

MISSON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council held at 7pm on Wednesday 6th September 2023 at Misson Community Centre.

Pre-meeting questions from the public:

A question was asked from a MOP about what progress had been made on the lease between MCA and MPC. All the information has now been received, ready for holding a face -to -face meeting with the working parties from both sides. The deadline can be extended beyond the end of December to obtain a resulting lease that all parties would be happy with.

A MOP asked about River Lane. The application for **first registration of** ownership of the end of River Lane has been sent to the Land Registry. As yet, no response has been received. In parallel to this request, the Council is working on a paper that will be available to residents once fact-checked and agreed with all parties involved in the restoration project. Currently on version five. Aiming to publish the final paper in October. According to the Land Registry and Highways Department, the public highway is to the stile, then it becomes an adopted highway to the riverbank. The paper will make this clear.

A question was asked about the possibility of fencing off the Green when events are taking place, in view of a recent incident in another part of the country that appeared in the national news. Unfortunately, legislation states there can be no permanent fence/structure around a **open** space. This does not prohibit a temporary enclosure being fixed during a future event, such as the knitted chains that were made by the Thimbles group.

It was also asked if the grass could be cut shorter around the corner of The Green to make oncoming traffic more visible. It was agreed to pass this request to the Lengthsmen.

It was remarked about the difficulty of emergency vehicles being unable to get up West Street, due to cars/vans being parked. Two vehicles were recently handed penalty notices. A letter will be sent to the person who raised the question with the possible solutions, explaining that there will be pros and cons to all solutions. C. Cllr Taylor states that she will be happy to facilitate depending on the reply.

Present: Cllr Walker (Chair), Cllr Watkins, Cllr Robey, Cllr Andrews, D. Cllr Pashley, C. Cllr Taylor. **Clerk:** S Scott.

1. Apologies were recorded for Cllrs Scott, Watson and Sutherton. All were accepted.
2. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests: Cllr Walker – non-pecuniary interest as editor of Community Newsletter and a Trustee of Village Park and Playground project. Cllr Watkins – non-pecuniary interest as a member of the River Idle Management Partnership. Cllr Robey – non-pecuniary interest as a Trustee of Misson Community Association.
3. The Council approved the minutes of 5th July 2023. These will now be placed on the website and notice boards.
4. Matters arising not on the agenda – a report was received of a person firing a shotgun from the land belonging to the dairy across into the cemetery. This could be the same person who is cutting down sections of trees within the cemetery grounds and leaving the branches for others to clear away. The individual who witnessed the latest shooting is to be asked if they are willing to give a description to the police. Residents are asked to be aware of such incidents and report any to the police. The Parish Council wishes to express its thanks to Matthew for his hard work keeping the cemetery tidy including the removal of dead pigeons following the shootings.

Following a question from a resident at July's meeting, it is proposed to hold a monthly surgery on the third Thursday in each month commencing on Thursday 19th October from 10am till 12 noon. This will be attended by the Parish Clerk and at least one other parish councillor. The District Councillor hopes to be there too. This will be promoted via the notice boards and Facebook.

A resident asked at the July meeting why there were empty council properties in Misson when many people were waiting on the housing list. The D. Cllr had stated that they were being repaired and that they would be available for rent by late August. This appears not to have happened, as no repairs have taken place, and the properties are still unoccupied. D.Cllr Pashley stated that he would chase up the situation with BDC.

5. Report from the District Councillor – Complaints from residents of Misson Springs regarding the number of large lorries travelling through Misson Springs to and from the Rocket Site. There is not a lot that can be done, however, as they are travelling legitimately on a public highway. A suggestion is to place a monitoring tape across the road to record the volume of traffic. Unlike the fracking site, there is no limit to the number of vehicles using the Rocket Site. Once the figures have been collated, it may warrant a visit to the owners of the site. Regarding the traffic problem of Misson Mill, BDC will be willing to support an application for better signage. A meeting has been arranged with John Pickersgill of Misson Mill tomorrow (7th September) to discuss. One possibility is to consider moving the entrance farther down the road towards Tunnel Tech, which had been proposed years ago. The Councillor is now a member of the audit team to check on whether taxpayers' money in Bassetlaw is being spent wisely and that residents are receiving best value for their taxes.

