

Minutes of Misson Annual Parish Meeting held at Misson Community Centre on Thursday 1st June at 7pm.

Present: M Walker (chair); S E Scott (clerk); 10 members of the public.

1. The meeting approved the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 11th May 2022.
2. All people present introduced themselves and which group (if any) that they were representing.
3. Report from the Chair of Misson Parish Council – The work of the Parish Council is to maintain, preserve and protect the Parish, ensuring everywhere is safe for all. We also manage planning applications. We have no vote as a Council but are a consulting body. It is our job as representatives of the Parish to make sure all applications confirm to the Neighbour plan, design plan or the conservation plan. Our 5 big matters over the last 12 months have been: the appointment of a new Parish clerk. Agreement of the words and design of the Pinfold information panel. Restoration of a large portion of the church wall. Misson Parish Council are responsible for the upkeep of the church wall and the church yard. Produced a Green paper regarding the future of the Community center, both short and long term. The start up of the Neighbourhood Steering Group. The Steering group is responsible for the ongoing updating of the Neighbourhood plan, which runs to 2031. The group is looking for new funding to continue the necessary work. The Council has also been able to capture a couple of green spaces within the village. The Council signed the Climate Emergency Declaration. This is to state that wherever possible the council will ‘think green’ when completing projects or awarding contracts. It has been signed by thousands of organisations. We have a newly elected Council, which comprises 3 new and 4 members from the previous council. Their first ordinary meeting will be next week. The financial reports of the Parish Council are on the website.
4. Report from Thimbles – Started over 5 years ago, with a group of ladies who wished to meet and quilt. We have grown with ladies who knit and crochet, often completing work for the Parish. This year the main charity we have been concentrating on is ‘Baby Basics’, making basic items of baby wear to be packed into boxes for families who cannot afford the basics. Over the past 12 months, more than 3000 items were sent. For the King’s Coronation, the ladies made 500 metres of fabric bunting for decorating the village. Each Christmas a quilt is made and raffled off. The monies raised goes to the MCA. The ladies also decorate a couple of trees outside the church at Christmas. However, the main purpose is for the ladies to meet every week for a chat and a coffee. Everyone is welcome, no matter what skills you have, or don’t have. Some of the ladies come along simply for the company. The Thimbles wish to thank all in the village who contribute to their group, whether with money, or craft items.
5. Report from St John the Baptist Church - Our beautiful church has been used for several events over the last year. As well as villagers gathering in the church for baptisms, weddings and funerals there have been various fund-raising events organised by the faithful few to keep the building there for us all. The Patronal festival, Christmas gatherings, school services, a choral concert to name but a few. It is also going to be used as a recording venue , the acoustics being much appreciated. Messy church children spend fun time there too and in the future the vision is that the building will be used for many more events when a toilet and kitchen are finally in place. However, church is not just the building, it is sharing faith in the community, giving comfort to those who need it and promoting harmony between us all.
The interaction between the various organisations in the village has been very encouraging. The church now has a page in the Community newsletter. Misson Parish Council tend the churchyard and MISSON Community association joined forces with church members to organise a very successful and fun filled race evening. Thimbles have donated bunting and other villagers have been very supportive. We have the Patronal festival this month with the Theme of Serving King and Country. Come and see the various exhibitions and enjoy some refreshments. Also, if you ever wish to use the building for a place of tranquility and private reflection just contact Anne Rowe(Contact in the newsletter) and the church will be opened for you.
6. Misson Community Association – This year the expenditure has been higher than the income received due to work being required to the building. These include a new flat roof to the small room, and a refurbished floor in the bar area. Events bring in a lot of money to the MCA as well as the 100 Club. MCA has also purchased goal posts and a croquet set for residents to use.

There are also administration fees such as insurance. Many events have been arranged throughout the year, the picnic on the Green to celebrate the King's Coronation, Christmas lunch for the over 65's, Christmas Fayre, Scarecrow festival, plus many more, including the arrival of the Easter Bunny. During the Christmas Fayre, residents were asked what they wanted from the MCA. Over 100 suggestions were received. The MCA also arranged for 2 training days to enable people to learn to use a defibrillator. These were well attended. A monthly walking group has been established, meeting on the first Wednesday in each month. A gentle walk followed by tea and cake. 'Live and Local' will hopefully commence in Autumn, which will bring live music, dance, and theatre into the village. On a final note, the MCA has received the donation of a table tennis table. It will be checked out, and if suitable, brought from Bawtry for the villagers to use. There is a need to look for extra ways of generating income, especially now that pre-school is moving out. The Centre has been used for baby showers, birthday parties, music lessons, plus much more. There will be more available time to do more activities during the day. On the 1st July it will be 'Time to Party Again', with balloon modelling, a Caribbean band, food and more. The MCA want to extend its thanks to Jan and Spencer Robey for continuing to run the 100 Club. The lease of the Centre between MCA and MPC will be discussed at the next ordinary Parish Council meeting. Thanks were give to the MCA for all the work that it does, much appreciated.

7. Report from Misson Park and Playground group – Sadly there has not been much progress since last year's meeting. Last July, the design was agreed for the equipment which would go on the school field. Concerns were then raised about what if the school closed, and thousands of monies had been spent on play equipment. It was then decided to place everything on hold until the pre-school had been settled in September, then discussions would begin again, and the group could look for funding.
8. Report from Frack Free Misson – Continue to be regular contact with Nottinghamshire County Council. Last year Igas agreed to start restoration to the site in October 2022, but then it was placed on hold due to the Government's decision on fracking. The moratorium was quickly put back in place, but it was then too late to start work because of the bird breeding season. The latest news between Igas and Notts CC is that restoration will take place before the start of the 2024 bird breeding season.
9. Report from W.I. – The group have 27 members. These include new members from the village and 3 from Bawtry, who are also members of the Bawtry group. There have been encouraging numbers of guest visitors, who pay to come along, which help the finances. There was a change of president last year. Janis James was elected unopposed. There was a wide variety of speakers last year, including Millie Johnson, an author, and Margaret Clarkson, a local artist, who painted as she spoke. It is a small enough group for everyone to know each other, but large enough to be able to get good speakers. Funds are obtained from visitors, raffles, and the selling of tea, and of course cake. In a couple of weeks, Misson WI will be hosting the 'South Yorkshire WI Treasure Trail'. Information about it will be published in due course.
10. Misson Environmental Group (M.E.G.) – continuing to monitor the odors from Tunnel Tech. There was a surprise visit from Therese Coffey Secretary of State for the Environment, at a recent meeting. The new District Councillor, Stephen Pashley was also present.
11. Other groups in Misson include Misson Marine Group who organize the annual duck race on the River Idle. They donate monies to other groups within the Parish. There is The Town Estate Charity which supports the maintenance of Line Bank. TEC will have its own Annual meeting shortly.
12. Next year's Annual Parish meeting will be at 7pm on Wednesday 8th May 2024
13. The meeting ended at 8.10pm.

S E Scott

Clerk to Misson Parish Council.

3rd June 2023