

**MINUTES of the MEETING of MISSON PARISH COUNCIL  
Held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2014**

**Councillors Present:** V Shilling (Chairman), J Sutherton, J Watkins, J Watson, E Vallance

**Also attending for item 5:** Ed Jessamine & Robin Dummett, Novus Energy & Kenny Dhillon of Adas Planning Consultants

**Public Participation** Six residents attended.

Residents raised the following issues:

- Thefts of pedigree dogs reported in Harworth
- Lack of road closure signs (re Beech Hill level crossing) at the Misson turn off the A614 at Austerfield. Members **instructed** the clerk to seek signage installation from NCC Highways **Clk**
- Two of the three streetlights in Newington are out of action leaving a very dark habitation & highway. A streetlight on West Street, partially removed, has been out of action for a length of time. Members **instructed** the clerk to report the faults to NCC Highways to action. **Clerk**
- Progress on Christmas Lights – covered in the agenda items.
- What had happened to the bulbs within the old planter, which had been removed from the village entrance sign? The clerk reported that the Lengthsmen should have planted the bulbs within the verge in front of the sign.

**(1) Apologies for Absence.** Cllrs A Parsons, A Woolliams & County Cllr L Yates

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

**(3) Minutes of the Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> November 2014.** 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 from Novus Energy on the potential for a solar photovoltaic ‘farm’ at land on Norwith Hill off Bawtry Road, Misson**

*The Chairman opened the meeting for public questions during the presentation & discussion.*

With the aid of large-scale maps, drawings & photographs Ed, Robin & Kenny illustrated their proposals. Key points covered in the presentation & discussions included:

- Novus Energy is currently scoping their proposals with statutory agencies & would like to present them to the wider Misson community after further development in January 2015.
- The Norwith Hill site offers a suitable size for a solar photovoltaic commercial & community scheme, using low-grade land, easy linkage to the grid at the Misson Mill sub-station & good screening from the few neighbouring residential properties & the village as a whole.
- The total site is 35.9 acres with capacity for 5MW commercial output & a 2MW community ‘ownership’ output if desired by the Misson community. The site would operate for 25 years.
- Piggybacking a community scheme with a commercial scheme makes the community scheme more viable by sharing infrastructure & planning costs. However, this would break new ground as this type of project is still being developed by DECC (the Government Dept. for Energy & Climate Change) who can support the development of solar energy schemes with grant aid.
- Regardless of whether ‘community’ panels are installed, Novus Energy expects to be able to donate an annual payment of around £2,500 per MW to Misson Parish for community benefit by outperforming their target production figures. The Town Estate Charity was suggested as a suitable entity to receive & distribute any funds for the benefit of the parish.

- Installation of the panels & security infrastructure would take about three months & will involve some disruption to the Bawtry Road highway. After installation there is very little traffic to/from the site, which is mainly monitored from continuous camera operation.
- Members endorsed a proposal to hold a community consultation event over an afternoon/evening in January. MPC **instructed** the clerk to liaise with Novus Energy to seek a convenient date & agenda the item for discussion at the next meeting. **Clerk**

*The Chairman thanked the speakers for their informative presentation & re-convened the business meeting.*

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

The TTCC provided their report, key points as follows:

- There had been 50 complaints in November
  - Residents had signed their impact statements witnessed by Amy Ogden at BDC offices. This suggested that BDC were preparing legal proceedings to enforce the Permit conditions.
  - An individual had taken a complaint against TTN to the Ombudsman in the past and won a fine of £300.
  - Hugh James reported less than 10 resident requests for further legal action to be investigated.
- The Clerk reported that she had signed the impact statement made by MPC on behalf of the community. BDC would be seeking a briefing explaining the proposed prosecution with TTCC & MPC representatives before the end of December. MPC welcomed the news & hoped that such action would result in a compliant operation from TTN in future.

#### **(7) Planning:**

a. **Planning decisions:-** None

b. **Planning applications:-** 14/01377/TPO –fell sycamore tree & prune yew tree, Fircroft Farm, Station Rd, Misson – Members felt the application did not provide enough information from experts in arboriculture for MPC to give an informed opinion. MPC commented that they recommend a site visit from the BDC Tree Preservation Officer to assess the situation. **Clerk**

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

- Members welcomed the progress report from the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group & approved expenditure against the Grant budget headings including articles in Bawtry Today magazine. BDC had published the Designation of Misson NP; feedback from the Misson Christmas Fair on 30<sup>th</sup> November was positive; & MPC hoped the survey of Misson businesses would be informative.
- Members were appraised that the owners of the Misson Mill site had submitted a pre-application proposal for the site, which proposed new business units & some 94 housing units. MPC is not a consultee at this stage of the planning process so not invited to comment. However, MPC hoped that the site owners would engage with the Neighbourhood Plan process as a positive way forward to reflect community aspirations & concerns.
- Members noted that BDC Planning Enforcement had confirmed that the new building at Westfield House off Bryan's Close Lane was an illegal development, which BDC will address.

