

**MINUTES of the MEETING of MISSON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2015**

**Councillors Present:** A Parsons, V Shilling (Chairman), E Vallance, J Watkins, J Watson,  
A Woolliams  
County Councillor L Yates (part), District Councillor A Simpson

**Public Participation** Fourteen residents attended.

- A resident expressed his appreciation of the marvellous commitment & enthusiasm being built in the community to counter the proposal to exploit the parish for shale gas. He hoped that this would continue & that it could have been maintained over the many years of campaigning to right the TTN odour issues.
- A resident asked if a weight limit for HGV's travelling through the village could be considered due to the problems he witnessed with HGVs trying to make the turn from Top Street to Station Road & the near misses with adjacent properties.

**(1) Apologies for Absence.** Cllr J Sutherton,

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

**(3) Minutes of the Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> January 2015.** Council **resolved to** approve the minutes as a true record.

**(4) Matters Arising from Minutes of Last Meeting not on the Agenda.** None

**(5) Presentation of the findings from the Misson Residents Survey regarding fracking issues from Misson Action Group.**

*The Chairman welcomed Rob & Cheryl Neal, Misson residents, & invited them to present the survey findings.*

Key points included:

- The survey took place during September & October 2014, before Misson was identified as a site for shale gas exploration. The survey covered Misson, Misson Springs & Newington.
- Misson residents conducted the survey visiting all inhabited properties at least once on various days & times of day to try to speak directly with as many residents as possible.
- A response was received from 259 out of the 284 properties (91%). Of the responses:
  - 204 families (79%) wished to remain frack-free
  - 48 families (18%) didn't know whether they would be for or against fracking
  - 7 families (3%) were for fracking

Members discussed whether to undertake a new survey, or partial survey of Misson Springs, now that Misson Springs had been identified as a site for exploration. MPC **resolved** to undertake a new survey of Misson Springs to gather residents' current views. MPC **instructed** the clerk to agenda for the next meeting. **Clerk**

*The Chairman thanked the speakers 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:

- Legal proceedings against TTN are now scheduled for March 19<sup>th</sup> 2015 in Mansfield.
- BDC received 25 complaints of odour nuisance during January 2015.
- Mr Ladyman was leaving BDC to take a position closer to his family in the NE. Cllr Simpson informed the meeting that an internal appoint would be made in the short term & she would be on the approvals panel.
- TTCC requested MPC to request a copy of the November 2014 TTN Odour Monitoring Report which they had not received & wasn't posted on the BDC website, & to request an explanation for the lack of information on the summons/prosecution on the website. **Clerk**

## (7) Planning:

- a. **Planning decisions:- 14/01377/TPO** fell sycamore tree due to damage to existing yew tree & total shading of all garden & house, Fircroft Farm, Station Rd, Misson - Granted. MPC requested that BDC give consideration to the ash tree receiving a TPO which was identified as significant in the Tree Officer Report.
- b. **Planning applications:- 14/01606/LBA** – existing ground & first floor windows to south elevation be opened up, made good & refitted with new timber, single glazed, open-able casement windows, & install new windows to existing vacant openings, Wardens Cottage, Slaynes Lane. MPC made no objections & no comment. **Clerk**
- c. **To consider any other Planning Matters:-**
  - Members welcomed the progress report from the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group & the timetable of consultation events including the main community consultation on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February. Cllr Simpson informed the meeting that she believed that NP's could not be validated until BDC had produced & approved a Local Plan.
  - Members reported community support for the proposed solar photovoltaic commercial & community farm at land off Norwith Hill. Members discussed the need for an Energy Sub-Committee to provide expert input into MPC decision making on planning applications addressing energy issues. Members **instructed** the clerk to agenda for a future meeting. Members noted the NP Group were also looking at energy issues & the need for a joined up approach. **Clerk**

