

Misson Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held virtually at 7.00pm on Wednesday 3rd February 2021.

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.

Public Questions:

1. A member of the public raised a question about the provision of dog poo bins around the village. They enquired if an additional one could be located further along Top Road after the Cemetery near the old Vicarage. **Action – Clerk to contact Bassetlaw District Council (BDC) to discuss if a new bin could be provided.**
2. A member of the public raised a question about the stance the Parish Council (PC) took regarding large bonfires being regularly lit within the village burning toxic items. The PC does not condone such action and BDC have guidance regarding how bonfires should be managed. D Cllr M Watson has obtained a poster from BDC which outlines this guidance – this will be displayed in the village. The advice from the PC is for residents to report any transgressions of this guidance to Environmental Health at BDC as soon as possible after the event – or at the time of the event if practical. There has been a recurring incident of this in the village which Environmental Health have investigated and escalated.
3. A member of the village wanted to mention that the inaugural Zoom meeting of the Misson Park and Playground Project will be held on Tuesday 9th February at 7.00pm.
4. A member of the public raised a question about the planting design for the Pinfold which is being discussed this evening. He wanted to know if there had been a choice of designs and if the ideas put forward by the Parishioners had been taken into account? **Response** - there is an agenda item re the Pinfold where this question will be covered.
5. A member of the public raised a question about the sign at the bottom of River Lane explaining that the Parish Council (PC) is looking after the river bank – what exactly is proposed and is this an attempt to stop others from doing something? **Response** - the sign explains the PC intention to maintain the area – at the present time the PC has no further plans. The PC were unsure what the inference of the last part of the question was?
6. Potential dog napping – there have been a number of instances of attempted dog napping in the area recently whilst people are out walking their dogs. This is covered in the police update which will be included on the PC website. The police are considering stronger penalties for perpetrators and the advice is to report it via 101 or 999 as appropriate.

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

1. **To receive apologies for absence:** Cllr J Sutherland & PCSO David Airey.
2. **To receive any declarations of disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests:** Cllr A Woolliams declared a non-pecuniary interest in **FR3/4225** - Extension of Tarmac Play Area and Fencing at Misson Primary School.
3. **To approve the minutes of the Council meeting of January 6th 2021.** These were approved and signed by the Chair.
4. **To note matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting not on the agenda:**

- **Replacement Salt Bins** – A third salt bin has been delivered in error and can be retained at no extra cost – it will be sited at the entrance to Misson Mills during January weather permitting. This has now been sited between the entrance to Misson Mills and Coronation Avenue. **Action – Clerk to issue further reminder to NCC to remove the old salt bin.**
- **Dame Lane sign knocked over** – brought to the attention of the Clerk following June PC meeting. A new school sign has been installed – there is space available on the posts for the street sign to be fixed to. **Update – Clerk contacted BDC on 4th December – response was that BDC are not undertaking site visits currently.**
- **Fly Tipping on Slaynes Lane** – there was a large amount that has been reported to the Doncaster East Internal Drainage Board, Notts County Council and Bassetlaw District Council to determine which organisation is responsible for this. Clerk has issued further requests for an update.
Update – Drainage Board have dredged the waterway and BDC will clear the rubbish. The further fly tipping in the waterway – BDC have contacted the Drainage Board to dredge again – they will then arrange to clear the rubbish.
Cllr A Woolliams to check if all the fly tipping has been removed and also to ascertain if there are any suitable locations for placing the fly-tipping notices supplied by BDC. Cllr Woolliams reported back that most of the rubbish has now been removed. A discussion was held about suitable locations for the signage. **Action Cllr J Watkins and Clerk to discuss next steps.**
- **Wheelie Bins** – there are some at Coronation Avenue which have been left out on the pavement for a long period. **Action – Clerk to contact BDC.**

5. To receive reports from District and County Councillors

- **C Cllr T Taylor:**

Vaccine rollout – this is progressing well – the over 70's are now being invited to attend.

Budget for 2021/22 – there is to be a Budget setting meeting in two weeks – the intention is to present a balanced budget. Council Tax can be increased by up to 2.9% without the need for a referendum.

In addition, there will be an Adult Social Care precept of 3% over the next two years.

COVID: the usual support mechanisms are in place – the Local Resilience Forum and Grant Schemes are available to for small businesses.

In addition, there is a Winter Grant Scheme which is available to help vulnerable families with and without children.

Applications and further advice are available on the Notts County Council website - <https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/>

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

Covid update: as of 3rd February, there have been 350 cases within Bassetlaw within the last seven days – a slight reduction on the previous seven days.

Hospital admissions are 104 – down from 128 the week before.

Flood Review Group – there has been a further meeting with Environmental Health – one of the points of note from the meeting was that it is the EAs intention to reduce the amount of pumping at West Stockwith. Their priority is to prevent flooding of homes rather than land.

