

MISSON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held at 7pm on Wednesday 7th February 2024 at Misson Community Centre.

Pre-meeting questions from the public:

None.

Present: Cllr Walker (Chair), Cllr Watkins, Cllr Robey, Cllr Watson, Cllr Sutherton, Cllr Andrews, C.Cllr Taylor.

Clerk: S Scott.

1. Apologies were received from C. Cllr Scott and D.Cllr Pashley.
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 Sutherton – 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 3rd January 2024. They will now be placed on the notice boards and on the website.
4. Matters arising not on the agenda – A couple of emails were received after the agenda was published. They will be discussed under item 19 – correspondence.
5. Report from the County Councillor – Nothing to report as regards the progress of STEP and devolution. The second round of public consultations concerning the major project known as HIVE has now gone live. Although this does not directly affect Misson, the C.Cllr will send the relevant information to the clerk to be passed on to the Parish Councillors. Notts County Council now have defined budget papers, they will be debated along with the County's proposals on Thursday 8th February 2024. The C. Cllr wished to state that there are no proposed cuts to any front-line services in the Borough. The County Council are proposing to take the full adult social care precept of 2% and 2.84% on the main base. Concerning closing Slaynes Lane, she agreed to proceed on behalf of Misson Resilience team in order that they can close Slaynes and Hagg Lanes at times of flooding to avoid damage caused by vehicles attempting to drive through flood waters. Concerning iGas, a visit was made by Tim Turner to the site. The site has been restored. Most of the aggregate has been removed, but due to the inclement weather, some is being stored at the Rocket Site, awaiting removal once it has dried out. The 'Lego blocks' which were used to provide a base for the security fencing should be removed before the end of February. There is also a mobile office cabin waiting to be removed on a flatbed lorry. The electricity supply is still connected, waiting for Western Power to disconnect. The junction box will remain for the landowner to reconnect if required for the lawful use of the site. Once all the outstanding work has been actioned, Tim Turner will make another site visit. The Parish Council thanked the C.Cllr for all her work in all these areas which are of interest to Misson residents, especially iGas and the restoration of the site.
6. No report from the District Councillor as he is on holiday, however thanks will be sent after the new signage appeared at Misson Mill directing traffic coming from Bawtry. The Chair would like to ask him if a similar sign was planned for the opposite side of the entrance, to alert traffic coming from Station Road and Top Street.
7. No formal report from the police regarding any incidents in Misson and the surrounding area has been received. The Chair will continue to chase up for a face-to-face meeting with PC Pickersgill. He is aware that Misson residents would like to be better informed. The Chair was able to confirm that

in the last quarter there have been two serious incidents in the area. A burglary in Misson Springs, and an allegation of assault in Misson village.

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

Expenses

PAYE for January - £129.00 23/091

M Guest for January - £12.00 23/093

Hugo Fox for website support - £11.99 inc vat 23/087

ICO renewal - £40.00 23/086

S E Scott salary for TEC and MPC for January - £535.10 23/092

B Lowndes backdated salary - £10.40 23/090

R Wilcox-Wood trainee Lengthsman - £60.50 23/089

Urban Arborist - £660.00 23/088

Receipts

Bank interest for end of January - £14.05 23/R020

Bank account balances as at the 31st January 2024

Current a/c – £11720.16

Business Reserve a/c – £10730.18

Four budgets were produced for discussion to approve the precept for Misson from Bassetlaw District Council. It was proposed and seconded to increase the Clerk's hours by two hours per month to cover the additional work of the ten Council Surgeries each year's surgery each month. The Council agreed to approve a precept increase of 5.26%, (approximately 6p per week per household). Cllr Robey voted against the increase.

The quarterly accounts have been signed off by Cllr Robey. Going forward, following a confidential incident concerning the Parish Clerk and on an interim basis, it was proposed that the accounts will be signed off each quarter by Cllr Watson, in order to guard the Clerk from scrutiny and critique that she is finding unreasonable and potentially injurious to her wellbeing. A majority of Councillors voted in support of this. Cllrs Andrews and Robey abstained. The Chair thanked Cllr Robey for having volunteered to undertake the task previously.

The CIL fund held by Bassetlaw District Council was discussed. It was proposed and seconded to leave the money in place until a decision could be made regarding its use. An agenda item will be placed for the March/April meetings to discuss the best possible use of the fund, especially in relation to the Community Centre.

It was agreed that decisions of confidential items will be recorded, with no sensitive information being disclosed.

Possible suggestions for a development plan were discussed. Thanks were recorded to Cllr Scott for all the work she had put into providing a raft of ideas, some which are already in hand, and some completely new ones, such as better acoustics for the Community Centre. It was agreed that fuller discussion should wait until the next meeting when Cllr Scott could be present.

The draft Freedom Of Information and Model Publication policy was considered. It will be placed on March's agenda for approval.

The new Monitoring Officer at Bassetlaw, Stella Bacon, would like all local Parish Councils to adopt the new Code of Conduct policy written by BDC. It was voted to accept the new policy, as there were no significant differences to Misson Parish Council's current policy. The Clerk to confirm the decision to the Monitoring Officer. It will be signed off at next month's meeting and published on MPC website.

