

## Misson Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held at 6.45pm on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at Misson Parish Hall.

**Pre-meeting questions from the public:** None.

**Present:** Cllr Mandy Green (Chair), Cllr Julie Watkins, Cllr Mark Watson, Cllr Spencer Robey, Cllr Sue Scott, Cllr Keith Andrews, Cllr Jamie Sutherton **Also Present:** County Cllr Tracey Taylor and members of the public. **Clerk:** Lisa Hickman.

- 2025-10.1** To receive and approve apologies for absence : None
- 2025-11.2** To record Declarations of Interest : Cllr Robey declared interest in Item 11 on this Agenda
- 2025-12.3** Discussed January 2025 minutes (taken by Locum Clerk) – Corrections were agreed. Chair will sign the corrected version.
- 2025-13.4** Minutes of Extraordinary meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> February 2025 were agreed.
- 2025-14.5** County Councillor Tracey Taylor presented her report. NCC Budget is set; Council tax will be going up by 4.84%. County Elections will be held on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025. Cllr Taylor is aware of concerned parents in the village re: school bus fares. She attended their recent meeting together with Jo White MP. Nothing to report back yet.
- 2025-15.6 Finance :**
1. Cllr Robey raised a query about eight unidentified reference numbers/codes in the list of invoices. Clerk agreed to reconcile the codes against invoices and circulate the list to all councillors before next meeting in May. Current payments all approved.
  2. Current Bank Statements viewed by Councillors. Members requested to see all income and expenditure on an account spreadsheet. Clerk to find and update.
  3. Clerk to meet with previous permanent Clerk (Susan Scott) to discuss the closing of Nat West Bank account and open new account at Unity Trust. Clerk will be a signatory. Three councillor signatories agreed as Cllrs Green, Watkins, and Robey.
  4. Agreed Cllr Watson would continue to be the appointed member to carry out duty according the MPC Financial Regulations paragraph 2.2 and make an internal quarterly check of the accounts.
  5. Due to Council meetings currently being bi-monthly, it was agreed Parish Clerk wages will be paid every month (the standard salary 10hrs a week) and home working allowance, along with any mileage and stationery, without recourse to meetings. Any overtime will be agreed at public meetings, then paid accordingly. Proposed by Cllr Green and Seconded by Cllr Robey; all council in agreement.
  6. Budget headings are agreed; spreadsheet now needs to be populated and distributed to all Cllrs before 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025. Need to know figures for end of financial year, statement of end of each quarter. Cllr Watson to work with Clerk to achieve this. All quarterly accounts are signed off by Cllr Mark Watson (see point 5 above).
  7. Invoices were presented and approved for payment.
- 2025-16.7 Planning :**
1. Comment on planning permission Morton Villa Farm; ask planners to make farm shop entrance/exit signage clear (following recent accident) and ask if entrance/exit to house is the same as that for the Farm Shop as the plan is unclear.
  2. West Street – objection submitted from resident Darnley House; their concerns are about vehicle parking, blocking street, emergency vehicles cannot enter street. Cllrs are sympathetic to the concerns raised by Darnley House about traffic.
  3. Ref no – 25/00154 – refer to tree surgeon

4. Ref no 25/00009 - No Objection

**2025-17.8 MPC and Parish Clerk Priority List** : Re-ordering was agreed. Stay number 1, remove 2, item 3 keep and move up to 2. Item 4 keep, item 5 keep, item 6 & 7 deferred for another month, keep on list. Item 9 needs to be moved up the list. Item 8, stay on list, Item 10, 11 & 12 leave on the list as is. Re-word draft budget to satisfy councillors, go into priority list when done. Parish Hall needs to be put onto Agenda item for next (May) meeting.

**2025-18.9 Meeting's attended :**

**RIMP** meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025 was attended by Cllr Watkins and Cllr Sutherton to discuss flooding in Misson. Cllr Sutherton stated that Misson does not have footpath access to Newington as Slaynes Lane is still flooded. Residents of Newington Hall have provided photographs of their field as it is still flooded, and they are unable to use for their horses to graze.

**Hansons** meeting attended by Cllr Green and Cllr Watkins, environment agency said that they can only do so much, flooding is complicated, they are de-silting not dredging. There will also be spot checks on boats to stop illegal fishing & speeding. Article for newsletter on Parish Council page.