A further meeting will be held with NCC who are the lead Flood Authority.

District Enforcement – BDC have employed District Enforcement Officers since August 2020 – to the end of December they have issued >2,000 fixed notice penalties – 39 of which were for dog fouling

6. **Parish Council Resilience Stores** – it was decided to have this as a full agenda item at the March meeting to decide if one was necessary. C Cllr T Taylor will distribute an NCC template to help with the discussion.

D Cllr M Watson said that West Stockwith were working on a Flood Response Plan – this will be shared with the PC before the next meeting

D Cllr M Watson explained that the Flood Warden training which had been postponed because of the pandemic is due to be progressed in March – it will be advertised again in the next few weeks.

7. **To receive a report on the policing of the Parish:** PCSO Dave Airey provided the update for January via email. There have been ten crimes over the whole BEAT area for January – one of which (Attempted Burglary Dwelling) was in Misson. This compares with six crimes reported during December. The full report includes security advice applicable to everybody and is available on the MPC website – including a section on dog napping

8. **To receive a report from Misson Community Association –**

Misson Pre-School is continuing during lockdown – the numbers of children remain low.

Madame Crepe – visit to the village on 30th January – went well and all Covid restrictions adhered to. Potential for a further date to be arranged – look into the possibility of home delivery.

MCA AGM – this will be held on the 17th February via Zoom and will be publicised in advance.

9. **Parish Financial administration**

To receive and approve:

- The Clerk presented the Financial statements to the 31st January 2021 and Council resolved to accept them:

NatWest Current Acc.	@ 31/01/21	£18,950.87
NatWest Reserve Acc.	@ 31/01/21	£10,564.16

- Councillors resolved to approve the following payments:

Payt	Payee	Description	Amount
BACS	EAGL-S	Newsletter Printing	£48.00
BACS	TEC Clerk	Salary – January	£113.00
BACS	HMRC	PAYE – January	£87.00
BACS	MPC Clerk	Salary – January	£377.60
BACS	MCA	Donation re Seniors Christmas Lunch	£46.00
BACS	Notts Assoc Local Councils	Subscription re 2021/22	£149.06
BACS	Lengthsman 2	Maintenance in Churchyard	£11.00
Total			£831.46

10. **To discuss the implications of the Coronavirus situation –**

The PC wishes to express their thanks for the various volunteer groups in the village which have continued including some volunteers who have been collecting donations to the Bassetlaw Food Bank. There has been support available for families and children which have helped to maintain morale.

The NCC Community Grant Fund and BDC Business Support Grants are available for organisations and businesses impacted by the further lockdown to apply for. There is also support for families available.

11. Planning –

a. **To note planning decisions:** none this month

b. **To consider planning applications:**

- **21/00029/HSE** | Erect Single Storey Side Extension | Middlewood House Springs Road Misson. **Response** – the PC has no comments to make.
- **20/01716/CAT** | Works to Trees in a Conservation Area Consisting of Fell one Silver Birch. | The Foldyard High Street Misson. **Response** – the PC raises no objection to this.
- **20/01687/HSE** | Erect Two Storey Front Extension | Maltsters Newington Road Newington. **Response** – the PC raises no objection to this
- **20/01663/HSE** | Proposed Single Storey Side Extension | Barn Owl Lodge Park Drain Westwoodside. **Response** – the PC raises no objection to this
- **FR3/4225** - Extension of Tarmac Play Area and Fencing at Misson Primary School. Three trees will be felled – the intention is to replace them which could be elsewhere on the school grounds. A query was raised about adequate drainage being included in the plan – there is to be a new soakaway. **Response** - the PC raises no objection – NCC to be asked if they are satisfied with the additional drainage included in the plan.
- **Vary Condition 6 of planning permission 1/15/01034/CDM** to extend the life of the groundwater monitoring boreholes for a further 3 years to fall in line with the life of the exploratory well. LOCATION: Land off Springs Road, Misson, Applicant – IGas Limited.

The PC discussed the implications of this application – they had objected to application **1/15/01498/CDM** to extend the evaluation and restoration period of the site for a further 3 years. To note that BDC Planning Committee had voted unanimously to object to the planning officer's recommendation to raise no objection to this planning application.

Cllr P Edwards will draft a response to this new application – there may be a need for access to the boreholes re legacy water quality issues.

c. **To consider any planning applications received after the agenda was posted** – none this month.

d. **To consider any other planning matters** –

- **Request to allocate a new address** 'River View House' to Land East of Delfin Close Farm Slaynes Lane Misson. The PC had raised concerns about the number of properties with 'River View' in their title already in the village. BDC have approved the new address.

12. To review highways and parish paths

Slaynes Lane – the road surface has been improved by Hanson's recently with the application of aggregate to the surface.

