

**MINUTES of the MEETING of MISSON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

**Councillors Present:** J Holmes, V Shilling (Chairman), J Sutherland, J Watkins, J Watson,  
A. Wilcox, A Woolliams  
District Cllr A Simpson

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

- A recently bereaved A1 Housing tenant was at risk of losing her home in Misson due to a change in A1 Policy, which no longer gave a natural inheritance of the rented property to resident family members. Residents were looking for MPC support to make the case for the resident to remain in Misson due to the special health & employment considerations of this case. Cllr Watson had visited the resident & MPC gave their full backing to this proposal. **Clerk** Cllr Simpson & Mr Mann, MP were already actively seeking a positive outcome for the tenant.
- A tenant of A1 Housing appeared to be storing & dismantling scrap metal at their property. This was causing significant noise nuisance to families in a wide range of neighbouring properties. MPC **instructed** the clerk to raise this issue with A1 Housing for action. **Clerk**
- Road safety issues due to the lack of white lining on patches of Bawtry Road and warn lining through Newington. The clerk had reported this to NCC but was told the issue would not be addressed until road surface dressing was completed early next year. Members felt this was unacceptable as road safety could be jeopardised during bad weather over the winter months when fog is prevalent on this stretch of road. Cllr Simpson agreed to take up this issue. **Cllr S**

**(1) Apologies for Absence.** County Councillor L Yates.

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

**(3) Minutes of the Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2015.** Council **resolved to** approve the minutes as a true record.

**(4) Matters Arising from Minutes of Last Meeting not on the Agenda.** None

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

The TTCC had little to report this month as any new information with progress to implement the Permit conditions was lacking. TTCC made the following comments:

- Mrs Williamson was, with regret, temporarily standing down from the TTCC to make her strength of feeling known on the ongoing pollution from the TTN site.
- Numerous odour incidents were occurring which could be witnessed as a 'fog of odour' drifting from the factory.
- Complaints left by phone at a weekend are being transferred to an answer machine at Nottingham & not being recorded in the complaints data. The best way to communicate odour incidents is by e-mail to [amy.ogden@bassetlaw.gov.uk](mailto:amy.ogden@bassetlaw.gov.uk)

The clerk reported that BDC did not feel that they could provide further information than the recent update report at an open MPC meeting. However, Mr Armiger has invited MPC Members to meet with him at BDC Offices to establish a dialogue & review the situation as seen from both Misson & BDC perspectives. MPC **instructed** the clerk to seek a date for the meeting. **Clerk**  
TTCC expressed their disappointed in this approach & felt this was a backward step.

**(6) Planning:**

**a. Planning decisions:-** None

**b. Planning applications:-** F/3321 additional consultation on the IGas Boreholes application.

Members had carefully considered the substantial amounts of additional information provided by

Heaton Planning on behalf of the applicant IGas prior to the meeting. Having discussed the issues raised MPC **resolved** to continue to Object to the application & made the following comments:

1. The proposed borehole depths & locations are inadequate for comprehensive monitoring purposes & resident assurance.
2. The borehole locations risk damaging a valuable heritage asset of local & national importance with no evidence to justify the siting of the boreholes on a heritage site.
3. The consideration of this application in advance of the application for exploratory drilling for shale gas is premature & risks predetermining that such an application will be successful. MPC understands that IGas has recently submitted an application for exploratory drilling. As such, application F/3321 should be considered as part of the application to explore for shale gas, for which it is an intrinsic element.

These comments are in addition to those submitted by MPC in August and go with an expert opinion by Professor David Smythe which MPC believes clearly demonstrates that the planning proposals are not fit for purpose.

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

- MPC Members were concerned with the continuing delay in BDC determining the solar PV farm application, which they understood was due to a remaining objection from Peel Holdings/ Fittingley Airport centred around bird strike. Like the applicant, MPC is at a loss as to how the proposed development would potentially increase bird strike. Cllr Simpson outlined the necessary consideration of potential increase in raptors but reported that she understood that a decision was imminent. MPC welcomed this news.
- Members notes that the Hanson Sand & Gravel Quarry applications would go to a NCC Committee later in the month for decision. NCC Members papers were available on the NCC website with a recommendation to approve the applications. MPC requested the additional archaeology report from Hanson's on the proposed new site. **Clerk**
- Members welcomed the report from the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group & were pleased to hear that NP representatives will be meeting with the Agents of the Misson Mill site owner later in the week.

