

MINUTES of the MEETING of MISSON PARISH COUNCIL
Held on Wednesday 8th January 2014

Councillors Present: A Cameron, R Mcllroy, V Shilling (Chairman), C Stringer, J Sutherland, A Woolliams,

Also attending (item 5): Ben Ayres, Land & Planning Manager; Stewart Laws, Regional Manager for Hanson UK

Public Participation Seven residents attended. A resident requested that the Council consider the merits of Christmas lights around the village or a lit tree on the Village Green next Christmas. A progress report on the installation of floral planters was requested. Members informed the resident that this project was reliant on a grant application which would be determined in late spring.

(1) Apologies for Absence. Cllr E Vallance, County Cllr L Yates

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

(3) Minutes of the Meeting 4th December 2013. Council **resolved to** approve the minutes as a true record.

(4) Matters Arising from Minutes of Last Meeting not on the Agenda. The Chairman reported that Lafarge had moved the quarry pump, which was thought to cause a noise nuisance to a Springs family. The residents reported that there was no longer a problem with noise.

(5) Presentation on the Hanson quarry operations & restoration plans. *This item was taken during public participation to allow for public questions.*

Ben & Stewart circulated Restoration & Habitat Plans; together with the Landscape Restoration Plan for Newington South and the Annual Report for Newington North to aid their presentation. These reports will be available electronically to MPC and residents following the meeting.

- Hanson have been at Newington for 10 years, commencing Newington North (site nearest the Bawtry Road) in 2002.
- Newington North is now undergoing restoration, which should be completed by the end of March. Various habitats including wet grassland, open water areas, vole ditches and reed beds are being created. Bird recording takes place and Avocets have nested. The site has a 21-year management aftercare plan with the company, after which transfer to the Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust is likely. Public access to the site will be via Slaynes Lane & restricted to walkers on a boardwalk. The company is keen to engage with the school to use the site as an environmental education resource.
- The active quarry site, Newington South, should be completed within three years. Problems with flooding last year were significant, and unseasonal flooding due to the lack of dredging of the River Idle causes ongoing problems. The company can pipe water into the Idle to manage it and habitat biodiversity can help with water management. HGV's (3-4) are loaded and travel to & from the quarry more or less in convoy to the screening plant in Auckley. This way they do not meet one another on the Misson road.
- Ben confirmed that Hanson's planning consent requires them to maintain the Slaynes Lane BOAT, which should be a 2 metre wide route way. It is not the intention to encourage vehicle use or access & parking for vehicles at the restored habitat site.
- A fledgling Management Committee for the restored site has met once & the parish council will be a welcome participant, along with other local groups.

The Chairman thanked Ben & Stewart for their comprehensive presentation. The business meeting was reconvened.

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

The TTCC made their report as follows:

- Six members of the TTCC have visited the site at the invitation of Simon Middlebrook. Having witnessed the operation and viewed the plans for further partial enclosure of the process TTCC are strongly of the opinion that the abatement will not solve the off-site odour issues.
- BDC had provided guidance on the nature of the Impact Statements they had requested from affected residents/businesses and the community as a whole. These may be required should any legal case be pursued. MPC **instructed** the clerk to prepare a parish statement. **Clerk**

(7) Planning:

a. **Planning decisions:- 13/01240/RES** Reserved matters from the application to erect a detached dwelling, land between Brookes Cottages and Woodfield House, Bawtry Road, Newington – granted; **13/01145/CDM** extension to Misson Grey Sand Quarry – Granted by NCC.

b. **Planning applications:-** None

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

- BDC Site Allocations Consultation – the clerk informed Members that BDC would provide an event in the parish & would seek a suitable date. The Neighbourhood Plan could be discussed at the same event & residents encouraged to engage with the process. MPC **instructed** the clerk to establish a suitable date in consultation with MCA **Clerk**

(8) Neighbourhood issues

- MPC discussed correspondence from a resident requesting if the leaning tree on the Village Green could be straightened. MPC discussed a review of the trees in their care and instructed the clerk to seek advice from the BDC Tree Warden and a quote for pruning works from NNL. **Clerk**

(9) Communications including BDC Broadband Scheme update

- Mr Lord reported that the Misson Mill owner did not think the site suitable for a broadband receiving mast as it was the intention to pull down the buildings for redevelopment. Mr Lord offered to seek permission to place a mast on the church tower, which the Council approved. **IL**
- The clerk reported that there would be a briefing event on the NCC Broadband Scheme on 29th January in Newark. No one was available to attend the event but a representative from NEBF would feed back. Members expressed their concern that BT may be ‘cherry picking’ easy to reach sites under the scheme, rather than the communities in most need that the government grant was intended for. Members hoped that NCC would ensure the scheme delivered for communities such as Misson.
- The clerk reported that Sharpe Systems had completed the upgrade to the website templates and she would be attending a training day on Thursday. The website would go live again once all the information had been transferred and updated. The new website address is www.missonparish.org.uk

(10) Road Safety, Highways & Parish Paths

- Members noted the progress Cllr Liz Yates had made regarding the HGV issues
- The NCC Highways Manager, Ian Parker, would be conducting a survey with Members Viv Shilling & Andy Woolliams, together with Cllr Yates & the clerk on 22nd January. MPC hoped that the outstanding requests for the speed sign & white lining would be addressed quickly.
- Members discussed the new proposal from NCC relating to the Modification Order on Footpath No.13. The proposal will divert the path to avoid residential properties so that it would run along an existing farm track & meet up with Bridleway No. 2. Members were in favour of the proposal

but queried if the path should be a bridleway rather than a footpath. MPC **instructed** the clerk to inform NCC of their support for the proposed diversion & clarify the type of public path. **Clerk**

(11) Policing. No report at this meeting.

(12) Financial reports.

- The clerk presented the financial statement to 31st December 2013 and Council **resolved** to accept it.

MPC current account balance @ 04/12/13 £11,678.98

MPC deposit account balance @ 04/12/13 £10,507.61

Total funds £22,186.59

- Members **reviewed and approved** the Quarter 3 accounts – October - December 2013
- Members **reviewed** the 2014-15 budget forecasts. The Chairman informed Members that there was still no decision from central government as to whether parish councils would be subject to a referendum should they raise the precept above 2%. This was a concern to Misson & other BDC parishes, as BDC was not passing on the Benefit Support Grant, removed from the Precept last year. The Parish Forum had pressed BDC to reverse this decision to no avail. Due to the uncertainties, BDC was delaying their request for a Precept until 17th February. Members determined that they should produce a balanced budget, which may require finding alternative sources of funding for projects such as the broadband mast. MPC **instructed** the clerk to provide balanced alternatives for the February meeting when a Precept would be set. **Clerk**

(13) Cheques

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

Chq. No	Item.	Amount.
000811	Information Commissioner	£ 35.00
000812	S A Scott	£ 304.54

(14) Correspondence. There was no additional correspondence.

(15) Council confirmed date of next meeting as Wednesday 5th February 2014 at 7.30pm.