

MINUTES of the MEETING of MISSON PARISH COUNCIL
Held on Wednesday 2nd December 2015

Councillors Present: J Holmes, V Shilling (Chairman), J Sutherland, J Watkins, J Watson,
A Wilcox, A Woolliams
County Councillor L Yates

Public Participation Twelve residents attended. Residents raised the following issues/comments:

- Overgrown pavement from Hagg Lane to The Ship inn Newington. The Clerk has asked the Lengthsmen to undertake this siding work.
- Fly tipping near the Rocket Site on Springs Road. MPC **instructed** the clerk to report to BDC. **Clerk**
- Mud on Bawtry Road from fields opposite TTN and off Hagg Lane. The clerk had reported to NCC.
- A Cllr has 'harangued' children playing in the churchyard. The Cllr disputed this allegation and wanted it put on record that she was not prepared to be subjected to false allegations & verbally abused in the manner used by the resident. The Chairman reiterated that the residents' behaviour was inappropriate and ill-informed and fully supported the Councillors responsible actions in speaking to the children. MPC is legally responsible for the management & maintenance of the Grade 1 Listed churchyard and wall; any Cllr has a duty to take action to prevent harm and damage to people & the property. A parent reported that she had spoken to their children who had undertaken not to play in the churchyard in future. Members reiterated their concerns expressed at previous meetings that the churchyard & wall was not a safe or appropriate place to play. A number of Members and the Clerk had spoken to children on several occasions pointing out the dangers of playing in the churchyard and climbing on the church wall. Cllr Woolliams will speak to other parents concerned with this activity. **Cllr Woolliams**
- When and where will the Xmas lights be displayed. The Clerk & Cllr Sutherland will install lights on the trees on the Green. A further donation is anticipated and lights will be positioned in the two trees at the entrance to Coronation Avenue. **Clerk/Cllr Sutherland**
- White lining is required on the church step leading onto Middle Street. **Clerk**
- Road safety issues adjacent to the old chapel on Top Street. Another very 'near miss' had been witnessed due to the number and positioning of parked cars so close to the corner with Station Road. Members agreed that this was an ongoing safety issue & **instructed** the clerk to report to NCC for action. **Clerk**

Cllr Yates updated Members on:

- The NCC Supporting Local Communities Grant Scheme. The Scheme focused on areas of deprivation and rural areas such as ours had lost out in recent funding rounds. Rural communities needed to stress the issues of deprivation resulting from their rural isolation.
- NCC Budget Consultation opening shortly
- Misson Pre-school had benefited from her NCC Cllr Grant

Liz is happy to submit the Misson Residents Petition against the application for exploratory drilling for shale gas to NCC Committee, the full Council Meeting is on January 14th 2016. Liz will pass on MPC support for the Lengthsman scheme and support inclusion for ongoing support in the 2016-17 NCC Budget.

(1) Apologies for Absence. . District Cllr A Simpson

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

(3) Minutes of the Meeting 4th November 2015. Council **resolved to** approve the minutes as a true record.

(4) Matters Arising from Minutes of Last Meeting not on the Agenda. Cllr Woolliams reported that Keith Ashton Memorials will make good any of their memorials that require attention in Misson Cemetery. The Chairman thanked Cllr Woolliams for this news & commitment from the memorial mason. Cllr Woolliams also indicated that the damage to the wildflower seeded areas on Vicar Lane may be down to resident driving practice in part. MPC instructed the clerk to write to the household concerned. **Clerk**

(5) Presentation on Misson Solar PV Farm, Ed Jessamine Novus Energy.

Ed provided a power-point presentation for Members and residents benefit which is appended to these minutes. The key points of the presentation include:

- As Members are aware the Planning Permission was only granted by BDC in October due to the objections of a major consultee (Finningley Airport). This eight-month delay has had major consequences for the scheme.
- The guaranteed Feed In Tariff (FiT) was required for the community owned scheme to proceed as it guaranteed a rate of return necessary for investor confidence. As the Government has recently withdrawn the tariff the community scheme cannot proceed. Had Planning Approval been granted in July (rather than October) then the scheme could have been Registered and the FiT locked in.
- The commercial scheme of 5MW will proceed under the Renewables Obligation (RO) Programme. The RO will not support dual schemes and is inappropriate for a community investment as generation payments are market driven.
- The RO scheme entails Novus Energy to complete the installation by 31st March 2016 so work at the site will begin immediately. NCC will widen the road entrance off Bawtry Road and all traffic will be accessing the site via the A614 and Newington. Novus are negotiating with landowners with the intention for cable runs going through adjacent fields rather than the road verges. Installation is not taking place at the ideal time of year but a temporary control mechanism for lorry turning should minimise mud being dragged out onto the road. The whole operation should be completed within about 8 weeks. Remediation, seeding works will be carried out later in the year in a more favourable season.
- Novus will ensure Misson benefit from the community benefit payments and act as a facilitator between the community and the ultimate Misson PV Farm Scheme owners. The potential owners are open to considering a community scheme in the future should the economic environment become favourable.
- Novus will arrange for advice and assistance regarding future opportunities for community schemes should this be desirable by MPC and residents.