## (8) Fracking & Neighbourhood issues

- Cllr Watson reported on discussions at the IGas Community Liaison Group (CLG) including a provisional timetable:
  - Quarter 1 - an IGas community consultation event planned at Austerfield to involve representatives from DECC, EA, HSE, & NCC. Cllr Watson had requested the event is held in Misson so as many residents as possible could attend.
  - Q2 2015 – planning application for an exploratory well. CLG requested that a copy of the planning application be provided locally, possibly Bawtry Library.
  - Q4 2015 – if planning is approved site construction for the wells
  - Q1 2016 – wells operational for two months followed by analysis of results. Subject to the analysis either restoration of the site or proceeding to full planning application for fracking.
- Members discussed their preliminary analysis of the IGas Scoping Report provided by NCC for MPC to provide comment on. One particular area of concern involved the impact on residents from the number of HGV movements (estimated at over 17,000 over a 56-week period) & the unsuitability of a route proposed. Members resolved to hold an Extraordinary Meeting on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February to formulate their response to the Scoping Report. **Clerk**
- Cllr Simpson recommended MPC speak to Misterton PC regarding the transfer of Community Assets as they had successfully listed the Red Hart as a Community Asset. **Clerk**
- Members discussed the increasing problem of dog fouling & 'free running' dogs. MPC **instructed** the clerk to seek assistance from BDC including letters from the Dog Warden to residents who allowed their dogs to roam. **Clerk**
- Members discussed a reduction in NCC support for youth services & whether MPC could contribute to this work. Members felt there was insufficient need in Misson parish, which had not received support, from the youth bus etc, in the past or present.
- The clerk reported on the Hanson's quarry site visit & restoration plans. Information boards were planned which would help to inform the community & hopefully build support. Hanson will be submitting planning applications for the extension areas shortly, & had included the public access MPC had requested in the restoration plans for this new area.
- MPC considered a resident's concern over the collect time changes on the Royal Mail post box at the Green. MPC understood that Royal Mail had allocated an 'am' and 'pm' collection box which was becoming common practice in communities with more than one post box.

### (9) Communications.

- Members discussed the growing community requests for installation of the BDC Broadband Scheme in the Community Centre. Members felt that BDC N3 programme may consider providing a free community scheme. Cllr Watkins agreed to approach BDC. **Cllr Watkins**

### (10) Road Safety, Highways & Parish Paths

- Members **thanked** Mr Edwards for all the work he had done to secure a new Saturday service from Misson. Mr Edwards circulated a revised timetable, operational from March, which Members & residents warmly received.
- Members instructed the clerk to seek a site visit from the NCC Highways Manager to consider the issue of HGV traffic travelling through the village. **Clerk**
- The clerk reported no response from NCC on an update to the proposed public footpath at Norwith Hill. MPC **instructed** the clerk to seek assistance from Cllr Yates. **Clerk**
- The clerk reported that one lighting column was still unlit in Newington & would report it to NCC once more. The Chairman recommended the app 'Fix my Street' as an effective tool.

### (11) Policing.

- Cllr Watson reported on the general dissatisfaction of parishes on the lack of rural policing as reported at NEBF. The next BDC Rural Conference will focus on this issue & have Police representatives. Cllr Simpson informed MPC that she would be meeting Insp. Andrew Knight & will raise these issues & concerns.

### (12) Financial reports.

- The clerk apologised that she was unable to provide the financial statement to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2015 as this had not been received yet from NatWest.
- Council reviewed & **approved** the Q3 October – December Accounts.
- Council reviewed & **approved** the MPC Budget for 2015-16 setting a Precept of £9,864, a 5% increase on the 2014-15 Precept. MPC expressed disappointment that BDC was one of a minority of authorities who were not passing on Council Tax Benefit Grant to local parishes. MPC **instructed** the clerk to notify BDC of MPC Precept requirement. **Clerk**
- Cllr Woolliams reported the need for renewing a recreation area at Misson Primary school & requested that MPC pass on any knowledge of suitable grant funding.
- Council **resolved** to **approve** the following cheques for payment:

Chq. No	Item.	Amount.
000866	Mr D Hobson	£ 44.45
000867	NALC	£ 118.10
000868	S A Scott	£ 311.24

### (14) Correspondence. Covered in agenda items.

**(15) Council confirmed** date of the next ordinary meeting as Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2015 commencing at 7.30pm. Council confirmed the date of an additional Extraordinary Meeting as Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2015 to provide a MPC response to the IGas Scoping Report, as invited to do so by NCC.