#### **(8) Fracking & Neighbourhood issues**

- The IGas Liaison group visited a coalbed methane site in production in the North West. Other than the well-head there was little visible infrastructure to see now the well was in production. Wastewater was being re-used by local industry. Unfortunately the visit to a proposed fracking site at Elsmere port was prevented by the police to 'prevent any trouble' with local protesters.
- IGas have not identified a local test area in Bassetlaw, the liaison group expect an announcement any day & will be given 24 hours' notice when a decision is made. The liaison group has been joined by Ronda Miller from TOTAL giving it a direct line to the PEDL Licence Holder.
- The MPC visit to a local solar photovoltaic & bio-digester scheme was very informative & timely given the solar photovoltaic proposals for Misson. MPC **agreed** to agenda discussion of the

solar proposals at the January meeting & noted the Government Low Carbon Energy Grant information previously circulated. **Clerk**

- MPC noted the DET Lafarge-Tarmac grant information provided & **approved** the payment of the Third Party funding required to secure the grant.
- Members were pleased to note that the security fence around the community centre oil tank had been replaced so the outdoor space was safe for use should the weather allow.
- Members were delighted to hear that Mr Martin Rowley had donated £100 towards Christmas lights giving a total budget of £200. The clerk reported that following discussions with solar light providers they could not guarantee 100% success rate in lengthy periods of dull winter weather. Members discussed the options for Christmas 2014 & **agreed** to spend around half the budget with two manufactures as a trial of the current solar capacity. Cllr Sutherton **agreed** to risk assess, & undertake the installation within a tree on the village Green. **Clerk/Cllr Sutherton**

#### **(9) Communications.**

- BDC Broadband Scheme – the Clerk reported that around 10 Misson residents were live on the BDC scheme & had no complaints. It was not possible to reduce the upfront infrastructure costs (£185) by stage payments as BDC needed to avoid potential claw back on early contract termination etc. The Misson mast had opened up many new areas for BDC coverage, with another 10 households on line via the mast in Misson. The costs of supply were reducing allowing BDC to offer up to 10Mbps (download) for £29/mth, up from the original 5 Mbps. The monthly fee will reduce if sufficient households/businesses join the scheme. BDC would welcome further opportunities to market the scheme in Misson should opportunities arise.

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

- The clerk reported that the NCC Highways Manager will measure the street lighting spacing to determine the possibility of a 30mph speed limit in Newington.
- NCC is taking a report on the recommended bus service changes to Committee in December. This will include a recommendation to reinstate the Misson Saturday service on the 127.
- Members **noted** the completion of the tree works in the churchyard, cemetery & village Green. Members will consider the remaining works in their budget planning for 2015.

**(11) Policing.** No report this month.

#### **(12) Financial reports.**

- The clerk presented the financial statement to 28<sup>th</sup> November 2014 and Council **resolved** to accept it.

MPC current account balance @ 28/11/14	£14,202.26
MPC deposit account balance @ 28/11/14	<u>£10,512.39</u>
Total funds	<u>£24,714.65</u>

- Council reviewed the budget update & discussed projects for inclusion in the 2015-16 work programme. Projects for consideration included:
  - 'pictorial meadows' from flower seeds within the Vicar Lane verge & elsewhere
  - Bulb planting within the cemetery & verges
  - Tree works as costed within the arboriculture report
  - Lengthsman scheme continuation
  - Pinfold improvements/restoration
  - Christmas lights fund
  - Pensioners Christmas lunch celebration (in partnership with MCA)
  - Neighbourhood Plan & Local Identity Project contingency costs

Council instructed the clerk to seek costs for projects prior to the Budget/Precept meeting in February 2015.

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

Chq. No	Item.	Amount.
000848	P W Holt	£ 128.00
000849	NNL	£ 204.00
000850	Today Publications Ltd	£ 336.00
000851	S A Scott (NP budget – reimburse clerk)	£ 425.58
000852	Lafarge-Tarmac	£1,073.90
000853	South Yorkshire Tree Services	£ 700.00
000854	BDC (NP budget)	£1,500.00
000855	S A Scott	£ 324.54

**(13) NCC Budget & BDC Electoral Reform consultations.** Item deferred for consideration at the next meeting.

**(14) Correspondence.** Covered within the agenda.

**(15) Council confirmed** date of next meeting as Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2015 commencing at 7.30pm.