The Chairman opened the meeting for questions.

- The lifespan of the solar panels is 25-35 years but tend to renew them after 10 years (old panels are recycled). The quality and capacity of panels is increasing all the time giving a greater output for the same surface area. This is likely to continue and become more efficient. As prices fall for equipment less subsidy will be required making this renewable energy source very cost effective.

The Chairman thanked Ed for his presentation & commitment to the Misson scheme before reconvening the business meeting

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

Councillors Shilling, Watkins, Watson & District Cllr Simposn had attended a meeting with David Armiger & Liz Prime at BDC Offices that morning. The Chairman read out her Report from the meeting, which is attached as part of the minutes. BDC are working together with TTN on a construction project which will involve total enclosure and they expect plans to be submitted in February, although the pre-application process has already begun. BDC encouraged MPC & TTCC to engage TTN in discussion prior to the plans being submitted to BDC. This is normal practice for MPC with other major businesses in the parish but has not been the practice with TTN.

The TTCC were very disappointed that, as the MPC expert Advisory Group, representatives were not invited to the meeting with BDC and were only consulted the day before the meeting. TTCC felt this was a step backwards in the relationship with BDC. The Chairman apologised for this arrangement, explaining the parameters of this meeting but indicating that BDC will attend MPC and/or TTCC meetings when they had reviewed the final TTN plans. MPC questioned the lack of a TTN Emissions Report & it now appears BDC are working to a new timeline of April 2016 for delivery of the Report. Cllr Watson asked about the monitoring regime, which doesn't seem to be a set nor scientific process allowing TTN to 'cherry pick' times and locations for monitoring. Residents experience odour more commonly at night and weekends suggesting bad management practice could be contributing to odour release. BDC could insist on a monitoring schedule by an independent third party.

Following discussion of the issues MPC **resolved** to invite TTN to present their abatement plans at a future MPC meeting for Members and community input. MPC will encourage TTN to commit to a Community Consultation Committee for these abatement measure and ongoing dialogue.

Clerk

(7) Planning:

- a) **Planning decisions:- 15/01349/FUL** Erection of 12.5m Pole to mount broadband receptor at Misson Primary School, Dame Lane, Misson – **Granted**.

b) Planning applications:- ES/3265 (NCC) – Extension to existing Misson Grey Sand Quarry off Bawtry Road, Misson. The clerk reported that NCC had granted an extension for MPC to consider this application at their January 2016 meeting. Members discussed the issues & **instructed** the clerk to invite the applicant, Mr Martin Rowley, of Misson Sand & Gravel Ltd, to present the plans to the next MPC meeting. **Clerk**

15/01557/NOT – Approval for infill of void under existing bridge to create gravel embankment and the installation of a culvert, bridge north of rail crossing, Springs Road, Misson Springs. The clerk reported that this was a ‘prior approval’ application from Network Rail as the work is ‘permitted’ subject to securing the approval of the local planning authority for the plans and specification. MPC discussed aspects of the proposal with regard to the heritage & wildlife associated with the bridge structure and old warping drain that would be infilled and culverted. Members were concerned that the warping drain was a significant wildlife corridor with possibly protected species, such as bats & great crested newts, living & breeding within the vicinity of the bridge. MPC instructed the clerk to make these comments to BDC & ensure the BDC Conservation Officer & NWT were aware of the application. **Clerk**

c) To consider any other Planning Matters:-

- Members agreed to consider both IGas applications - **ES/3379 (NCC)** – to develop a hydrocarbon wellsite & drill up to two exploratory hydrocarbon wells (one vertically & one horizontally) by use of a drilling rig together with ancillary works, land off Springs Rd, Misson; and the revised information provided to support the monitoring boreholes application, **F/3321**, at an EMPC meeting on 10th December 2015 at 7pm. MPC noted that the deadline for comments had been extended to 23rd December 2015. Cllr Woolliams reported the concerns expressed by Misson School and parents regarding the road safety issues and logistics should there be an increase in traffic on Bawtry Road and Top Street, Misson.
- Members noted that the BDC Planning Committee of 16th December will discuss the IGas exploratory drilling application. MPC resolved to be represented at the Committee and Cllr Watson agreed to speak. MPC instructed the clerk to notify BDC of MPC intentions. **Clerk**
- Members welcomed the report from the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group & looked forward to the community consultation event on 6th December.
- Members discussed the options for the Solar PV Farm Community Benefit payments and noted that the Town Estate Charity Managers had resolved to accept the payments into the charity funds. MPC welcomed this arrangement as the most appropriate for managing a parish wide scheme.

