) To Consider Planning Applications**

**18/00956/TPO Orchard House River Lane.** 4 x Lime Trees - Crown lift to 4 Meters, Thin by 2.5m and Prune Back from Buildings at West Side of River Lane to a Minimum Clearance of 2 Meters. Council considered the planning documents and **resolved** to make the following comments:

This property is within the Misson Conservation Area. This avenue of lime trees, all of which are subject to Tree Protection Orders, has one of the highest amenity values within the Conservation Area and is felt to be one of the most significant assets in the village. The trees do not appear to be diseased or threaten damage to property. The suggested pruning seems to be quite extensive and we are concerned that pruning too much, too quickly will be detrimental to the health of the trees and potentially shorten their lifespan. There will also be a notable visual impact. We suggest that if consent is granted that the pruning be less extensive and be phased over time to allow the trees a recovery period.

**18/01047/HSE Manor Farmhouse Top Street.** Proposed Demolition of Single Storey Lean-To and Erection of Two Storey Side Extension and Porch Extension to Rear. Council considered the planning documents and **resolved** to make the following comment:

The proposed work would not seem to deter from the character or preservation of the Misson Conservation Area and we are in agreement with the report from the Conservation Officer.

**18/01072/COND Carlton House Station Road** Partial Discharge of Condition 3 of Planning Permission 16/00798/FUL - Demolish Existing Barns and Erect Two Storey Dwelling. As this is a discharge of conditions, council **resolved** to make no further comment.

#### **7c) To Consider other Planning Matters**

**Article 4 Direction.** Council resolved for a working party to draft a response for approval and submission prior to the September 28<sup>th</sup> deadline. **ACTION : Chair, PE and JW**

**Norwith Hill Footpath.** Parish Clerk attended the Public Inquiry on July 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> in Austerfield. The decision is due imminently. The resolution of Misson Parish Council in 2008 was noted that MPC should the Public Inquiry confirm the Modification Order, then the Council would support an application for a diverted bridleway route in order to protect the privacy of Norwith Hill residents whilst also enabling the residents of the parishes of Austerfield and Misson to continue to enjoy access.

**NCC Draft Minerals Local Plan Consultation.** Council resolved that a working party prepare a response to circulate for approval before deadline of September 28<sup>th</sup> **Chair, PE and MW.**

#### **Permitted Development For Shale Gas Exploration Consultation and Inclusion of Shale gas Projects in the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Regime Consultation**

The closing date for both consultations is October 25<sup>th</sup>. It was resolved that a working group produce responses for consideration at the October 2018 PC meeting. **Chair, PE and MW**

Changes to NPPF and Housing Allocations/Neighbourhood Planning Meeting with BDC on September 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Chair and David Hobson to attend**

### **8. To Manage Neighbourhood Issues**

#### **8a) Neighbourhood Improvement Programme**

**Planter** and plaque now in situ on Dame Lane (Dr. Moore's Legacy MCA)

**Flytipping** on the increase. 2 episodes reported to BDC in the two weeks on Bawtry Road.

**Bottle bank.** Needs emptying more regularly. People have been seen dumping loads of bottles on the ground to side and front of banks even when there is free space. This needs to be reported as fly tipping.



**Pinfold.** 5 or 6 teams including the Lengthmen, PCs and residents, worked during the summer to clear the Pinfold to its current state. It is now clear and has been seeded awaiting the next stage. Consultation ongoing as to final use of land. Several emails received suggesting it reflects the heritage value, wildlife area, reflective space, seating, war memorial. Tree Officer advised careful and staged pruning of the Hawthorn perimeter and authorised the removal of some of the dead and dying trees.

**Allotments.** Consultation ongoing for expressions of interest. 4 households to date.

**Newington Signs.** Progressing with the LIS grant. **ACTION: Chair to follow up.**

**Lengthsmen.** Positive feedback. The scheme seems to be working well with noticeable improvements in the village and cemetery.

