

**MINUTES of the MEETING of MISSON PARISH COUNCIL
Held on Wednesday 4th December 2013**

Councillors Present: V Shilling (Chairman), J Sutherton, E Vallance, A Woolliams,
District Cllr A Simpson

Also attending (item 5): BDC Officers - M Ladyman, Director of Community Services, Liz
Prime, & Amy Ogden

Public Participation Around 20 residents attended. Residents concerns included:

- HGV's reported travelling on Hagg Lane/Slaynes Lane byway, which is unsuitable for such vehicles. HGVs thought to be delivering to Tunnel Tech and/or Hanson's Quarry. White lining requires reinstating on Hagg Lane corner. MPC **instructed** the clerk to investigate with NCC and the business owners. **Clerk**
- A tree on the Green is lying almost flat, can it be straightened?
- Faulty street lighting – repairs made & all now operational

District Cllr Simpson reported that she had been in discussion with Lafarge/Tarmac regarding HGV movements within the village & environs. MPC thanked Cllr Simpson, who will pursue funding avenues towards an interactive speed sign for Station Road to alleviate issues of speeding. **Cllr Simpson**

(1) Apologies for Absence. Cllrs A Cameron, R McIlroy, C Stringer, County Cllr L Yates

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

(3) Minutes of the Meeting 6th November 2013. 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 on the Tunnel Tech Permit compliance & enforcement actions from Bassetlaw District Council Director of Community Services & Senior Officers from the Pollution Control Team

Mr Ladyman addressed the meeting setting out BDC's position statement. The full statement is available on the Council website www.bassetlaw.gov.uk A summary of key points follows:

- The new Permit, operational from June 2012, provides a robust legal structure & timeframe to ensure the processor meets the requirement to restrict total odour emissions beyond the site boundary to a maximum of 2.5OUe limit. The Permit deliberately leaves the technical solutions unspecified to ensure the operator takes on this responsibility.
- The abatement measures installed, an acid scrubber & biofilter, have had some impact on odour reduction but have clearly been insufficient. BDC expected TT to manage the remaining emissions and granted planning permission for further abatement in the summer. These measures have not been implemented to date & it is uncertain when they will be completed.
- It is clear that the processor has not met the Permit condition by the 30th November 2013 deadline. In not meeting this critical Permit deadline TT has not carried out their legal responsibility, which is a criminal offence.
- BDC is seeking legal advice from the legal team at Brown Jacobsen, who in turn will be consulting a barrister for legal opinion. BDC will consider all the legal options available to them.
- Once BDC have received legal advice they will make a decision on the most appropriate course of action to take. Residents will be provided with an update when the Council can make their decisions public.
- Residents can assist BDC by:

- E-mailing or phoning in odour incidents asap so that if possible they can be investigated by Amy in person.
- Providing individual and parish Impact Statements as to how the odour (principally since November 2013) affects their use of the home, environment, work place etc with the emotional and physical effects on the person, family & quality of life.

The Chairman thanked Mr Ladyman for his presentation and opened the meeting for public questions. Responses provided the following information:

- BDC will consider all options to ensure compliance with the Permit. An Enforcement Notice may not be appropriate for this offence. Suspension of the TT operations is under consideration now.
- District Cllr Simpson is actively supporting the cause but has no more powers than BDC Officers. John Mann, MP may be able to offer further support and he is kept fully informed by BDC (so no need to copy him in to e-mail complaints – this creates an extra admin burden on BDC Officers).
- Amy is taking a different approach to complaints with more frequent site visits to witness & record odour incidents wherever possible. Incidents at a specific address are logged as ‘complaints’; those when driving through the area as ‘observations’ – all are recorded and acted upon.
- BDC have investigated past concerns over rat infestations at the factory & have found no evidence of concern. TT has a contract to deal with vermin issues but BDC will investigate again if required.
- Amy was a member of the technical panel supporting the Defra review of the Process Guidance Notes. Amy feels the Guidance update, if approved, will be an improvement. It is however, only guidance and Regulation which is set locally (ie by BDC in this case) is the legal framework for any odour producing process.
- Residents felt they had ample examples of Impact on their quality of life including health indicators, & the number of properties for sale (and not selling).

The Chairman thanked the BDC team once more & looked forward to the results of their deliberations.

MPC will provide a village impact statement to complement those provided by individuals. **Clerk**
The business meeting was reconvened.

(6) Planning:

a. Planning decisions:- none

b. Planning applications:- **13/00064/NEWDEV naming consultation** – outbuildings at Park Drain Hotel, Park Drain, Westwoodside – plot name Barn Owl Lodge. MPC made NO objection & NO comment on the application.

c. To consider any other Planning Matters:-

- Neighbourhood Plan – the clerk had informed BDC of MPC decision to proceed with a plan. BDC were preparing a written statement for presentation at a future MPC meeting.
- The Clerk reported that the NCC Minerals Plan consultation had no new proposals for Misson Parish, other than known proposed extensions to the existing quarries. Members discussed the issue of noise nuisance from quarry pumps. MPC **instructed** the clerk to seek further information from NCC Planners on the Finningley Quarry pump sites/operation requirements; and to write to the residents affected by the nuisance with an update. **Clerk** Members considered the issues of quarry restoration plans and instructed the clerk to invite Hanson’s to attend a future MPC meeting to present their plans for the Bawtry Road/Slaynes Lane site. **Clerk**
- MPC noted the paper from NCC consultation on the Validation of Planning Applications, which seeks to summarise the changes in national and local planning policy.