(8) Fracking & Neighbourhood issues

- **CLG Group**
 - Cllr Watson reported on the recent IGas Community Consultation Exhibitions at Tinker Lane, Torworth and Austerfield. Both events were attended by around 100 residents. The exhibition was disappointingly a revamp of the original displays.
 - The recent Community Liaison Group (CLG) meeting was attended by two IGas planning representatives, together with planning officers from NCC. Discrepancies with the traffic assessment appeared following scrutiny by the CLG Members as it seems that no assessment of the trunk roads had been made. CLG discovered that IGas hauliers may use the A614 through the neighbouring villages of Blaxton, Finningley, Austerfield & Bawtry on route to/from the A1 at Blythe.
 - Professor David Smythe has produced a very detailed report on the hydrology & geology aspects of the application, which Misson residents had helped to fund.
 - Members noted that the ‘temporary fencing’ surrounding land adjacent to the Rocket Site may be in breach of planning legislation. MPC instructed the clerk to refer the matter to BDC. **Clerk**
 - The monitoring boreholes application may go to a NCC Committee in January 2016
- Cllr Watkins reported that the village entrance signs were in production. The Chairman reported that the alternatives sought for the village planters are in some doubt. Members **agreed** to defer a decision to the January meeting for clarification from the potential supplier. **Chairman**
- **Pictorial Verges project** – Members thanked residents and, school children, who had planted two sacks of bulbs around the village and school entrance.
- Cllr Wilcox reported 36 bookings for the **Pensioners Christmas lunch & Entertainment** with a further number of ‘home deliveries which was excellent news. The White Horse was providing raffle prizes, in

addition to the meal, MCA a small gift for everyone & MPC will provide a celebratory beverage.

(9) Communications

- Members were delighted to hear that Misson parish was to be included in the NCC Rural Broadband Scheme – Phase 2 work programme as per the NCC press release. MPC instructed the clerk to pass on their thanks to the NCC team & seek further information as to timetable for the works. **Clerk**
- Cllr Watson reported that the Hugo Fox website design should make an excellent alternative for the MPC website. It was easy to use the design layouts and free for the PC. The only cost would be a domain name and hosting which Cllr Watson would investigate. **Cllr Watson**

(10) Road Safety, Highways & Parish Paths

- Cllr Sutherland reported fly tipping adjacent to the Rocket Site at Misson Springs. **Clerk**
- Cllr Holmes reported a request from staff and customers at the Angel Inn to have the street lights on for a longer period to allow safe passage to their homes, particularly around Dame Lane & School Lane. MPC supported this request & instructed the clerk to enquire of NCC. **Clerk**
- Cllr Holmes reported the issue of a raised grate on School Lane, which was a hazard for pedestrians & vehicles using this access road, believed to be owned & maintained by Misson School. Cllr Woolliams agreed to ask the school to take remedial action. **Cllr Woolliams**

(11) Policing

- The Chairman thanked Mr P Edwards & Mrs S Handy for volunteering to undertake the Community Road Safety scheme training & invited them to report to the meeting. The full report is attached to the minutes as a record the key points including:
- The purpose of the scheme is to modify bad driving behaviour. Persistent offenders can be identified, and together with the volume & extent of the speeding (ie over 50 mph) the police will take action against individuals and/or undertake their own speed checks.
- The Misson volunteers are now able to train other volunteers and a pool of volunteers would be ideal.
- The scheme operates at no cost to the PC with all the equipment and insurance provided by the police.
- Once the Misson roads have been risk assessed by the police for suitability for the Community Scheme we can request the equipment as often as we like.

MPC thanked Mrs Handy & Mr Edwards and agreed to seek additional volunteers via Misson Hub and agenda the item for further discussion at the next meeting. **Clerk**

(12) Financial reports.

- The clerk presented the financial statement to 30th November 2015 and Council resolved to accept it.
MPC current account balance @ 02/12/15 £21,681.86
MPC deposit account balance @ 02/12/15 £10,517.68
Total funds £32,199.54

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

Chq. No	Item.	Amount.
000911	J Watkins (NP Budget)	£ 11.10
000912	BDC (NP budget)	£ 1,800.00
000913	Today Publications Ltd (NP Budget)	£ 241.50
000914	Luke Brown (NP Budget)	£ 800.00
000915	NNL Ltd	£ 432.00
000916	St John the Baptist Church Misson	£ 25.00
000917	S A Scott	£ 311.24
000918	S A Scott (X mas lights recharge)	£ 164.00

- MPC reviewed the current budget spend against forecast in preparation for the 2016-17 Budget forecasting. Members **agreed** to consider project options for discussion at the next meeting & **instructed** the clerk to prepare budget forecasts based on 0, 2 & 5% increases. **Clerk**

(13) Correspondence. None not covered in the agenda

(14) Council confirmed date of the next meeting, EMPC, as Thursday 10th December 2015, 7.00pm.