Regarding Tunnel Tech. All complaints should be sent to James Naish or include him in the list. James Naish is the leader of Bassetlaw Council. The Cllr and Andrea Stewart of BDC had a meeting in August at Tunnel Tech with Simon Middlebrook (General Manager) to look around the plant and try to come up with possible solutions to the problem of the smell emanating from there. They have agreed to repair some faulty ducting from the water tanks. It was suggested to plant trees to help block winds which carry the odours up to the village, and the company is not averse to doing this. All suggestions such as odour masking, covering tanks, etc. made whilst visiting the site will be taken to the Board, to consider at their next meeting. A letter from James Whalley to Tunnel Tech states that if a schedule of work is not received BDC will have no other option but to issue an enforcement notice. The schedule is expected to be received next week. BDC will continue to monitor progress of all these measures that Tunnel Tech intend to put in place to ensure compliance. The Parish Council expresses its thanks for the hard work that the District Councillor is doing as regards this situation.

6. Report from the County Councillor – As regards devolution, senior staff are now in place, and they are still aiming for Mayoral elections in May 2024. STEP project. Still progressing apace. There is another public consultation at Retford Town Hall on Tuesday 19th September. **The information was posted onto the Misson Parish Council website under 'News'**. HIVE is another major project which is situated behind Sutton-cum-Lound. This is the reclamation of pulverised fly ash from landfill sites to be processed into a substitute for cement. More technical information is being gathered from the applicants, so there is likely to be a second stage of public consultations. The FCC Soil Treatment Facility applied for another site at Lound. The application was refused at planning and at County level and also refused a licence to operate by the Environment Agency. They are now appealing against the Environment Agency's decision. Their intentions were to ship in contaminated soil and sift it. The soil may contain asbestos. The Councillor and the Highways Department had received several complaints regarding the number of large lorries travelling through Misson Springs, as stated by the District Councillor. Regarding the RAAC issue that is dominating the news at present, the Councillor wishes to reassure residents that this type of

concrete was not used in any school in the Nottinghamshire District apart from a Primary school near Newark. Regarding iGas, a letter was received from Star Energy. Work is due to commence on the 18th September. Work will start with the abandonment of the well, which will take up to four weeks. Following this, all the stone will be removed from the site in trucks. Traffic will be limited to no more than 30 trucks per day. They will not be allowed to travel through the village. This process will take approximately 11 weeks. Normal working hours will be adhered to as same as the planning conditions. The stop date is expected to be the 31st January 2024. **The clerk will post the information from the letter on the notice boards, and the website.**

7. No report from the police regarding any incidents in Misson and the surrounding area has been received. D.Cllr Pashley has been in contact with PC Pickersgill, to ask if reports can be sent on a more regular basis which are more pertinent to Misson.

8. Councillors received and approved the following expenses and receipts:

Expenses

Lengthsman payment to B Lowndes - £11.00 **23/036**

PAYE for July - £78.40 **23/037**

A J Morris mole catcher - £72.00 **23/038**

A Walker flowers for Patronal Festival - £41.00 **23/039**

Torne Valley materials for benches maintenance - £40.46 **23/040**

A Walker land search - £3.00 **23/041**

A Walker postage costs £2.60 **23/042**

Lengthsman payment for July to M Guest - £174.00 **23/043**

B Lowndes salary for July - £28.98 **23/044**

S E Scott salary for July - £314.00 **23/045**

A Walker for newsletter community pages - £50.00 **23/046**

A Walker for newsletter pages - £125.00 **23/047**

NALC for training for 4 people - £180.00 **23/048**

S E Scott salary for August - £409.00 **23/049**

PAYE for August - £94.60 **23/050**

Lengthsman payment for August to M Guest - £180.00 **23/051**

Allied Westminster for insurance - £729.48 **23/052**

Receipts

Bank interest for end of July £11.97

Refund from TEC re insurance - £189.00

Bank interest for August - £12.68

Receipt from W E Pinder - £400.00

Grant for Neighbourhood Planning continuation - £5158.00

Bank account balances as at the 31st August 2023

Current a/c – £16130.45

Business Reserve a/c – £10665.20

Quarterly accounts to be signed off, by two Councillors.

