

**MINUTES of the MEETING of MISSON PARISH COUNCIL  
Held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

**Councillors Present:** V Shilling (Chairman), J Sutherland, J Watkins, A Wilcox, A Woolliams

**Also attending for item 5:** Mr Martin Rowley of Misson Grey Sand Quarry

**Public Participation**

*Prior to the public participation the MPC Chairman addressed the meeting to remind all participants of the procedures and behaviours expected at parish council meetings.*

Nine residents attended. Residents raised the following issues/comments:

- The hourly service bus from Unity Coaches (127) may be a risk of closure & possibly the Stagecoach service, which is vital for the school run to Retford schools. MPC **instructed** the clerk to seek information from NCC. **Clerk**
- Residents were very appreciative of the excellent Christmas lunch & entertainment at The White Horse & the provision of lunch to house bound residents.
- Residents enjoyed the Xmas light display on The Green & trees at the top of Coronation Avenue. Members took the opportunity of thanking Mr Rowley for a donation supporting the new improved lighting display.
- The Speed Awareness Scheme will start in the New Year once the materials are available & following a site review by the Police. Volunteer teams of 2-3 residents are required & around 6 – 7 volunteers have come forward.
- Mud on the Bawtry Road due to the sugar beet harvest remains a road safety concern. The Clerk reported NCC attendance to review the situation & some residents reported a warning sign had gone up. MPC concerns remain, as the issue is not being fully addressed with the contractors.
- A resident wished to thank MPC Members for all their hard work & achievements over 2015.

**(1) Apologies for Absence.** . Cllrs J Holmes, J Watson, District Cllr A Simpson & County Cllr L Yates

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

**(3) Minutes of the Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> December 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) Presentation on the extensions plans for Misson Grey Sand Quarry, Mr Martin Rowley of Misson Sand & Gravel Co. Ltd**

Mr Rowley elaborated on the planning application & circulated planned Restoration Habitat maps for Members and residents benefit. The key points of the presentation include:

- The application is for a longer time-frame – a further 15 years or so to 2030, and covers the whole of the land area under control of the applicant, rather than the usual 10 acre segments. This approach is only due to the age of the team involved who have a good working relationship.
- The application was submitted quickly due to the current workings running out sooner than anticipated with a large unworkable area uncovered.
- Over the past 15 years the quarry has always received positive monitoring reports from NCC who visit four times a year; together with an annual visit from the county ecologist who reports to NCC.
- No additional vehicle movements per day are planned. Drivers recognise the ‘pinch point’ at the Ship Inn at Newington which is an issue for HGV’s crossing each other here.
- Restoration is on a rolling programme. Ponds have been introduced but one is unfortunately ‘perched’ & doesn’t retain water year round. The airport restricts the variety of habitat that can be created. The extension proposal includes a new pond at a lower area, together with wildflower field margins.
- Options for community benefit may be restricted due to the landowner requirements for after-use and insurance to cover community activities during operation. However, organised visits from the primary school could be possible; together with the creation of a new viewing & seating area off the Bryan’s Close Lane bridleway.

*The Chairman opened the meeting for questions.*

- Grey sand is a high value sand & favoured in mortar jointing for working with stone.
- The quarry has a 15ft sand cliff to support a population of 100's of sand martins each year. The quarry workings doesn't disturb the birds, in fact seems to protect them from raptor predators.
- Workings have to be put 'right' after three years with a five-year aftercare programme.
- The provision of new footpaths & rights of way may not be possible under the terms of the landowners requirements. Mr Rowley recognised that this was the desire of the community from consultations.
- Sand and mud on the road is sometimes an issue from the Austerfield quarry entrance, particularly for two wheel vehicles. Mr Rowley is aware of recent issues compounded by the weather & a sweeper is employed. However, a permanent solution is planned with a tarmac entrance 100 yds into the site.
- Over 15 years one flint has been donated to the local museum. The quarry works closely with NCC Archaeologist who attends during surface stripping – all of human history is in the top foot of land, usually within the top soil.

