

MINUTES of the MEETING of MISSON PARISH COUNCIL
Held on Wednesday 6th November 2013

Councillors Present: A Cameron, R McIlroy, V Shilling (Chairman), C Stringer, J Sutherton,
A Woolliams, County Cllr L Yates

Also attending: PC Nathan Thomas

Public Participation Around 20 residents attended. Residents concerns included:

- Faulty street lighting – recommended to use the NCC on-line fault reporting service which requires the light column number or location
- Outside light at the Ship Inn, Newington thought to dazzle oncoming traffic in the highway. MPC **instructed** the clerk to investigate. **Clerk**
- Continuing issue with lorries & HGV's travelling on the 'wrong' carriageway of narrow village centre & access roads, forcing car drivers to stop, reverse or go off road to avoid collisions. CCllr Yates reported that this blight was an issue in many rural parishes & had been reported to the Leader of NCC. Cllr Yates will seek a solution/s with the senior Highways Manager, John Ogle, on behalf of her parishes including Misson.

CCllr Yates reported that:

- Misson PC LIS grant application is approved for assessment. Unfortunately, the LIS budget is reduced from £3m to £500,000 for community schemes so competition for funds will be intense.
- NCC Budget cuts could impact on rural villages as not seen as deprived although they are in the bottom 10% in terms of delivery of NCC services.
- The River Idle Management Board is making progress with the flooding issues

Policing issues & BDC Broadband scheme were addressed in this session to allow for public participation. The relevant reports are minuted below.

(1) Apologies for Absence. Cllr E Vallance & District Cllr A Simpson

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

(3) Minutes of the Meeting 2nd October 2013. Council **resolved to** approve the minutes as a true record.

(4) Matters Arising from Minutes of Last Meeting not on the Agenda.

- MPC **agreed** to invite Mr Cornish of Loveden Estates to address the Annual Village Meeting with regard to the issues of running a commercial rural business, which also benefits the local communities and wildlife habitats. **Clerk**
- The clerk reported that no Misson residents are registered with the Bassetlaw Community Action (BCA) car scheme, although in the past some residents had used the scheme. MPC **instructed** the clerk to invite BCA to the forthcoming Misson Xmas Fair to promote the services. **Clerk**

(5) Presentation on the Bassetlaw District Council Broadband Scheme – Daniel Watson, BDC Economic Development Officer.

Daniel explained that the scheme aims to provide an interim solution to the lack of high-speed broadband in the Bassetlaw rural areas for businesses & residents. In the longer term, 2 – 4 years, Misson should benefit from the NCC Broadband Scheme that will lay fibre cables. However, considerable uncertainty remains with the NCC scheme delivery timetable (via BT), and the broadband speed guarantees only 2 Mb. The BDC scheme, delivered with Sharpe Systems a local ICT company, will:

- Provide wireless broadband at speeds up to 24 Mb potentially within the next 6 weeks
- Requires businesses/households to purchase a small amount of hardware – a receiver box @ £70 & a router @ £20 (approx. costs)
- Offer variable pricing structures, estimated @ £25-30 per month for up to 10 Mb broadband speeds (unlimited download). Using a mobile could reduce phone costs as a landline is not required.

BDC are undertaking a mapping exercise to identify where there is demand for the service and suitable buildings and/or land to place repeater 10-12 metre masts. For example, in Misson the church tower could

be an idea site for an antenna. **Misson residents and business owners are encouraged to register their interest with BDC on www.bassetlaw.gov.uk/broadband**

A co-ordinated approach to delivering the scheme may be helpful via the NEBF, which BDC would welcome. MPC thanked Daniel for his presentation & looked forward to seeing the scheme progress within the parish.

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

The TTCC made their report as follows:

- TTCC, together with five residents, met with John Mann MP. Mr Mann expressed a number of opinions which led him to believe that TTN may ultimately shut down the Misson operation & relocate to their site in the SE. TTCC do not share this viewpoint.
- Areas in the parish reporting strong odour, particularly at weekends, include Slaynes Lane; Station Road; Gibdyke and Vicar Lane.
- TTCC sought to clarify whether a civil prosecution had any bearing on a criminal prosecution being successfully conducted. Cllr Cameron thought not.