**(7) Fracking & Neighbourhood issues**

- There had been no recent IGas Community Liaison Group (CLG) meeting. The next meeting will discuss the exploratory well application.
- Cllr Watkins provided an update on the Misson Heritage & Access project & presented the draft artist impressions of the options for the village entrance signs. Members selected four images to create the two signs. Members resolved to adjust the project budget to meet the additional cost of the four images by reducing the budget for floral planters. Cllr Watkins confirmed that the BDC Museum WW1 Roadshow would be visiting Misson on the 14<sup>th</sup> October with an event in the community centre – another opportunity for residents to share their Misson memories.
- Members thanked Mr Bentley for his very informative tour of Polybell Farms & the offer to assist with the parish 'Pictorial Verges' project. Cllr Simpson offered to speak to Mr Brown at Polybell to confirm what support might be available. **Cllr Simpson**
- Cllr Watkins described the proposal to create 'biodiversity floral' spaces through mechanised mass bulb planting, in addition to wildflower seeding, as part of the Pictorial Verges project. Members **approved** this proposal and agreed to meet to identify planting areas. **Members**
- Resident Mrs Edwards confirmed that Misson Community Association had purchased a defibrillator, which will soon be installed on an external wall at The Angel Inn. MPC were delighted with this news.
- Cllr Wilcox confirmed that the White Horse Inn would host a Pensioners Christmas lunch & Entertainment during December. Cllr Simpson confirmed that she would provide grant funding towards this project, & would be happy to help at the event. Cllr Wilcox will organise publicity for the event. **Cllrs Wilcox & Simpson**

- Cllrs Holmes & Wilcox gave a report on the recent Finningley Airport Community Committee they attended on behalf of MPC. Information was mainly provided on technical & flight issues with more limited responses provided to direct questions.
- Cllr Watkins reported on the recent safety issue with the churchyard wall (facing Church Street). Repairs were swiftly carried out by Mr Bingham. However, safety concerns remain as local children are continuing to use the wall for football practice, together with playing in the churchyard. MPC resolved to contact Misson Primary Head to speak to the children. **Cllr Woolliams** Members resolved to ask Mr Bingham to quote for other minor maintenance works to the churchyard wall. Cllr Sutherton will assess the wall for any further movement. **Cllr Sutherton**
- The clerk reported safety concerns with a number of headstones in Misson cemetery. Attention had been drawn to the issue by a memorial mason installing a new headstone. The clerk outlined the recommended British Standard applying to memorials & the need for future installations to meet this Standard. MPC **instructed** the clerk to draft a Cemetery Regulation for approval at the next meeting as an interim measure. MPC **instructed** the clerk to seek advice & best practice on this issue from BDC. The Chairman & Clerk would inspect the cemetery as a matter of urgency & take any necessary action. **Chairman/Clerk**
- The clerk outlined the new BDC Dog Control Order on the exclusion/restriction of dogs from some public places. Dogs are not allowed on Misson School field, & in the churchyard and cemetery dogs must be kept on a lead. A notice setting out the Order is posted on the school fence & the clerk has requested notices for the parish graveyards.

#### **(8) Communications**

- Frustrations remained over the lack of progress on the NCC Rural Broadband Scheme – Phase 2 work programme, & achieving a fully functioning MPC website. Both these issues make communicating with and between residents & businesses more difficult & time consuming.
- The clerk provided information on the Government Transparency Fund, which could provide a small council, such as Misson, with around £400 towards a computer, scanner/printer & website development work. Members agreed to apply to this fund for their own dedicated equipment once the situation with the current website was clearer.

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

- NCC Highways Manager, Ian Parker, had met with the Chairman & Cllr Watkins for a site visit. Ian has:
  - given permission for bulb planting on the verge opposite the church
  - confirmed that River Lane is a public highway to the water's edge & therefore measures to restrict vehicles from driving to the edge would not be supported by NCC
  - given an opinion that the new signage could be installed within or adjacent to the current stone sign plinths
  - agreed to provide weed control measures (now completed & seems effective)
- Members considered the new NCC policy on advisory 20mph speed limits on school approaches during school hours. Members welcomed the initiative to reduce vehicle speeds but felt the intended signage on Gibdyke & Top St (cemetery road) was unnecessary. MPC **instructed** the clerk to liaise with NCC officers. **Clerk**
- Cllr Sutherton expressed concern that the recently erected BT telegraph poles on Station Rd/Springs Rd could be a road safety hazard as they are extremely close to the edge of this narrow road & blind corner. MPC **resolved** to seek an expert opinion on road safety advice from NCC & make a complaint to BT if appropriate. **Clerk**
- Members agreed to take up the offer of a site meeting with Mr Jackson, the Rocket Site owner to discuss the issue of oversize HGV's travelling to/from the site through Misson village. MPC **instructed** the clerk to seek a suitable date with Members. **Clerk**

**(10) Policing.**

- The clerk reported that the Community Road Safety scheme training had been requested once again & would be available but she was still waiting for dates.
- No police report this month.

**(11) Financial reports.**

- The clerk presented the financial statement to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015 and Council resolved to accept it.

MPC current account balance @ 30/09/15 £26,310.29

MPC deposit account balance @ 30/09/15 £10,516.80

Total funds £36,827.09

- Council **reviewed and noted** the unqualified External Auditor's Report. Members noted the auditor's comments that the internal audit process could take place before the Annual Return was approved by Council. This is not normal MPC practice.

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

Chq. No	Item.	Amount.
000898	NNL	£ 432.00
000899	Grant Thornton UK LLP	£ 120.00
000900	Planning with People (NP budget)	£1,125.00
000901	BDC	£ 144.04
000902	S A Scott (solar lights refund)	£ 95.96
000903	S A Scott	£ 311.24
000904	S A Scott	£ 124.52

**(12) Correspondence.** None not covered in the agenda

**(13) Council confirmed** date of the next meeting of MPC as Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2015, 7.30pm.