

MISSON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 1st March 2023 at Misson Community Centre.

Pre-meeting questions from the public:

A member of the public said that the minutes from the February meeting, and the agenda for the March meeting were not on the website. It was confirmed that they were but had not been placed at the head of the site. This would be rectified by the clerk.

It was asked why no minutes have been recorded on the website from TEC since 2014. The clerk will put the question to the secretary of TEC

It was asked if the questions from last month's meeting concerning the number of complaints from Tunnel Tech had been answered. The Chair said the answers were covered in the report from the District Cllr at item no. 5

A report from the MCA's meeting of 15th February was raised. As the report had just been received by Cllrs, it was stated that the question would be registered and placed on the agenda for April.

Present: Cllr Walker (Chair), Cllr Smith, Cllr Watkins, Cllr Sutherland, Cllr Morgan. **Clerk:** S Scott

Also present: PSCO Dale – see report concerning policing in the area. (Item no. 8)

1. Apologies were received from D Cllr Watson, which were accepted. Cllr Woolliams was not present – no apology received.
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 Sutherland – non-pecuniary interest as a member of the River Idle Management Partnership.
3. The Council approved the minutes of the previous meeting which will now be placed on the website.

4. No matters to report that are not on the agenda.

5.

No report received from the County Councillor.

The report from D Cllr Watson was read out by the Chair.

COVID-19: 52 active cases in DRI and Bassetlaw hospitals this week, with 1 in ITU. Fit and healthy young people who are unvaccinated are still being badly affected. Flu is settling down: only 1 inpatient now.

STEP reactor project: first 3 employees now in post.

Local Council Elections 4th May: A reminder that voters will need photo ID: If they do not have a driving licence/passport etc a Voter Authority Certificate can be obtained from

BDC(<https://www.bassetlaw.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/elections-in-bassetlaw/voter-identification/>). Deadline for applications is 24th April.

Rates for 2023-24: BDC likely to be 2.9% increase.

Tunnel Tech:

I understand that last month the accuracy of my reporting was challenged. My monthly reports are accurate, complete and timely as I can make them. I try to report on the previous month's complaints. If some residents do not include me in their complaints, then I can neither include this information in my report, nor ask Environmental Health to immediately investigate the problem. The full list of complaints from BDC arrives 1-2 months after the event, for instance the December and January figures arrived towards the end of February, too late to be included in my report on the 1st February. I would therefore encourage residents to copy me into their complaints, so they can be included.

February was a quiet month for complaints that I have seen. There was an isolated report on 4th (wind from South), and a drive-by report on 10th. On 14th we were notified that bunker cleaning would be taking place over the following few days, but I have not seen any complaints relating to this. On 21st we were notified at 9.00 that the acid scrubber would be offline as a contractor had arrived to do some work, and there were multiple complaints that day. The smell was noticeable on The Green while the Community Shop was present. I have not seen any further complaints for February, but it may be 1-2 months before we receive the full log from BDC.

6. Tunnel Tech. See the report from D Cllr Watson above. Also, a comprehensive list of complaints for the months of December and January was received from James Whalley. It itemises 9 complaints for December and 26 for January. He did comment that only one complaint is recorded per household, not per person.
7. No further updates regarding fracking in this area.
8. Policing in the Parish – The committee welcomed PSCO John Dale to the meeting. He is part of the Rural Crimes Team for Bassetlaw. Members of the public and the committee made the following comments and requests:
 - Slaynes Lane/Hagg Lane – the huge amount of litter being left/dumped. Especially bottles, cans and evidence of drug use. It was recommended that the police drive down Slaynes Lane to observe the activity, rather than using the main road in and out of Misson.
 - Line Bank, the SSSI – a report that a body of a deer had been found, having been shot.
 - Quad bikes – these have been seen/heard in various locations around Misson, but especially along Slaynes Lane. PSCO Dale explained that they would not be given authorisation to pursue in case of an accident and subsequent litigation.
 - Neighbourhood Watch – he encouraged the use of the scheme and would be willing to assist in its development.
 - Speeding – It was explained that residents would not be willing to stand with handheld cameras again, due to the abuse given during the last speed check. He will therefore place Misson on the list of active areas in order to have a police presence to check speeding in and out of the village, especially on 'Williamson' corner.

