

MINUTES of the MEETING of MISSON PARISH COUNCIL
Held on Wednesday 8th April 2015

Councillors Present: V Shilling (Chairman), J Watkins, J Watson, A Woolliams
District Cllr A Simpson

Also attending for item 5: Ben Ayres & Stewart Laws, Hanson UK

Public Participation Seven residents attended. Residents raised the following issues:

- MPC should be concentrating on addressing the TTN & Fracking issues rather than focusing on development issues with the Neighbourhood Plan (NP). Members robustly disputed a lack of attention to the major concerns of fracking & TTN pollution, whilst explaining the importance of the NP to the future development of the parish to reflect residents' wishes. Cllr Simpson noted that the NP process & results will now lead BDC Local Plan.
- A resident asked if all households had received the NP questionnaire. Members explained that the consultation had been an open day for all to attend & complete a questionnaire, having viewed the supporting information on display. Questionnaires were later delivered to areas of the village with little or no representation at the open day, offering a further opportunity to have a say in developing the NP.
- Litter on Bawtry Road verges, Back Lane & the trees opposite Misson Mill. The Chairman confirmed that BDC would be collecting the highways litter asap, & instructed the clerk to seek remedial action from the Misson Mill owners for the litter blowing from the site. **Clerk**
- Residents (& Council) were delighted that damage to the Bawtry Rd stone entrance sign had been expertly repaired. The Chairman thanked Mr Bingham for his workmanship & instructed the clerk to pass on MPC & residents thanks in writing. **Clerk**

(1) Apologies for Absence. Cllrs J Sutherland, E Vallance & A. Wilcox, County Councillor L Yates.

(2) Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary & None Pecuniary Interests. None

(3) Minutes of the Meeting 4th March 2015. Council **resolved to** approve the minutes as a true record with an amendment to item 8a) IGas CLG meeting twice monthly not twice weekly.

(4) Matters Arising from Minutes of Last Meeting not on the Agenda. The clerk reported that the BDC Tree Officer was happy to visit the church yard to offer an opinion on the listed sycamores with regard to their impact on the retaining wall. The clerk would circulate dates for Members to attend.

(5) Presentation from Hanson UK Managers on the Newington South & Newington West planning applications.

With the aid of large-scale maps & plans Ben Ayres & Stewart Laws outlined the proposals for the sand & gravel quarry extensions requested & their restoration plans.

Newington South

- Less material is available to quarry than originally thought. The application seeks to extend the working area, although within the same timeframe as the existing permission up to 2018.
- Restoration of the area will be to wet grassland & reed beds to compliment the neighbouring areas of Idle Washlands SSSI. Viewing platforms over the reed beds will be provided.

Newington West

- A new area for quarrying which borders TTN, Bawtry Road & Slaynes Lane.
- A new temporary access entrance is proposed from Bawtry Road.
- Quarrying would commence on completion of Newington South in 2018 & complete in 2020.
- This area is thought to contain significant amounts of archaeology & a full Archaeology Report will be required before NCC will determine this planning application.

- Restoration will create new habitats & include public access in line with feedback from Misson residents & MPC. The site will be maintained by a 21 year Management Agreement for conservation, with a Management Committee including MPC & interest groups.

MPC Chairman opened the meeting to public questions.

Residents & Members comments included:

- Maintenance of Slayes Lane BOAT – Hanson UK has a requirement to maintain the Lane under a Section 106 Agreement. The issue of increased vehicle usage of the lane now that the restored areas are attracting a large number of bird life. As a BOAT it is not thought possible to restrict vehicle access.
- Damage to Bawtry Road from HGV traffic including quarry traffic. The idea of an annual meeting with NCC Highways Managers was discussed, to include other Misson HGV users. Hanson UK explained that HGV drivers were not employed by Hanson but that they had good working relationships & a Code of Practice. Hanson UK agreed to speak to hauliers regarding the current litter problem to reinforce their good practice code.
- Very pleased to see public access included in the restoration plans to increase the walks available to Misson residents & visitors.
- *Misson West* quarry had been an important area for archaeological finds. MPC hoped that any new archaeological artefacts would be managed by BDC Museum at Retford to afford residents & Misson school easy access.