**Misson May Fair** : Cllr Green attended meeting to discuss the village May Fair on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May in the afternoon. Notice given by Cllr Green that the community intend to use Village Green on that date, will include Maypole dancing, Morris Dancing, and storytelling in the Pinfold.

**North East Bassetlaw Forum** : attended by Cllr Watson on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025 main discussion was combined authority. STEP project at West Burton power station, development of Nuclear Fusion Café in Worksop. Clerk to forward any email newsletters from NE Bassetlaw Forum to all Cllrs. NBF meeting planning for new build, re solar panel/heat pump included met with Gill White on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Next meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> April 2025

**Lengthsman** meeting was held and attended by Cllr Watkins, Cllr Green and the Clerk. Discussed an easier way of invoicing going forward so that all Cllrs understand what work was being done and invoiced accordingly.

**2025-19.10 Consider appointing an MPC Governor to school** – considered, but agreed not to debate it as Acting Chair of School Governors spoke to the meeting and explained this was no longer lawful. Anyone can volunteer to be a governor and they will be considered by the governing body.

**2025-20.11 Consider request from MCA to fix two brackets to house two flagpoles** ; to the wall, gable end of Misson Parish Hall. Discussed at length amongst council members. To have 2 brackets : voted on and result was 2 in favour 4 against (Cllr Green abstained). 1 bracket voted on and result was 3 in favour 3 against (Cllr Green abstained). The proposal was not passed and therefore a decision of “no” is made to this consideration. Support would be given to MCA for a free-standing flagpole next to Parish Hall. New flagpole at Misson Church would be preferred.

**2025-21.12 Correspondence received :**

1. A proposal from a group in the community who wish to establish a Wildlife Friendly Village working group, promoting Biodiversity in the village. Cllr Sue Scott is a member of the group and agreed to be an information link between the group and MPC.
2. Correspondence from a parent representing other parents in the village about the buses fares for their children that go to the Elizabethan Academy. County Cllrs and MP have picked up the case.
3. Funeral Director John Pinder asked for consent to leave spoil on new graves, to monitor the changes in ground condition due to recent climate changes. Removing all the spoil

at burial often results in graves sinking. It was agreed to support this; time boundary given will be one year. John Pinder has agreed if there is any spoil left after the 12 months, Pinder & Son will hire a skip and remove any excess. Clerk to write to John Pinder and inform him of decision.

4. The family who have stored the Misson Memorial Poppies are moving house. It has been agreed with the Resilience Group that they can be stored in the Resilience Store. Cllr Robey kindly agreed to liaise and arrange collection and storage of the poppies. During VE80 celebrations week, it is proposed volunteers will place the 3000 poppies around the edge of the village green and on the church mound. MCA also intend to arrange for the bunting to be hung on the village green. Councillors gave unanimous support to these plans.
5. Communication received from BDC confirming the referendum vote is to adopt the Revised Neighbourhood Plan. Notifications have been displayed on noticeboards and on the Misson Parish Council website.
6. Communication received from the owners of Newington Hall; they are concerned about Slaynes Lane and Hagg Lane which are still impassable due to flooding, they are unable to pass or use their fields for their horses.
7. Cllr Robey received correspondence from Anglian Water; the water has gone off twice in the village in two weeks. A lot of the villagers are extremely unhappy and wanted it noted. Clerk will look at writing complaint to them via their website. Affects businesses.

**2025-21.13** It was unanimously agreed to support the Clerk enrolling in the SSLC Introduction to Local Council Administration training course. Proposed by Cllr Robey and seconded by Cllr Watson.

**2025-22.14** Next MPC meeting, will take place on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 6:45pm, and will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting at which the Chair and Vice-Chair will be elected for the next year. The date was also set for the Annual Parish Meeting, which will take place at 7pm on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2025

**At 9pm the public were thanked for their attendance and support, and invited to leave so the Council could consider a confidential matter which correctly excluded public observation.**

**2025-23.15** **Regarding the on-going AGAR Objection :** MPC has received notice of costs of this investigation by PFK Littlejohn. The work is carried out by an engagement lead at a cost to MPC of £355 per hour plus VAT, i.e. £2,485 per day plus VAT. It was suggested that MPC consider making an approach to the objector to try and reconcile their objections at a local level. Given that the objector is a Parish Councillor, the Chair has approached a third party to act as facilitator in the event that this option is acceptable to the objector. The matter was put to the objector in private, and they agreed to try this route to reconciliation without compromising their option to have the matter investigated formally, at cost, should it prove not possible to find resolution.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.