(7) Planning:

a. Planning decisions:- none

b. Planning applications:- **32/10/00020 Reserved matters** application for the erection of one dwelling, following outline approval land between Brookes Cottages & Woodfield House, Bawtry Rd, Newington. MPC made NO objection & NO comment on the application.

c. To consider any other Planning Matters:-

- MPC received a briefing on the introduction of a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Scheme from the Chairman, who with the Clerk, had attended a BDC workshop.
- Members discussed the findings of a meeting with BDC to consider further options in producing a Neighbourhood Plan. Members agreed that the benefits a Plan could bring to the parish, together with the funding available to undertake the plan made the initiative worthwhile & achievable. Mr Ian Lord registered his interest in assisting with the Plan steering group as a parish resident & architect, providing MPC felt there was no conflict of interest due to his work for the Misson Mill site. MPC agreed there was no conflict of interest & welcomed Mr Lord's assistance. MPC **agreed** to go ahead with a Neighbourhood Plan & **instructed** the Clerk to notify BDC of their intention. **Clerk**
- The Chairman & Cllr Woolliams had met with the residents affected by noise nuisance from the Lafarge Tarmac pumps in the Springs area & found their evidence to be credible. These concerns should be taken into consideration when reviewing the forthcoming planning application to extend the quarry.
- Members asked the clerk to agenda the NCC Minerals Plan consultation at the next mgt. **Clerk**

(8) Neighbourhood issues

- Members were delighted to hear that a further two multipurpose bins will be provided by BDC at the Village Green bus shelter & the village end of Slaynes Lane.
- MPC reviewed the current implementation of the Lengthsman Scheme in light of Harworth & Bircotes TC e-mail on the issues they were facing. MPC also considered the quotes provided by North Notts Landscapes for Lengthsman activities & the merits of managing the scheme directly. MPC **instructed** the clerk to circulate the NCC contract prior to the next meeting & include the Lengthsman scheme in future budget discussions for 2014-15. **Clerk**
- Members considered the merits & budget considerations of providing floral displays with the help of feedback kindly received from Ranskill PC. Members also received verbal information on a scheme to employ a young person as a 'handyman' to keep a neighbouring parish clean & tidy. MPC **instructed** the clerk to include these issues on the budget planning meeting agenda. **Clerk**
- MPC **requested** the clerk seek quotes for a new oil tank & installation at the Community Centre, together with circulating information from the police on oil theft prevention techniques. **Clerk**

(9) Parish Plan implementation review, Section 3 – Community, Education & Communication

Council discussed the actions highlighted within the Plan focusing on education as other issues had been covered:

- MPC were delighted that strong working links had been forged with the school through Cllr Woolliams who was a school governor.
- Cllr Woolliams reported that the school were considering the NCC tree planting scheme that MPC had been able to pass on to them.

(10) Road Safety, Highways & Parish Paths

- The clerk reported that the white lining request at the corner of Top Street/Station Road would be actioned by NCC & that the interactive speed sign should be installed within the month.
- Members reported significant levels of mud on the road adjacent to the Springs level crossing. MPC **instructed** the clerk to report these infringements to NCC Highways. **Clerk**
- Members noted a further closing of the Springs Road from 16th November for level crossing works.

(11) Policing. MPC welcomed PC Thomas to the meeting who gave his report as follows:

- August – four crimes recorded in Misson out of 42 for the beat area. These included theft of a motor vehicle at Park Drain; theft ‘other’ from Misson Springs & the Bawtry Road quarry; burglary on Bawtry Road which is being investigated by CID.
- September – vehicle theft Park Drain, dwelling entry on Gibdyke and Back Lane
- October – criminal damage reported on Misson Springs Road
- ASB reports are down, which is to be expected, as the weather turns inclement.

(12) Financial reports.

Members received and **approved** the financial statement to 30th October 2013 & instructed the clerk to include the figures in the minutes.

MPC current account balance @ 30/10/13	£12,662.49
MPC deposit account balance @ 30/10/13	<u>£10,506.29</u>
Total funds	<u>£23,168.78</u>

Members **requested** that the clerk provide budget information on income & outgoings at each meeting whenever time allows. **Clerk**

(13) Cheques

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

Chq. No	Item.	Amount.
000804	BDC	£ 132.08
000805	NALC	£ 60.00
000806	S A Scott	£ 304.54

(14) Correspondence. Council noted:

- Assistance request with servicing the church clock. MPC approved a donation of £195.00
- Residents concerns regarding the ‘fierce’ dog at Mill House, which deters residents from using the public footpath adjacent to the house. MPC reviewed the legislation on ‘dog law’ and agreed to monitor the situation and any ongoing complaints.
- Request from Natural England to approve scrub growth removal & selective tree felling to restore the fenland on the Line Bank SSSI. In their capacity of Trustees of the land owner Town Estate Charity Members **approved** the request.

(15) Council **confirmed** date of next meeting as Wednesday 4th December 2013 at 7.30pm.