The Chairman thanked Ben & Stewart for their presentation & reconvened the business meeting.

(6) To review progress with odour reduction at Tunnel Tech

The TTCC provided their report, key points as follows:

- Disappointingly, legal proceedings against TTN have been postponed for a second time, the court hearing is now scheduled for May 14th at 2pm in Mansfield.
- Misson residents present at court for the postponed hearing gained a very unfavourable impression of the BDC legal representative with regard to court protocols.
- Hugh James have withdrawn their 'no win, no fee' offer & put a gagging order on their former clients. All avenues for private prosecutions seem to have closed at this moment in time.
- BDC had not provided March complaints data to date.

MPC thanked TTCC for their report & continuing work to forward the end to TTN odour nuisance. MPC **resolved** to ask Mr David Armiger, BDC Director responsible for the enforcement of the TTN Permit, to allay their fears by setting out how he will handle the court case to ensure a successful prosecution of TTN for breach of permit.

Cllr Simpson agreed to meet with Mr Armiger to address the TTN issue.

Clerk
Cllr Simpson

(7) Planning:

a. Planning decisions:- 14/01633/FUL – retention of workshop/storage building for car sales & farming business, Westfield House, off Bawtry Road, Misson – Granted.

b. Planning applications:-

- Variation of conditions: 1,2,3,13,21,25,32,38,51,62,63,&65 of planning permission 1/32/12/00007 Newington South Quarry, Misson. MPC made No Objection to the application to vary the planning conditions.
- Application for a proposed new working area with restoration to nature conservation & a temporary new access off Bawtry Rd, Newington West, land to the south of Bawtry Rd, Misson. MPC made No Objection, in principle, to the proposed development. However, the application is dependent upon an archaeological survey & report which is still to be undertaken. MPC made the following comments:

- MPC would welcome the public display & cataloguing of any archaeological findings in Retford Museum. Held locally such materials would be available to local residents & Misson Primary School to access.
- MPC have concerns regarding the impacts of HGV traffic on the Bawtry Road highway condition should quarrying be extended for a further two years or so. Should the Newington West application be granted MPC would like to make it a condition of approval that the Hanson management team have an annual meeting with NCC Highways to review the impact on Bawtry Rd. Ideally this meeting would involve all principle Misson businesses generating regular HGV traffic.
- MPC are pleased to see the restoration proposal includes public access. Going forward as new habitats mature MPC envisage greater vehicle usage of the Slaynes Lane BOAT. Not all this traffic is desirable as some result in fly tipping, criminal damage & antisocial activities. MPC would like to request that NCC Public Rights of Way team consider mitigation measures to reduce these hazards.
- **15/00215/FUL** The installation of a 10MW solar PV development including new entrance & access to site from Bawtry Rd, land off Bawtry Rd & south of Bryans Close Lane, Misson. This application came too late for MPC consideration. MPC **instructed** the clerk to seek an extension for comments so that they could consider at their next meeting. MPC also invited the BDC Case Officer, Jamie Elliott, to attend their May meeting, to speak to this application & to inform them of his role as BDC Planning Enforcement Manager. **Clerk**

c. To consider any other Planning Matters:-

- Members welcomed the report from the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. Local community consultation had achieved a detailed response from 62 residents/families (out of 200); 32 Misson schoolchildren had spent an afternoon with BDC Planner to discuss the role of planning & their aspirations for the village; an application for further grant of £5,306 submitted.
- MPC noted the NCC Scoping Opinion on the IGas proposal & pleased to see that MPC comments, & those of other respondents, had been included.

