

**MINUTES of the MEETING of MISSON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2017**

**Councillors Present:** V Shilling (Chairman), J Watson, A Wilcox and P Edwards.

**Tunnel Tech update from Simon Middlebrook including Q&A:** Simon Middlebrook (SA) attended the meeting to discuss the improvements being made at the site. The work involved 3 stages; the first stage is to improve the extraction system; the second is to enclose the bunkers where the chicken manure is handled and the final stage is to enclose the left hand side of the working area. If the new enclosures do not stop the issues with odour then Bassetlaw District (BDC) will enforce full enclosure of the site. The designs have been worked on over the past 6 to 7 months and the tender for contractors is currently being drafted; four companies are being approached to tender for the work. BDC receive updates on a fortnightly basis even if there is no progression; it is currently uncertain when the new enclosures will be built. There is currently work being carried out to improve the duct system; the old system had a diameter of 1 meters and the new system has a diameter of 2 metres; the work should be complete by the end of February or the beginning of March. Cllr Shilling advised that BDC do not keep MPC informed of the developments at the site. A resident questioned if timescales have been determined by BDC or Tunnel Tech. SM advised that no timescales have been determined. A resident asked when the project will be completed by; SM advised that he is unable to determine a date as a contractor has not yet been appointed. A resident advised that they were under the impression that stage one of the works was due to have been completed by the end of December; SM advised that before Christmas the new ducting system was installed along with re-laying half of the bio-filter which caused a disruption. Cllr Shilling asked if residents should notice a reduction in odour now. SM advised that there should have been a reduction since mid-January. Cllr Shilling advised that she had not noticed a difference; SM advised that once the new bunkers were installed within 2 to 3 months then the odour should reduce. Cllr Edwards questioned that with the planning permission being granted; will the production increase and if so there are concerns that the production should not increase until phase 2 of the improvements have been completed. SM advised that categorically there are no plans to increase productivity until the works have been completed. A resident questioned what would happen if the odour issue continued after the works were complete; SM advised that the site would have to be fully enclosed. A resident questioned whether full enclosure would stop the odour issue; SM advised that there is no guarantee. A resident questioned how long it would take to decide if the site should be fully enclosed; SM advised that the decision would be driven by BDC and the views of the residents. The judgement of acceptable odour and the assessment of whether the works have been successful lies with BDC. A resident questioned whether emission tests will be carried out; SM confirmed that they would. A resident advised that the current permit states that the monitoring of the odour is carried out 4 times per day but the permit does not specify that the whole of the village is monitored; Why? SM advised that the document read by the resident is outdated and that he would be prepared to provide MPC with the documentation outlining the areas which are tested 4 times per day. A resident questioned what happens when a complaint is made; SM advised that the complaint is logged and the complaints are reviewed by BDC. Cllr Shilling advised that Amy Ogden from BDC was adamant that there were no odour issues at night; there is an issue at night so what would the course be? SM advised that the bio filter and tunnels are operational but he would be hopeful that wasn't any odour. A resident questioned the working hours on site: SM confirmed that the working hours are 05.30am to 11:00 or 15:00 seven days a week and confirmed that no work was carried out after 19:00. A resident questioned the possibility of fungal spores being present in the emissions; SM advised that he was unsure as the emissions had not been tested. Cllr Edwards asked if it would be possible to set up a liaison group who could meet on a monthly basis; SM advised that he would be happy to assist with taking people around the site; but will do out of good faith and as a favour. A resident questioned why there has been a delay in funding the enclosure work and is the project self-funded; SM advised that Tunnel Tech North are funding the work even though they are part of a large group. Cllr Shilling questioned why TT had applied for a permit to increase the amount of water taken from the river; SM advised that the company have excess water and are looking at the possibility of not using the water from the river as they would prefer to use water from bore holes; the new application is for a license trade with the colliery. A resident questioned how often the membrane on the reservoir is inspected; SM

confirmed that the membrane has a 25 year guarantee and is regularly inspected by a registered engineer. Cllr Watson referred back to the fungal spores and questioned that if there is a chance that any spores emitted could have a health issues for those in contact with them; SM advised that anyone working in the pasteurisation area has to wear a mask as this is the stage when spores are released; but away from that particular area masks are not worn. A resident advised that The Health & Safety Inspectorate has stated that due to a lack of testing they are unable to say whether health issues could be caused by the spores further away from the site. SM advised that the H&S manager for the group is looking into occupational risks. Cllr Watson advised that she understood that the other sites are not situated close to villages; SM advised that some other sites are in secluded areas and others are close to villages and there is one in the centre of Sydney. Cllr Watson advised that even though there is no data to prove that fungal spores can have a detrimental effect on human health; this also does not mean that there won't be any issues. When attending the planning meeting with BDC it was discussed that the odour should be controlled before expanding the business but this has not been confirmed; SM advised that if the site goes to full enclosure the reason for this would be to contain the odour and treat it before being extracted; at this moment it is unsure of what it is needed. Cllr Wilcox questioned whether the other sites had as many issues with odour; SM advised that they do have issues but not to this degree. Cllr Wilcox questioned whether the other sites are enclosed; SM confirmed that some are partially enclosed. A resident questioned if the site went fully enclosed; would this mean a new extraction system would be required; SM advised that a fully enclosed site does need extraction and the details of this have been discussed with BDC. A resident questioned if the new ducting system was installed because of the size; SM provided residents and Council with images of the new ducting and advised that it was too small for what it needs to be connected to and that he would be happy to arrange a site visit once the ducting work was complete. Cllr Shilling thanked Simon Middlebrook for attending the meeting and providing the Council and residents with an update.