*The Chairman thanked Mr Rowley for his presentation & consideration of potential community benefits before reconvening the business meeting*

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

The TTCC gave their report as follows:

- A high level of complaints from Misson residents on 4<sup>th</sup> December was witnessed by Amy Ogden of BDC
- TTCC remain concerned that the evidence provided by residents of breaches of the TTN Permit are supplied to BDC, who then take legal advice but to no effect.
- TTCC feel that there is still a lack of direct communication from BDC, Cllr Simpson & others. Please could the Officers & Members contact the TTCC on a regular basis even if there is little new information to report.
- The Committee have requested MP's Mr J Mann and Ms C Flint to seek a Directive from the Secretary of State for the Environment to instruct BDC to implement the powers provided in the TTN Permit ie to enforce the Permit.
- TTCC request that Mr S Middlebrook, TTN & Mr D Armiger, BDC are invited to the MPC meeting in March when further abatement plans should be ready for presentation.

MPC Members thanked the TTCC for their excellent suggestions & instructed the Clerk to invite TTN to present their plans in March, with BDC also represented at the meeting. **Clerk**

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

- a) **Planning decisions:- ES/3264** Application from Hanson Quarry Products Europe Ltd, for the proposed new working area with restoration to nature conservation & a temporary new access off Bawtry Road, Newington West Quarry land to south of Bawtry Road, Misson – **Granted.** **ES/3265** Application from Hanson Quarry Products Europe Ltd, variation of conditions of planning permission 1/32/12/00007, to allow additional extraction to the south of the existing working area, Newington South Quarry, off Slaynes Lane, Misson – **Granted.**
- b) **Planning applications:- F/3410** (NCC) – Extension to existing Misson Grey Sand Quarry off Bawtry Road, Misson. Members discussed the issues raised in the application and the presentation from the applicant Mr Rowley, which they welcomed. Members resolved to raise no objection in principle but requested further information be provided in order to make an informed decision on the potential impacts upon the community. Additional information is requested on the:
- Management of dust & noise as the proposed workings are adjacent to a public right of way & a Local wildlife Site off Bryan's Close lane; closer to residential & business properties off Bawtry Road; and adjacent to the Misson solar PV Farm.
  - Landscape & visual impact assessments on the historic settlements of Misson & Newington.
  - Natural (ecological) assessments of important neighbouring wildlife & sites, including hydrology and hydrogeological effects on the Local Wildlife Sites off Bryan's Close Lane.
  - Archaeological & cultural heritage assessments
  - Confirmation that transport movements will not increase (on a daily basis)

Members welcomed Mr Rowley's suggestion of community benefits including:

- Organised school visits for wildlife study/archaeological findings etc
- A landscaped seating & viewing area off Bryans Close Lane after restoration
- Restoration to include new habitat formation

In addition, MPC would like to see new public rights of way or permissive paths created linking to and from Bryan's Close bridleway and potentially to the new right of way which will be created south of Bawtry Road as part of the Newington West quarry restoration (ES/3264). This is a priority for the parish, clearly identified in the emerging Misson Neighbourhood Plan. The Misson NP is expected to be 'made' during Q2 2016 following a referendum. MPC understand this may not be looked on favourably by the landowner. Nevertheless this is a priority for the community and has the potential to link with a number of existing rights of way creating greater access to the countryside with additional benefits to residents health & well-being.

**Proposed revised property name** – change of name from Pengarth to Storrs Hill, Dame Lane, Misson. MPC made No Objection.

**15/00215/FUL** – variation of conditions 2 & 5, change of layout & amendment to the flood risk assessment, Misson solar PV farm. The clerk reported that BDC was consulting on this proposed variation but had not notified MPC. Members being unaware of the consultation process were unable to comment other than question BDC consultation processes.

#### **c)To consider any other Planning Matters:-**

- Members noted that the BDC Planning Committee of 16<sup>th</sup> December voted to raise No Objection to the IGas exploratory drilling application. Cllr Watson spoke against the application on behalf of Misson residents, as did Cllr Simpson and two BDC Councillors, sadly the majority of BDC Members supported the Officer recommendations. MPC Members were disappointed that a number of planning policy areas were not addressed in the BDC Officer Reports.
- **F/3321** IGas water monitoring boreholes planning application will be decided at a NCC Planning & Licencing Committee on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2016. MPC **resolved** to be represented at the meeting to speak against the proposal & instructed the clerk to request a place. **Clerk**
- Members welcomed the report from the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, which highlighted the excellent turnout at the community consultation event on 6<sup>th</sup> December and the decisive vote on the options presented to the public. MPC look forward to this option being included in the NP planning policy development.