(8) Fracking & Neighbourhood issues

- Cllr Watson reported on the recent IGas Community Liaison Group (CLG) meeting:
 - Planning application anticipated in May 2015
 - Public consultation event planned in July with representatives from DECC, HSE & EA.
 - Vehicle route to site now only via M180, Blaxton & Bank End Road
 - Concerns over water sources remain & information is not being provided
 - Updated traffic movements differ from the scoping report & have increased
 - Noise levels will be set by BDC
 - NCC has increased the scale of the Habitat Survey from 1km to 2.5km radius.
- The parishioner fracking survey & petition is progressing via volunteers with a notional deadline of 10th April. The results so far provide a clear indication of the overwhelming resident opposition to the fracking proposal at Misson Springs.
- Parishioners Rob Neal, Adrian Murten, Simon Gledhill, & Mark Watson were happy to serve on an Energy Sub-Committee to guide MPC decision making on the various energy proposals coming forward within the parish. Members **instructed** the clerk to draw up draft Terms of Reference so the Committee could go live in June 2015. **Clerk**
- Members understood the BDC Dog Warden had visited one 'problem' dog owning household responsible for fouling Misson roads & pavements. The problem of 'noisy dogs' seems to have been resolved.
- Cllr Watkins provided an update on progress delivering the Misson Heritage & Access project. The NP community & youth consultations have given a clear steer to the signage project, with the church, river, old buildings & place names, wildlife, community & the old windmill suggested. MCA are providing the community centre free of charge for the Retford Museum WWI exhibition – no date yet.

- MCA have agreed to apply for a grant towards a defibrillator & have offers to house the machine. Some Misson youngsters have received training to use a defibrillator. A project update to be provided at the next meeting. **Clerk**

(9) Communications.

- Cllr Watson reported that the MPC website was now live & being populated with material. MPC will be able to comply with the new Transparency Code requiring materials to be available on a public website by July. Members warmly thanked Cllr Watson for her achievements and agreed to provide feedback & ideas for inclusion on the site. **Members**
- MPC discussed the benefits of publishing their annual report in Bawtry Today & **resolved** to do so this year. **Chairman**

(10) Road Safety, Highways & Parish Paths

- Members welcomed the new Saturday 27 Bus Service & joined-up timetabling.
- The clerk reported that NCC would undertake weed spraying in May; & a temporary speed display sign for traffic calming on Station Road. Cllr Simpson was investigating a donation from Lafarge towards a permanent speed sign for Station Road.
- Beech Hill Level Crossing weekend closure 18th April.

(11) Policing.

Cllr Watson reported on the BDC Rural Conference, with a focus on rural policing:

- New model – will focus on crime prevention & locality measures
- Better signposting & assessment in Control Rooms has massively reduced unnecessary call outs so police officers are available for serious situations
- All police officers to have body cameras
- Mental health nurses are often present on call outs with police officers
- PSCOs & Beat Managers to visit PC meetings more often
- Has MPC completed the Rural Crime Survey to provide preferred contact details?
- Rural Crime Unit looks at wildlife & heritage crimes
- Community Road Safety scheme trains local residents to monitor driver speeds. No enforcement powers but can follow up with speeding drivers later. MPC **resolved** to invite the officer to speak at a future MPC meeting. **Clerk**

(12) Financial reports.

- The clerk presented the financial statement to 30th March 2015 & Council **resolved** to accept it.

MPC current account balance @ 30/03/15	£ 5,785.85
MPC deposit account balance @ 30/03/15	<u>£10,513.70 (unconfirmed)</u>
Total funds	<u>£16,299.55</u>

- Council **resolved** to **approve** the following cheques for payment:

Chq. No	Item.	Amount.
000871	Mr D Hobson (NP)	£ 34.48
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000873	CDF (NP underspend)	£3,053.00
000874	S A Scott (Chairman's Allowance)	£ 25.00
000875	S A Scott	£ 311.24

Council noted the date of Audit – 22nd June 2015

(13) Correspondence. Covered in agenda items.

(14) Council confirmed date of the next meeting as Wednesday 6th May 2015, 7.30pm.