Updated Standing Orders and Regs to be signed off. **It was resolved to sign off.**

9. Planning decisions/outcomes reported –

23/00451/HSE - Home View – Still waiting on a decision.

23/000635/FUL – White Horse Inn - Still waiting for a decision.

New planning applications –

23/00701/CAT – Removal of overgrown Leylandii tree at Home View. Application granted.

23/00960/PAN – Installation of roof mounted solar PV system comprising 244 x 410w Canadian solar modules at the Rocket Site Misson Springs. Awaiting a decision.

23/00831/DCA – replacement of front gate with a new timber gate at Delamere on Middle Street. Awaiting a decision. A Cllr commented that the gates had already been installed. The clerk will relay that information to the Planning Department.

23/00740/CAT – Removal of six Leylandii trees at Oakham on West Street. Application granted.

No other planning applications received after the agenda was published. However, a resident has noticed that a wall has been extended into the pavement at the property known as The Old Granary. A letter has been sent to the Conservation Department. The D. Cllr will investigate this. The clerk will contact Michael Tagg of the Conservation Department directly.

10. The update on the Neighbourhood Steering Group – The Parish Council wish to send its thanks to the group for their work in obtaining a further grant to enable the project to continue, and hopefully be completed. There will be a schedule of meetings which will be published in various newsletters. The report will be pinned onto the notice boards and placed on the website.
11. Update on neighbour improvement - The design of the storyboard showing the history of the Pinfold, and its restoration into its current state has been finalised and should be in position before too long. It will include thanks to everyone who made the development possible. At the previous meeting a resident asked if the village had received value for money. The majority of funds came from grants. Very little money was used from the precept. The hedge and the wildflowers will be cut back in late Autumn. Wider pathways have already been cut. Cllr Watkins will ask the expert whom the Council consulted on the flower planting for his advice for moving on after next Summer. Many residents expressed their frustration at the state of the Pinfold, both concerning access and the height of the flowers. The Parish Council would like to state that they are listening to residents' comments and will attempt to find an answer that pleases all. An article about The Pinfold will appear in the next newsletter. As regards to River Lane, nothing more to add that hasn't been discussed at the beginning of the meeting in response to a resident's question.
12. Parish groups and projects – Nothing to report this month.
13. Lease requirements of the Community Centre – A suggestion was made that rather than put the MCA and MPC through a re-negotiation of the whole lease, just re-examine the review section, which is the area of dispute. This would be a much swifter process.
14. Parish resilience planning – A request was received from Misson Pre-school for the Parish Council to purchase the outbuilding at a cost of £1000. Cllrs Robey and Andrews have agreed to contact the Trustees of Pre-school to see if they would be willing to negotiate a fair price. The clerk to forward the names of the trustees to the Cllrs.
15. Highways and Parish paths – nothing to report this month.
16. Feedback from meetings attended – Both Cllr Walker and Cllr Robey attended a Speedwatch event at Sutton Cum Lound in July. There were a few options suggested for slowing down speeding vehicles. The first one was to invite the Police Speedwatch team to come into Misson with their equipment to register and fine such vehicles. It was proposed and seconded that the clerk contact the liaison officer to arrange the visit. An article will be in next month's newsletter informing residents about the Speedwatch event, and the available solutions to reduce speeding through the village.
17. An email was received from Jason Morden, Senior Conservationist. He is hoping to return to the village in early October to complete the work on the church wall.
Correspondence was received about the disappearance of an artificial flower wreath from a grave at the cemetery. The wreath was blown around in the high winds and subsequently damaged. It was proposed and seconded that a paragraph be added to the cemetery regulations asking people to tag (where possible) their wreaths/arrangements, so if they do get moved, they can be returned to the correct resting place. This will be commented on in the clerk's next paragraph for the newsletter in October.

Parish Councils are invited to light their beacons on 6.6.24 to commemorate 80 years of the D day landings. It was proposed and seconded. The clerk will contact MCA to see if they wish to make an event of it.

18. The next meeting will be Wednesday 4th October.

S E Scott
Clerk to Misson Parish Council
20th September 2023