9. Planning decisions/outcomes reported –
 - 23/000635/FUL – The application to replace the windows in The White Horse. Still waiting for a decision.
 - 23/01098/CAT – Willow View on Slaynes Lane. Application to fell one tree and crown a Cherry tree. Application approved.
 - 23/00053/HSE – Proposed single storey extension to Dove Barn on Springs Road. Application granted with requirements to use approved materials to match the existing property, plus the extension must be flood-resilient.
 - 23/01339/HSE – Application to retain work carried out on the boundary wall at The Old Granary and to remove existing gates and erect a sliding gate. Application granted.
- New planning applications –
 - 19/01638 – Plot 1 at the end of Gibdyke. This is an updated submission showing the layout, design and intended materials for the property. No comments are required.
- New planning applications –
 - No other planning applications received after the agenda was published.
10. Discussion regarding an energy audit of the Community Centre – In principle the Council agreed with the suggestion. The decision about when to go ahead will be discussed at the next meeting, when Councillors could better understand the implications of the findings.
11. The update on the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group – A report was received, which will be placed on the website and on the notice boards.
12. Update on neighbourhood improvement – The ivy is still to be removed from the wall of the churchyard, this will be done in Spring. The mower is due to be serviced before Spring.
13. Updates between MCA and MPC – This is covered under item 15 below.
14. It was proposed to change the name from Misson Community Centre to Misson Parish Hall as suggested in the Parish Council's Green Paper published 7th December 2022 (Para 6.5). – The new name will strengthen the link between the community and Misson Parish Church. It would also be more encompassing of the parish, including Newington and Misson Springs. It was proposed and seconded to change the name and was unanimously supported. A sponsor has already agreed to fund the new signs. The Clerk will need to inform the Post Office, Insurers, and other interested parties. An entry informing the residents will appear in April's newsletter. The aim is to have new signage in position by the end of May 2024
15. Reports from Parish groups and projects – A report of activities in January was received from the Chair of MCA which was read out by Cllr Robey. A report from the PCC on behalf of Misson Parish Church was read out by Cllr Watson. A report was received from the Resilience Team. A draft Misson Resilience plan is in development, to include climate emergencies such as flooding, heavy snow, and extreme heat over long periods. The plan will also look at the loss of power to the area and its implications. A visit will be made to Fishlake to meet their Flood Resilience Team leader to look at their plans, which were drawn up after the floods of 2019. Notts C.C. are resurrecting the Flood Warden training. The Parish Council wishes to extend its thanks to the Misson Resilience Team for the efforts they made in calming residents during the flooding in early January 2024 and sharing up to date information.
16. Parish resilience planning – See item 15 above.
17. Highways and Parish paths – A report was submitted to Highways regarding the broken sign on Station Road in January. A reply was received stating that action would be taken within 10 working days – nothing has happened yet. The Clerk will send another request. A report was also submitted concerning the potholes on Top Street between the cemetery and the Old Vicarage. Highways have

been out and filled some but not all. The Clerk will obtain photos of the potholes on Middle Street and submit a report to Highways. The Clerk will report a streetlight not working at Newington.

18. Feedback from meetings attended – from the MCA meeting there is a proposal to bid for funds to update the leaflet giving information about the pathways/rights of way around Misson Parish. One suggestion was to create an app for mobile phones which could give more information about the route. MCA are also in the process of writing and agreeing a possible management agreement to present to MPC. A parishioner attended the council surgery in January to comment about the lack of a police presence in the village. He found it very frustrating, especially as we used to have the police attend the monthly Parish Council meetings, to hear people's views. He was informed that the Chair and Clerk are still working to meet with PC Pickersgill at the earliest mutual opportunity.
19. Correspondence – After receiving an email from NALC it was decided to stay with Hugo Fox as our website provider. Correspondence was received from MCA stating that they will go ahead and arrange and pay for the replacement internet connection. There is a QR code for the password in the vestibule of the Community Centre. A request was made to place a memorial stone in the cemetery in memory of a lady who used to live in Misson Springs. It was approved. Correspondence was received complaining (again) about people not clearing up after their dogs. The Clerk will address this matter in the next newsletter, plus more signs will be posted around the village. The faded posters in the notice boards will be replaced, as will the sign in the cemetery notice board reminding people that dogs must be kept on a lead. An email was received about not being allowed to drive a car into the cemetery along the footpath. The sender was made aware of the prohibition, and no further action is required. The restriction will be mentioned in the April newsletter.
20. The next meeting will be Wednesday 6th March 2024
21. Confidential items – It was approved to obtain quotes for a replacement internal auditor, due the previous auditor retiring in March 2024. It was unanimously agreed that any matter criticising the quality of work undertaken by MPC staff who are employed by the Parish Council either directly or indirectly, will be made in the Confidential part of the meeting when members of the public have left. The Chair remarked that it is appropriate for Councillors to ask critical questions and raise concerns, but this should not take place in Public as a matter of respect.

12th February 2024

S E Scott

Clerk to Misson Parish Council