Planting of trees on verges - the aim of the 2020 Trees Project was to plant 20 trees around the village. A potential site has been identified along the grass verge on Bawtry Road in front of Misson Mills. Cllr J Warson asked C Cllr T Taylor about the implications of this as the verge is owned and managed by NCC.

C Cllr Taylor explained that permission would need to be sought in advance. Once the trees are planted, they then become the asset and responsibility of NCC. They would need to check if there

are any amenities located under the verge etc and what impact they would have on the vehicular traffic and vice versa. **Action – C Cllr Taylor to inform Clerk of point of contact at NCC**

13. The Neighbourhood Improvement Programme

- **Lengthsmen** – activity has slowed down as the winter progresses.
- **Tree planting** – further to the item above a visual survey of the Churchyard and Cemetery has been undertaken. The proposal is to plant some trees – possibly Yew – in the Churchyard. In the Cemetery there are nine locations identified for trees and shrubs to be planted – some to replace ones which have failed. The PC were asked if they agree in principle – Proposed by Cllr M Watson and Seconded by Cllr P Edwards. **Action – Cllr J Watkins to investigate which trees/ shrubs would be suitable and obtain some quotes for them.**
- **Pinfold** – Cllr J Watkins had obtained a planting design from a Landscape Architect free of charge. This was briefly discussed at the January meeting and agreed to in principle. A member of the public had raised a question about the planting design - he wanted to know if there had been a choice of designs and if the ideas put forward by the Parishioners had been taken into account? It was confirmed that when the planting design was commissioned it reflected the responses received from the public. The design will be uploaded to the PC website. Through discussion it was agreed that implementation of the design would be undertaken in stages and would be flexible. As a first step Cllr J Watkins is to contact the company who planted the bulbs on the Green to provide advice and a quote for plating bulbs in the Pinfold. This was proposed by Cllr P Edwards and seconded by Cllr K Shephard.

Consideration will be given to installing an information board at a later date in the Pinfold and to incorporate a bench for which the Town Estates Charity has received LIS funding.

The NCC Conservation Manager has been in touch with Cllr J Watkins re the wall in the Pinfold. He would like to restore it as part of an educational project in the application of lime mortar – a similar project had been undertaken at Scrooby. This was Proposed by Cllr J Watson and seconded by Cllr J Watkins.

- **Misson Cemetery** – there has been an issue with a large amount of ‘spoil’ being left in the Cemetery following a recent burial. The alternatives are for either the Funeral Directors to arrange for a skip for it be placed in and then removed, or establish an area within the Cemetery to accommodate it for it to be used as necessary in the future. It was decided that there wasn’t sufficient space in the Cemetery to accommodate any further spoil. **Action – Clerk to inform Funeral Directors in future that the spoil must be removed.**
- **Update re Notts Rural Gigabyte Scheme** –Cllr M Watson has now registered with the Openreach Platform. He has registered 11 houses and businesses to date and has a further 20 enquiries to register when he can gain access to the website.

If members of the public and/or businesses wish to register an interest in the scheme can they email Cllr M Watson at Mark.watson@missonparishcouncil.org with their:

- **Name**
- **Address**
- **Post code**
- **Landline number**
- **Whether they are a resident or business**

14. Business Liaison

- **Odour emissions from Tunnel Tech (TTN).** The reported number of complaints during January is 17 compared to 20 in December.

An update from Tunnel Tech (North) has been received – further works to complete the commissioning will be completed by the end of February. An update has been received from BDC which will be uploaded to the website – this expands on the TT update. D Cllr M Watson will request a meeting with Environmental Health at BDC in March to discuss the situation

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

- **Doncaster Airport Committee** – there will be a routine meeting in the next couple of months.
 - **Misson School** – the school currently has 27 children who are either vulnerable or the children of key workers attending – with two teachers and two teaching assistants.
15. **To receive feedback from meetings attended during January** - the BDC Flood Review Group met – this was covered under D Cllr M Watson’s update.
16. **To receive correspondence** – an email has been received from a Misson resident about the number of power outages experienced in the village. The Clerk contacted Western Power who confirmed that there have been six minor power cuts of < three minutes in the last few months – as a result of birds or squirrels on the overhead lines. Western Power try to ensure that the power is reinstated asap in these circumstances. In addition, there have been two overhead line faults and one underground line fault which have all been repaired.

Any further problems can be reported on 105 – an Electricity Emergency Phone Line

Cllr K Shephard announced that he will be standing down as Parish Councillor at the end of this meeting. He and his wife will be moving shortly out of the village and will no longer qualify as a resident. He expressed his thanks to the PC for making him welcome and for all the hard work they undertake. Chair J Watson thanked him for his contribution and support and wished he and his wife well for the future.

Action – Clerk to contact BDC to trigger a Casual Vacancy.

17. **To confirm the date of the next meeting: Wednesday, March 3rd 2021 at 7.00pm.**