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

- **CLG Group.** No new CLG meeting to report on. Mr Edwards, Misson Community Representative, informed MPC that the next meeting will be 14<sup>th</sup> January at Bawtry. Members noted that some, but not all, residents had received a newsletter from IGas in the post.
- **Church yard and wall** – Members discussed the advice received from NALC with regard to the Duty of MPC with regard to their management of the Grade 1 Listed church yard structures. This included formalising in writing to the responsible adults of parties playing within and on the structures the potential for criminal damage and the importance of avoiding this eventuality. MPC **instructed** the clerk to write to the parents concerned, thanking them for their recent actions, & explaining the MPC responsibilities with regard to the church yard and church wall. Members resolved to discuss with Rev Strickland the opportunity to erect a notice within the churchyard to encourage behaviours appropriate for the purpose of the churchyard. **Clerk**
- **Heritage Project** - The Chairman reported that wooden planters would be provided at minimal cost to a design & size provided by MPC. MPC would arrange for the MPC notice board at the Community Centre to be re-sited so that access to the MCA noticeboard was not impeded by the planters. Members would seek a volunteer rota to water the planters as required.
- **Pictorial Verges project** – Cllr Watkins reported that Polybell Farms were happy to prepare and seed by hand wildflower verges along Vicar Lane and opposite Misson Cemetery. MPC expressed their thanks for this excellent news in support of this project. Members expressed concern for the vehicle damage caused to the pictorial verge along Vicar Lane, which was an ongoing issue. MPC **instructed** the clerk to write to a resident outlining the value of preserving the integrity of the verge. **Clerk**

- **Christmas Lights** – MPC thanked the Misson grey sand quarry for once again supporting the solar Christmas light display within the village. MPC recognised that the display was more muted this year due to the predominant grey & rainy weather. The new solar light purchases however, had worked consistently on Coronation Avenue whatever the weather. The majority of the lights will be left in-situ over the summer to avoid the onerous installation operations next season.
- Cllr Wilcox reported on the excellent **Pensioners Christmas lunch & Entertainment** enjoyed by 30 pensioners in the White Horse with a further eight 'home deliveries. The White Horse provided raffle prizes & donated the takings to MCA for further parish events. Cllr Simpson led the singing which was very well received. MPC & MCA wish to thank The White Horse, Cllr Simpson & all the volunteers involved in making the day such a success which, it is hoped can become an annual gathering.

#### (9) Communications

- NALC have organised a workshop in February on website design by Hugo Fox, the new designer of choice for MPC. Members **approved** the booking of three places for MPC Members & Clerk. Members thanked the local resident who had volunteered to help with website design/training if required.
- Cllrs Shilling & Watson would undertake refresher training for the Misson Hub website. **Cllrs**
- MPC **approved** an application to the Transparency Fund to secure a laptop & printer/scanner for MPC.

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

- Members discussed the issues to be discussed with the NCC Highways Manager including:
  - Problem parking
  - Protecting verges
  - Speeding on the school run
  - Top Street/Station Road possible corner safety improvements
- The clerk reported that BT were considering MPC request to re-site a telegraph post on Springs Rd.

#### (11) Policing

- Mr Edwards & Mrs Handy updated Members on the Community Road Safety scheme. Volunteers had been recruited & the project was waiting for the police to bring the equipment & undertake a risk assessment. MPC expressed their delight with progress & looked forward to the scheme making a positive change in driver behaviour.

#### (12) Financial reports.

- The clerk presented the financial statement to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015 and Council resolved to accept it.
 

MPC current account balance @ 31/12/15	£19,217.69
MPC deposit account balance @ 31/12/15	<u>£10,517.68 (prov)</u>
Total funds	<u>£29,735.37</u>

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

Chq. No	Item.	Amount.
000919	Planning with People (NP Budget)	£3,000.00
000920	Mrs H Gledhill (NP budget)	£ 74.37
000921	S A Scott (xmas lights recharge)	£ 339.96
000922	S A Scott	£ 311.24
000923	Information Commissioner	£ 35.00
000924	Notts ALC	£ 30.00
000925	cancelled cheque	£
000926	Mr Michael Billington (pensioners lunch)	£ 124.00

- The clerk apologised for not preparing the budget forecasts as agreed but she was still waiting for the NatWest December statement & BDC Grant allocations to update the MPC spend for a meaningful budget forecast.
- Members noted that they would need to approve the budget & Precept at their February meeting.

#### (13) Correspondence. None not covered in the agenda

#### (14) Council confirmed date of the next meeting as Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2016 at 7.30pm