

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

**Councillors Present:** A Parsons, V Shilling (Chairman), J Sutherton, J Watkins, J Watson, A Woolliams

**Public Participation** Ten residents attended. Residents raised the following issues:

- The need for repairs to a pavement on Church St; highway on Top Street after the junction with Station Road. MPC **instructed** the clerk to notify NCC Highways Manager. **Clerk**
- Speeding vehicles along Station Rd coming into the village from Springs. MPC discussed the traffic monitoring results from previous years, which had not provided any traffic calming measures. MPC resolved to pursue this ongoing concern with NCC Highways & instructed the clerk to seek assistance from NCC Highways Manager & Cllr Simpson for potential funding sources. **Clerk/Cllr Simpson**
- Damage to the stone village entrance sign on Bawtry Rd resulting from hedge cutting. The Chairman reported that Mr Bingham, who had built the stone plinth, would make repairs.
- The benefit of attractive village signs & floral displays including hanging baskets. The Chairman reported that the project to design new village signs (to complement the existing signs) was progressing well. Floral planters will be purchased with the grant funding. Further floral displays including wildflower/pictorial verges were planned & Cllr Simpson had provided funding to kick-start the scheme.
- Some of the trees on the Village Green had damaged & low hanging branches. MPC would refer to the recently conducted Tree Survey & agenda for consideration at the next meeting.
- The lighting column on West Street had been replaced.

**(1) Apologies for Absence.** Cllr E Vallance, County Councillor L Yates, District Councillor A Simpson, S Botcherby (TTCC)

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

**(3) Minutes of the Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> February 2015.** Council **resolved to** approve the minutes as a true record.

**Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> February 2015.** Council **resolved to** approve the minutes as a true record.

**(4) Matters Arising from Minutes of Last Meeting not on the Agenda.** The clerk reported on the BDC proposal to move to whole council elections & the implications for parish councils. BDC would vote on these proposals tomorrow, which could mean a parish council election in May 2015. Information will be provided as soon as the decision is known.

**(5) 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 21 complaints of odour nuisance during February 2015.
- Mr David Armiger, BDC would be fulfilling Mr Ladyman's responsibilities in the short term.
- The clerk reported that BDC had not received the TTN Odour Monitoring Report due in November 2014. BDC had not reported on the legal proceedings against TTN (on the BDC website) as this was not the usual practice in the authority.

**(6) Planning:**

- a. Planning decisions:- 14/01606/LBA** – existing 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 – Granted.

**b. Planning applications:-** None

**c. To consider any other Planning Matters:-**

- MPC considered a request from the IGas CLG to receive MPC comments on the IGas Scoping Report. MPC **approved** the request to make their comments available to the CLG.
- Members welcomed the progress reported from the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. The community consultation event on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February had received excellent support. Members thanked the NP Group for their extensive research & skills in providing such an informative day to gather residents' views. Members agreed to review & approve an application for further funding support between meetings to ensure progress could be maintained.
- Members noted a planning application had been submitted to BDC to develop a solar photovoltaic commercial & community farm at land off Norwith Hill. MPC would be invited to consider the application in due course.
- Members discussed the need for an Energy Sub-Committee to provide expert input into MPC decision making on planning applications addressing energy issues. MPC was informed that a number of informed residents were happy to become Members of such a committee. MPC agreed to create an Energy Sub-Committee & agenda for further development at the next meeting. **Clerk**
- MPC considered a possible breach of planning approval concerning a piece of land off Gibdyke. The original planning approval had been for a limited period & approved purposes, both conditions appeared to have been breached. In addition, damage had been caused to a boundary wall, which may be part of a neighbouring listed building. MPC **instructed** the clerk to refer the matter to the BDC Planning Enforcement Officer. **Clerk**
- Members discussed the seeming lack of proactive planning enforcement by BDC as evidenced from a number of recent cases, including those concerning listed buildings. MPC **instructed** the clerk to explore what actions BDC & MPC could take with the BDC Planning & Conservation Managers. **Clerk**