(7) Neighbourhood issues

- Lengthsman Scheme – the clerk reported that NCC was reviewing funding for the scheme as part of the budget considerations for 2014-15. Members like the scheme in principle, as it is responsive to local issues and concerns, which can be dealt with as they arise. MPC instructed the clerk to include the costs of the scheme within the draft MPC budget for 2014-15. **Clerk**
- Floral displays - Members & many residents are in favour of providing floral displays around the village & at the village entrances. However, Members feel that external funding support is required to meet the initial outlay for planters & plants. The NCC LIS grant, earmarked to assist with this, is under threat of cutback. MPC instructed the clerk to identify sources of additional grant funding as back up. **Clerk**
- The clerk reported she is seeking quotes for a new oil tank & installation at the Community Centre, to include in the draft 2014-15 budget for discussion in January.

(8) Communications including BDC Broadband Scheme update

- The clerk reported that the Harworth Transmitter was to go 'live' on Wednesday 11th December.
- Members discussed action that they could take to progress with the scheme and agreed to:
 - Establish if a mast can be sited at the Misson Mill site. Mr Lord agreed to discuss with the site owners. **Mr Lord**
 - Establish the costs & production potential of a mast with Misson Mill steel fabricators - Cllr Woolliams to progress. **Cllr Woolliams**
 - Include the Misson infrastructure costs within the MPC draft budget 2014-15. **Clerk**

(9) Road Safety, Highways & Parish Paths

- Members were disappointed that the interactive speed sign for Bawtry Road was still not installed nine months after the anticipated installation date. Members requested the clerk to seek assistance and explanation from County Cllr Yates to resolve the unacceptable situation. **Clerk/Cllr Yates**
- Members noted that the white lining requested during the summer had not been undertaken. Members **instructed** the clerk to set up a 'walkabout' with the NCC Highways Manager to address current concerns. **Clerk**
- Fly tipping was reported at Levels Lane & Cow Pasture Lane, Misson Springs & Station Road. MPC **instructed** the clerk to report to BDC for collection. **Clerk**
- Members reviewed information from NCC on the proposed changes to the Misson bus service in 2014. The clerk reported that the information on the NCC web pages was apparently inaccurate – she was informed that NCC intended to provide for:
 - Travel to Harworth & Retford schools
 - Commuter journeys to Bawtry (possibly beyond)
 - An off-peak service to Bawtry five days a week

The consultation runs to 10am on 17th January 2014. Further information & survey form see: www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/busconsultation or to find out about the proposed bus service changes in Bassetlaw contact the Customer Service Centre on 0300 500 80 90 or e-mail localbusservices.consultation@nottscc.gov.uk

(10) Policing. No report at this meeting.

(11) Financial reports.

- The clerk apologised that the financial statement to 30th November 2013 was not available at the meeting but would be included in the minutes as follows:

MPC current account balance @ 04/12/13	£12,165.87
MPC deposit account balance @ 04/12/13	<u>£10,506.29</u>
Total funds	<u>£22,672.16</u>

- Members **reviewed and approved** the Quarter 2 accounts – July – September 2013
- Members **reviewed and approved** the grass-cutting quote for 2014-15 & awarded the contract to NNL.

(12) Budget planning 2014-15

- The Chairman reported on the BDC correspondence that confirmed that BDC would not be providing a Benefit Support Grant to parishes in 2014-15 whatever national government decision was made on providing this grant to local councils or not. The Chairman & clerk will be attending the Bassetlaw Parish Forum meeting on 6th January, a meeting to discuss this matter & potentially overturn the BDC decision.
- MPC **instructed** the clerk to include costs for parish projects in the draft budget including Lengthsman Scheme; village Infrastructure (masts) to support the BDC broadband scheme; LIS project - heritage signage, leaflet & floral planters; community centre replacement oil tank & security measures. **Clerk**
- Members noted that the January meeting would discuss & approve the MPC budget and parish precept.

(13) Cheques

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

Chq. No	Item.	Amount.
000807	Parish Church of St John the Baptist	£ 195.00
000808	NNL	£ 396.00
000809	S A Scott	£ 304.54
000810	R. Hawksley	£5,507.00
000811	R. Hawksley (VAT payment)	£1,101.40

(14) Correspondence. There was no written correspondence. Correspondence by e-mail was covered in the relevant agenda items.

(15) Council confirmed date of next meeting as Wednesday 8th January 2014 at 7.30pm.