Again, he encouraged residents to always report anything suspicious via tel. no. 101 or online. Resources cannot be allocated if no reports are received to justify the cost. An email was received from PC James Pickersgill, reiterating the last sentence. The email also mentioned that due to issues in relation to parking outside Misson Primary School, they will be providing a presence at the site over the coming weeks.

9. The Council approved the following expenses and receipts:

Expenses

Donna Fox – fees from November 2022 to 31st January 2023 £395.00

Yearly subscription to NALC £170.44

MCA – Hire of Community Centre on 20th February £20.00

Monthly Salaries – S E Scott £409.00, B Lowndes £96.60, S A Scott £125.00 HMRC tax and NI £118.60

S E Scott – reimbursement for laptop £399.90 (£66.66 reclaimable VAT)

A Wilcox – reimbursement for tea/coffee for NP Steering group event £4.50

BDC – supply of wheelie bin for cemetery maintenance £191.36

Receipts

HMRC VAT refund £852.79

Payment of Lengthsmen invoice £960.00

Funds from Notts CC towards extra community pages in the Misson Newsletter £350.00

Bank account balances Current A/C - £13836.15

Business Reserve A/C - £10595.57

10. No planning outcomes/decisions to report.

No new planning applications received.

A resident has complained about the appearance of a mobile home behind the property known as Holme View on Gibdyke. They have made a complaint to BDC planning department. A letter of complaint has also been sent on behalf of MPC. There has been no planning request for this action. BDC's reference no 23/00051/ENF.

11. Neighbourhood Plan update. A report was received from the committee date 28th February. This is in the public domain. An update on the school playing field – the Neighbourhood Plan is to incorporate it within their policy as a protected green space. It will still be maintained by the school.

The Steering Group wish to also include in the plans the area of land known as the bottom end of River Lane as a protected green space. Work will then be started to include the land as a MPC asset. The piece of land between The Pinfold and the post box will also be considered as a possible green space. It will be discussed at the April meeting.

The Parish wishes to record their thanks for the excellent work being done by the Steering Group.

12. Neighbourhood Improvement schemes – The Great British Clean Up is being organised across the country. Instead of the village signing up to this scheme, it was proposed that Misson extends the current 'clean up' scheme arranged by Reg and Wendy Threlkeld to include areas like Slaynes Lane, Hagg Lane and other footpaths. Members of the committee will look at the current state of the Lanes in relation to the amount of rubbish being left. The Chair will liaise with Reg and Wendy, and also the MCA .

All the required artwork and wording has been forwarded to Harry Stebbing for the information panel for the The Pinfold. A request will be sent to them to ask for a more definite date for the finished article.

The riverbank at the end of River Lane is continued to be maintained by the MPC.

13. Parish groups and projects – Cllr Morgan is to attend a church meeting. The view from Southwell appears promising.
14. Parish resilience planning – Sandbags are to be stored at Cllr Woolliams' house.
It was proposed and seconded that Misson Parish Council adopt a Climate Emergency Declaration. The declaration states that wherever possible Misson Parish Council adopts a green and environmentally aware decision making. NALC will be informed of the decision, to record it.
15. Highways and Parish paths – The lawnmower is currently at Branton Nurseries awaiting a service and repairs. The cost will be £675.62 including VAT. It was agreed to have the work done. Branton Nurseries to be notified.
16. Feedback from any meetings attended in February. – Cllr Morgan attended a meeting to discuss the King's coronation celebrations.
17. Correspondence received:
I was agreed that MCA can have the use of The Green on Saturday 3rd June for a community music event. The Chair of MCA to be informed.
18. King's coronation weekend – The King has requested that no beacons are to be lit for the occasion, and that all celebrations are to be low key. He also requests that the bank holiday Monday is to be a day for volunteering.
It is proposed that the village green be used for a 'bring your own' picnic. Bring your own food and refreshments. The green could be decorated with bunting and music could be played.
It is hoped that the Town Cryer will make all the announcements around the village on the Saturday.
There will be an article in April's newsletter regarding the celebrations.
The Council wish to record their thanks to the ??? committee for all their hard work.
19. Forthcoming elections on the 4th May 2023. The Clerk has the email from BDC with the nomination forms. Should anyone wish to stand as a Councillor, please contact the clerk.
20. The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 5th April 2023