## **8b) Business Liaison**

### **Doncaster Airport**

Councillor Peter Edwards said that the next DSA Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-committee meeting was scheduled for Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September. He said that he had received a complaint from a resident about Ryanair training flights and had passed on details of how such complaints could be reported directly to the airport. Councillor Mark Watson asked that consideration be given to having the training flights start later in the morning so as not to interrupt the flow of commuter traffic along High Common Lane as is currently the case when aircraft are approaching from the Bawtry side. **ACTION: PE**

### **iGas Community Liaison Group**

Councillor Peter Edwards said that continuation of construction phase during bird breeding season as defined in Condition 21 had been approved but that no construction work had taken place. Councillor Jayne Watson expressed great concern about the way in which the High Court Injunction that iGas had obtained preventing certain protester activity had been served on certain individuals. She said that this was perceived as a threat by law abiding individuals. Councillor Peter Edwards said that he would be raising this concern at the next CLG scheduled for Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September. **ACTION: PE**

**Dairy.** No comment

### **TunnelTech**

16 complaints re odour in August. Frustration and disappointment at lack of communication from BDC re departure of Amy Ogden with no provision of new POC. Following a residents question about this informed no obligation to inform residents of departure of individual officers from authority. Chair said that may be so but due to longstanding history exception could have been made. It would be good practice and courteous to do so. **ACTION: Chair to write to BDC**

**Hansons.** next meeting of Newington Habitat Committee 21/9 . **ACTION: JW**

**8c) School Liaison.** None submitted

**8d) Misson Community Association.** Village Show and Auction very successful but disappointment at lack of childrens' entries. Scarecrow competition attracted nearly 50 entries. Another successful Duck Race.

**e) Frack Free Misson Community Group Liaison.** Chair reported that weekly meetings are now taking place and was impressed by the level of organisation and how much had been achieved. A monthly "Misson Owl" newsletter is being delivered.

**f) Highways.** Nothing to report.

## **9. Council Governance.**

There is a need to review the Council's Standing Orders. To obtain the latest updates to circulate for consideration at October's meeting. **ACTION: Chair**

**11<sup>th</sup> edition of Local Council Administration** has been recommended by NALC as the "bible" for local councils. Cost £103.99. Council resolved to authorise the purchase. **ACTION: Chair**

## **10. Financial Administration**

**a) Financial Statements.** Chair provided a copy of the bank statement and reconciled the transactions. Council resolved to accept the statements.



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| MPC Current Account balance @04/11/2018 | £16,876.86        |
| MPC Deposit Account balance @04/11/2018 | <u>£10,527.99</u> |
| Total Funds                             | <u>£27,404.85</u> |

No **quarterly accounts** available due to absence of Clerk.

**10b) Council resolved to approve the following cheques for payment:**

| <b>Chq. No.</b> | <b>Item</b>   | <b>Amount</b> |
|-----------------|---|---------------|
| 001081          | Retford and Gainsborough Garden Centre<br>(to be reimbursed by MCA)                   | £ 192.00      |
| 001082          | Dr. Amanda Walker (reimbursement for Harry Stebbings Workshop Newington Notice Board) | £ 1179.00     |
| 001083          | VOID  |               |
| 001084          | C. Tweedale (Lengthsman)  | £ 321.52      |
| 001085          | P. Hutchinson   | £ 126.00      |
| 001086          | E. Jordan   | £ 332.59      |
| 001087          | Dr. Amanda Walker (Clerk Salary July 2018)  | £ 466.80      |
| 001088          | Dr. Amanda Walker (Clerk Salary August 2018)  | £ 576.00      |

**10c) To review email accounts**

Chair reported that all Councillors except Mark Watson and Jamie Sutherland had changed to a secure email account. MW provided a secure email which will be updated. **ACTION: Chair**

**10d) Reports regarding wider parish liaison and engagement**

Bassetlaw Rural Conference September 10<sup>th</sup> 2018 **ACTION: Chair and PE to attend**

NEBF: September 25<sup>th</sup> 2018 **ACTION: MW to attend**

**11. Correspondence**

Email concern received re children playing in the road on scooters. Recent near miss by car when child on wrong side of the road. Parents asked to remind children about **road safety**.

Several complaints received about **wheely bins** left out on the pavements. One person suffered an injury. This causes an obstruction and results in difficulties for pedestrians, partially sighted people and wheelchair/pushchair users. BDC requires that bins are left out by 06.00 and taken back within the property boundary on the same day of collection. There are Civil Enforcement Procedure including fixed penalties.

**Newsletter** suggestion to update residents on Parish issues. A longstanding idea but we need the time and personnel to do it. To look into printing costs. **ACTION: AW**

**12. Date of Next Meeting** Confirmed as Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2018 at 7 pm.