**(7) Fracking & Neighbourhood issues**

- Cllr Watson reported on discussions at the twice monthly IGas Community Liaison Group (CLG) meetings including:
  - Invitation to representatives from Hatfield Woodhouse & Haxey to join the CLG.
  - Geologist presentation which indicated that any horizontal drilling will come towards Misson village from the potential site at Misson Springs.
- Members discussed the lack of information provided to Misson residents regarding the IGas community consultation event in Austerfield. From residents feedback Members estimated that around a third of Misson households were unaware of the event. Members also regarded notice to MPC of one week inadequate to rearrange diaries & make time for Members to attend what should have been an important opportunity to engage with IGas and their plans for Misson. Residents attending the event had been very disappointed with the lack of site-specific information & that the specific information provided, for example on traffic movements, differed significantly from that provided in the published IGas Scoping Report. Having reviewed the issues resulting from the event MPC **resolved** to write a formal letter of complaint to IGas to ensure Misson residents would be properly consulted in future. **Clerk**
- Members expressed concern over the thousands of vehicle movements involved in the construction of the proposed well head & infrastructure & suitability of the proposed routes. MPC instructed the clerk to seek current traffic movement data from NCC Highways. **Clerk**
- Members reviewed the need to resurvey parishioners on their views on fracking now the proposed site was identified for the exploratory well at Misson Springs. MPC **resolved** to undertake a survey of all households in the parish to inform the MPC decision making in response to any future planning application. **Members/Clerk**
- Members were delighted to hear that a number of residents with suitable expertise would be happy to serve on an Energy Sub-Committee to guide MPC decision making on the various energy proposals coming forward within the parish. Such a committee would also inform the

work of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. Members **approved** the creation of an Energy Sub-Committee & **instructed** the clerk to agenda for further consideration. **Clerk**

- Members discussed once again the increasing problem of dog fouling & 'free running' dogs & looked forward to action from the BDC Dog Warden. Members reviewed the BDC consultation to introduce a Public Spaces Protection Order aimed at promoting responsible dog ownership. Members **resolved** to back the Order & **instructed** the clerk to make their views known. **Clerk**  
Members **instructed** the clerk to agenda the issue of noisy dogs at the next meeting. **Clerk**
- Cllr Watkins provided an update on progress delivering the Misson Heritage & Access project. Archaeological artefacts from as long ago as 9,000 BC discovered in Misson are held in Retford Museum & available to support the project. Misson school are keen to get involved & can develop exciting curricular activities from our local archaeology & heritage. Retford Museum staff are keen to visit the village with a WWI exhibition during the year. Further ideas have come forward from the NP consultation. Further work is required with the clerk to progress the heritage/walks leaflet theme in tandem with the design of the village signs.
- Cllr Sutherton reported on the monitoring of the church wall – a movement of about 10mm had occurred over an 18-month period. MPC **instructed** the clerk to seek advice from BDC Tree Protection Officer with regard to the protected trees potential impact on the listed wall. **Clerk**

#### **(8) Communications.**

- Members & residents were delighted with the BDC N3 Broadband installed free of charge in the community centre. Members extended their thanks to BDC & Sharpe Systems for their support & hoped that further uptake of the excellent scheme would result.
- Cllr Watson very kindly reported that she would undertake further work on the MPC website with a view to the site being live by the summer.

#### **(9) Road Safety, Highways & Parish Paths**

- Members reviewed the advice of the NCC Highways Manager with regard to the issue of HGV traffic travelling through the village. Members continued to debate this issue & thought that a weight limit for through traffic could be a benefit but required support from local businesses.
- Members were concerned with the volume of rubbish on Bawtry Road & asbestos was reported as dumped on Slaynes Lane. MPC **instructed** the clerk to notify BDC for removal. **Clerk**
- The clerk updated Council on the proposed public footpath at Norwith Hill. NCC reported that the landowners had withdrawn their support for a diversion route. The proposed footpath would now be subject to a Public Enquiry by the Planning Inspectorate. This would be held in the parish but looking at a lead in time of at least six months.
- The clerk reported on damage to the Line Bank bridleway by vehicles, making it impassable for walkers. Members discussed the options available to them considering the dual ownership of the land & other access requirements. MPC instructed the clerk to report the incidents to the police to see if any preventative action can be taken. **Clerk**

#### **(10) Policing.**

- Cllr Watson agreed to attend the BDC Rural Conference, which will focus on rural policing.

#### **(11) Financial reports.**

- The clerk presented the financial statement to 4<sup>th</sup> March 2015 and Council **resolved** to accept it.

MPC current account balance @ 04/03/15	£ 5,769.85
MPC deposit account balance @ 04/03/15	<u>£10,513.70</u>
Total funds	<u>£16,283.55</u>
- Council reviewed & **approved** quotes for mowing during 2015-16. MPC noted that extra care was required when transporting mowing vehicles over the church steps.

- Council **resolved** to **approve** the following cheques for payment, payment to be made following a second signature being made between meetings:

Chq. No	Item.	Amount.
000869	Mrs H Gledhill (NP)	£ 38.00
000870	S A Scott	£ 311.24

**(12) Correspondence.** Covered in agenda items.

**(13) Council confirmed** date of the next meeting as Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2015 commencing at 7.30pm.