

MISSON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 7th September 2022 at Misson Community Centre.

Pre-meeting questions from the public: a query about Neighbourhood Watch - not a parish council matter; a query about Pinfold plans - it will be cut in the autumn to allow plants to reseed; a query about audio recording of meetings – done to aid minute writing and deleted after minutes compiled; a query about what to do about anti-social behaviour - police advice is to report it, which can be done anonymously through Crimestoppers. Advice can be included in the next parish newsletter.

Present: Cllr Walker (chair), Cllr Woolliams (vice chair), Cllr Morgan, Cllr Watkins.

Clerk: B Lowndes

1. Apologies were received from Cllr Smith, Cllr Sutherton and Cllr Watson for reasons which were accepted.
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 Woolliams - non-pecuniary interest as governor of Misson Primary School; Cllr Morgan - non-pecuniary interest as member of St John's Parochial Church Council.
3. The previous Council meeting minutes for July and the two extraordinary meetings in August were approved.
4. Matters arising: Poppy appeal lamp post designs had been changed and increased in price. The Council agreed to purchase 25 at a cost of £112.
5. Reports from District and County Councillors. It was noted that a devolution deal had been agreed for Notts County Council. A link to detailed information had been placed on the Parish Council website. It would also be featured in the next parish newsletter.
6. Policing: technical issues had prevented the usual report being sent out but links would be placed on the Parish Council website as and when received. There had been a recent incident involving an attempted carjacking in Austerfield.
7. The bank balances as at 31 July were noted as follows:
 - current account £5331.35.
 - Business reserve account £10568.78.
- Bank balances as at 31 August were noted as follows:
 - Current account £7413.66.
 - Business reserve account £ 10569.74.
- The following receipts for July and August were noted:

W Pinder for burial	22/R012	£	660.00
VAT refund	22/R013	£	943.37
Local Communities Fund grant	22/R014	£	2063.00
W Pinder for memorial	22/R015	£	360.00
Interest from bank	22/R016	£	0.84
Interest from bank	22/R017	£	0.96
Total income		£	4028.17

- The following payments for July and August were approved:

EAGLS Printing-newsletter	22/045	72.00
M Guest lengthsman	22/046	22.00
B Lowndes reimbursement for watering supplies	22/047	130.46
J Mordan reimbursement wall repair supplies	22/048	59.60
Brian Lowndes lengthsman	22/049	10.00
S Scott TEC secretary salary	22/050	115.00
B Lowndes MPC clerk salary	22/051	383.60
HMRC PAYE	22/052	88.40
David Otter tree surgeon	22/053	475.00
Reimburse Cllr Walker gifts for pinfold volunteers	22/054	39.50
Trade waste (cemetery bin) Bassetlaw DC	22/055	175.50
Reimburse J Mordan sand to repair churchyard wall	22/056	9.17
Reimburse M Guest petrol	22/057	41.25
S Scott TEC secretary salary	22/058	115.00
B Lowndes MPC clerk salary	22/059	383.60
HMRC PAYE	22/060	88.40
M Guest lengthsman	22/061	60.50
B Lowndes travel	22/062	22.50
Brian Lowndes lengthsman	22/063	10.00
Total expenditure		2,301.48