**Public Participation:** 9 Residents attended the meeting and made the following questions and comments. Footpath Austerfield number 4 is inaccessible in places; Cllr Shilling advised that the state of the footpath would be reported. The roads leading to and from the village are very muddy and requires cleaning on a daily basis; Cllr Shilling advised that the state of the road would be reported to Hanson's. Vicar Lane and Manor Close require tidying; Cllr Shilling advised that the areas will be inspected. There is an issue with litter along Newington Road; Cllr Shilling advised that the issue would be reported to Wendy Turner. There is litter from the quarry lorries along Slaynes Lane and rubbish from the dykes; Cllr Shilling recommended residents to take photographs of any litter issues use the fix my street app; Council resolved to report the issues to The Environment Agency and Hanson's. A tree on The Green requires strapping up to support it; Cllr Shilling advised that she would arrange for the tree to be fixed.

**(1) Apologies for Absence:** Cllr's A Woolliams; J Watkins and J Sutherton.

**(2) Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary & None Pecuniary Interests:** None

**(3) Minutes of the Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017:** Council resolved to approve the minutes as a true record.

**(4) To note Matters Arising from Minutes of the last Meeting not on the Agenda –This item for information only:** None

**(5) Report from District and County Councillors:** None in attendance.

**(6) Planning:**

- **To note planning decisions: Springs Hill Farm:** None.
- **To consider planning applications:** None.
- **To consider any other Planning Matters Inc. Neighbourhood Plan progress:** Cllr Shilling read the following statement from David Hobson: The Final document consultation completes 14 February 2017; an independent Examiner has been identified and BDC is checking that he can meet the timescales. Once the independent examiner is appointed the plan will be edited by BDC with agreement from the Steering Group in response to Examiners recommended changes; this needs to be complete by 7 March 2017. The outstanding balance of funds to be spent by March 2017; the plan will then be taken to full Council to agree a referendum date (these are every 3 months so we are aiming for the 7 March 2017 Council Meeting).

**(7) Fracking & Neighbourhood issues including:**

- **iGAS Liaison Group:** Cllr Watson advised that the Section 106 agreement deadline had been extended to the 28<sup>th</sup> February. There are concerns that NCC and iGAS are attempting to format the CLG. The CLG needs to consist of local people and include the members who have been involved since the start; once the drills start it will be the CLG members who monitor the work.

There are also concerns that NCC and iGAS are not involving the CLG in any discussions and are not answering questions raised by the group. Cllr Shilling advised that MPC could write NCC and iGAS to complain about not being consulted.

- **Project Proposals – Misson Community Association:** Cllr Wilcox advised that several residents attended the last meeting to offer assistance with the association. The AGM is coming up and it is hoped that a new Chair will be elected.
  - **Pinfold:** Deferred.
  - **Stone Plinth:** Deferred.
  - **Church Wall:** Deferred.
  - **Pre School Agreement:** Deferred.
  - **Robin Hood Airport – Noise Monitoring & Environmental Sub-Committee:** Cllr Edwards advised that there are overnight works being carried out on the runway.
  - **To review road safety, Highway and Parish Paths including Bridleways/byway issues:**
- (8) **Lengthsman Scheme:** Council resolved to obtain quotes to carry out work on Vicar Lane; Manor Close; River Lane and Slaynes Lane.
- (9) **Policing:** No updates.
- (10) **Finance; to review and approve:**
- **Financial Statements:** The Clerk provided the Council with a copy of the latest bank statements.
  - **Cheques for payment:** The Council approved the following payments:

<b>Chq 991</b>	<b>NALC</b>	<b>£132.55</b>
<b>Chq 992</b>	<b>S Youngman</b>	<b>£260.66</b>
<b>Chq 993</b>	<b>Viking</b>	<b>£49.19</b>
<b>Chq 994</b>	<b>J Watson</b>	<b>£69.10</b>
  - **2017 – 2018 Budget:** The Council reviewed the budget figures and Cllr Edwards proposed to increase the precept by 5%; Cllr Wilcox seconded the proposal.
  - **CILCA Qualification:** Cllr Shilling advised that the Clerk would like to gain the CILCA qualification; Austerfield PC and Stainton PC had agreed to contribute towards the cost of £250. Council resolved to also contribute towards the cost of the qualification.
- (11) **To receive correspondence:**
- Invitation to a community tour around the Materials Recovery Facility in Mansfield from Lesley Taylor the Recycling & Education office for Veolia. Cllr's Watson; Edwards and Wilcox expressed an interest in the tour.
  - New year update from Sue Baxter the Chairman of NALC.
- (12) To confirm the date of the next Council meeting: **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March.**