8. Planning: the following planning decisions were noted: 22/00867/CDM (quarry) - not to object; 22/00864/CDM (quarry) - not to object; 22/00865/CDM (quarry) - not to object; 22/00719/CTP (Heatherway) - granted; 22/00716/LBA (Wardens Cottage) - granted. Councillors requested an update on the substantive quarry application currently being considered by Notts County Council. Clerk to make enquiries.
9. Community Centre.
 - The building was without any insurance cover following a review highlighting previous anomalies in insurance policies. The Clerk had obtained a quote from Allied Westminster for £460.08 and awaited further quotes from Zurich and a reinstatement assessment from a chartered surveyor. Councillors authorised purchase of up to £500 but asked for rapid resolution in view of the significant risk now apparent.
 - Misson Community Association has requested a review of the Community Centre lease as MCA reported experiencing difficulties in obtaining grant funding under the existing terms, specifically the annual lease break clause.
 - The Parish Council reiterated the offer to donate £500 towards the cost of repairs to the floor in the Community Centre, without specifying any particular contractor and save only that as much of the existing floor should be retained as possible.
 - The request to rename the Community Centre was to be carried over to form part of future discussions by the working group/committee.
 - Cllr Walker proposed that no further decisions be made until all Councillors had been given time to think and talk more about their agreed priorities and shared vision on repair, restoration and function of the Community Centre in the light of recent building repair issues. The Parish Council resolved to consider setting up a working group or committee to take this work forward. This will be an agenda item in October.

10. Neighbourhood Plan: A drop-in information session took place on 16 July, supported by two senior planning officers from Bassetlaw Council. The session was advertised on website, social media, parish noticeboards and the parish newsletter. 21 residents attended. Subsequent update events were advised by BDC but particularly as the Parish Council felt it important for the community to have a refreshed Neighbourhood plan so that it carries full weight in planning terms. Comments made: HGV issues; Energy related 9; Environmental / leisure wishes and concerns 9; Generic comments about job opportunities and village size 4; Lack of flood related information 1. The Council resolved to write to members of the previous steering group and Mrs J Watson who had recent insight into the document development process, asking them to temporarily reform. The steering group's previous knowledge and expertise would enable them to hold further village open day meetings. Also once advertised widely residents would be invited to join the existing steering group. It would then be able to assess the best strategy to refresh the plan with local and national planning policy changes and any popular changes requested by parishioners that are relevant.
11. SAAA external auditor opt out option: the Council resolved to stay with the centrally arranged external auditor arrangements and not opt out.
12. Neighbourhood Improvement Programme- the Pinfold wildflower area would be cut once seed had set, and cuttings cleared and removed this autumn. The hedge would be trimmed now that it had established. Maintenance work continued on the river bank on River Lane. Severe drought affected the Pinfold and the cemetery. The Council thanked those residents who gave time, resources and equipment to keep the plants alive. A tree surgeon was required to make safe three collapsed trees in the cemetery. The Council resolved to seek funding for the installation of a water supply for the village green. Clerk to make enquiries. The parish is continuing to be part of the lengthsman scheme, which runs for 3 years. This involves a small grant to carry out minor works that would otherwise not be done by Notts County Council. The Council resolved to take forward the commissioning of an interpretation panel for the Pinfold, for which funding has been received from Notts County Council. Cllr Walker and Cllr Watkins would take this forward.
13. Winter preparations - Councillors agreed to request 5x20kg bags of salt to replenish salt bins. It was agreed that the current number of bins in the parish (4) was sufficient. Clerk to pursue.
14. Tunnel Tech - No further information received. Cllr Watson would report in the next parish newsletter. As statistics are received the Clerk will place them on the Parish Website.
15. Reports from parish groups and projects:
 - Misson Community Association reported a very successful Village Show and scarecrow festival, which was greatly appreciated by residents.
 - Misson Primary School is starting a weekly session for 0-4 year olds, to which parents and carers were also invited. The School was also very grateful for community efforts to replace goalposts on the playing field.
16. Resilience planning was ongoing.
17. Highways and parish paths: Path number 3, near Misson Cemetery, has a very uneven surface and several people had been badly injured in recent years. Clerk to report unsatisfactory condition of path to Notts CC.
18. Christmas tree for village green - The Council resolved to purchase a tree. Lights would be switched on from the Saturday before advent until Epiphany, from 3pm to midnight.
19. Next parish newsletter - The Council resolved to contribute up to 3 pages to the next parish newsletter and agreed funding thereof.
20. No reports received of meetings attended in July and August.
21. Correspondence received - none.
22. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 5 October 2022.

B Lowndes

Clerk to Misson Parish Council