

**MINUTES of the MEETING of MISSON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

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

- Public Participation** Nine residents attended. Residents raised the following issues/comments:
- Pensioners Xmas lunch – why was there a minimum age of 65 years old? Members explained the age restriction was set due to a) the seating limit at the White Horse who are providing the meal and b) the number of over 60's in the parish which is well over 100 residents. However, Members accepted that couples would want to attend who may have one partner below 65yrs & that they would be welcomed. Cllr Wilcox will make this known. **Cllr Wilcox**
  - Road safety issues remain including the lack of white lining on patches of Bawtry Road & Springs Road, and warn lining through Newington. Cllr Simpson agreed to press NCC (again) to undertake the work. **Cllr Simpson**
  - Residents & Members commented on the poorly signed recent road closure (Bank End Road). Once again, signs misspelt Misson. Members question the purpose of the temporary speed monitoring sign on Station Road when the Springs Rd is closed to most traffic. **Clerk**
  - A resident raised river side safety concerns at the bottom of River Lane as a young child had nearly toppled in. The Chairman reported that the Lane was an official public highway & could not be blocked off at any point. The Environment Agency regularly inspected the river bank and had recently confirmed that it met all their requirements. Kayak sporting groups are publicising the Misson river entry on their websites. This increased use is causing further damage to the subsidence of the bank entry. MPC **instructed** the clerk to seek guidance from NCC/EA. **Clerk**
  - A resident reported a BT post with exposed wiring on Top Street & provided a photograph.

**(1) Apologies for Absence.** Cllrs J Sutherland, J Watson, A Woolliams , County Councillor L Yates.

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

**(3) Minutes of the Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> October 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 gave their report as follows:

- BDC had logged 64 complaints in September and 22 complaints in October 2015. The average number of monthly complaints is 45. This is and remains unacceptable.
- At the recent TTCC meeting, 11 residents/business representatives attended. The meeting discussed a number of more pro-active measures that they considered could progress the situation to a positive conclusion for the blighted communities.
- The Annual Emissions Report from TTN is due to be submitted to BDC by 30<sup>th</sup> November 2015 to comply with the Permit conditions. However, there is no evidence that the 2014 Report has been received by BDC. TTCC will ask for a copy of these Reports from BDC and will use the FOI legislation if required.
- TTCC queried whether a new Permit had been/was being drawn up by BDC and asked Cllr Simpson to investigate on behalf of Misson residents. **Cllr Simpson**

The Chairman reported that unfortunately due to holidays within both MPC & BDC the planned meeting with Mr Armiger & the Pollution Control team had not taken place. A provisional date in December would again fall after the next MPC meeting. Residents were not impressed with the situation & Cllr Simpson was concerned that she had not been kept informed, which had a knock on effect in briefing residents.

Following a vigorous debate the Chairman & Cllr Simpson agreed to seek an earlier meeting with BDC despite the potential staff absences. **Chairman/Cllr Simpson**

The Chairman highlighted the pressing need to bring the offensive odour emissions to a close. She informed the meeting of a letter of complaint to BDC from a local Misson Mill business on behalf of

employees who were struggling to work in their polluted environment. Almost a month on, this letter had not been acknowledged by BDC Officers. MPC will seek a response at their meeting.

**(6) Planning:**

**a. Planning decisions:- 15/00215/FUL 10MV Solar PV Farm off Bawtry Road, Misson – Granted on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2015.**

- MPC Members were pleased to report this news after six months of delay in making a decision due to the objections of Robin Hood Airport, a major consultee. Unfortunately, the scheme developer, Novus Energy, has informed MPC that due to changes in national Government policy in July the subsidies needed to deliver the proposed community scheme are no longer available & the scheme would not proceed. This was deeply disappointing news & Members **resolved** to seek further clarification on this from the developer, together with researching alternative vehicles to deliver a community solar scheme. MPC instructed the clerk to ask Novus Energy to present to their December meeting, in order to understand the issues & options. **Clerk**
- There will be an annual community benefit payment made from the Novus commercial scheme for the duration of electricity supply (up to 35 years). Members agreed to refer this community benefit payment to the Town Estate Charity Managers to consider managing as an ideal body being a Registered Charity established to support the residents of Misson parish.
- The clerk reported that the two Hanson quarry applications had been recommended for approval by Members of the NCC Planning Committee but no confirmation as yet.

**b. Planning applications:- 15/01349/FUL Erection of 12.5m Pole to mount broadband receptor at Misson Primary School, Dame Lane, Misson. Members carefully considered the planning information & resolved to **Object** to the application & made the following comments:**

1. The proposed structure is highly visible, day & night, from all aspects of the historic village centre. It is within 100m of the Grade I Listed church, together with numerous Grade II listed buildings & non-designated heritage assets on Middle St., West St., High St., & Top St. As such the proposed structure will destroy the visual amenity and setting of these historic structures & will not meet the required planning considerations.
2. BDC have recommended elements of Misson village are designated as a Conservation Area. The BDC consultation on this proposal has been completed & met with approval from residents & MPC. MPC would expect the BDC Conservation Team to be informed & consulted on Misson planning applications, & are disappointed that this does not appear to have happened with this application. MPC would also welcome comments from Historic England.
3. MPC is concerned that the proposed siting of the pole will impose a significant & permanent visual intrusion to neighbouring properties of the school. MPC feel that this will render enjoyment of the residents gardens and outdoor spaces impossible. MPC is sure that this would not be the intention of the school leaders & suggests is for the convenience of the mast installers.
4. MPC is very disappointed that the school leaders appear unaware of the BDC N3 wi-fi broadband provision from the church tower. At such close proximity to the church MPC believes the school could have accessed this service which requires a small receiver no larger than an A4 piece of paper. As the school are proposing to use a similar wi-fi system MPC question the need for a pole in excess of 40ft high.
5. MPC hope that this application can be restructured/withdrawn to reach a solution that meets the school needs whilst removing the visual impact on the historic village centre.

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

- IGas application **ES/3379 (NCC)** – to develop a hydrocarbon wellsite & drill up to two exploratory hydrocarbon wells (one vertically & one horizontally) by use of a drilling rig together with ancillary works, land off Springs Rd, Misson. Members having assessed the scope & complexity of the application agreed to hold an EMPC meeting to consider their response prior to the 9<sup>th</sup> December deadline for consultation. A provisional date, 24<sup>th</sup> November, was set.
- Members welcomed the report from the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group & were pleased to hear that NP representatives had met with the Agents of the Misson Mill. Members looked forward to assessing the options for the Misson Mill development and the community consultation event planned for 6th December. Members stressed the need for residents to make their views known as this would

influence planning in the parish for the next generation. MPC agreed to provide a letter of support for the consultation mailing invitation.

## (7) Fracking & Neighbourhood issues

### • **CLG Group**

- Cllr Watkins read out the report from the recent IGas Community Liaison Group (CLG) meeting. With the recent application for exploration at Tinker Lane near Torworth going public before the CLG were informed, the CLG Members had expressed a general lack of confidence in IGas and their public relations assertions. CLG Members were also concerned that additional planning documents had been submitted for the boreholes application, again without any reference to the CLG Group.
- Cllr Simpson offered to speak at the NCC Planning Committee ultimately considering the boreholes application should MPC request assistance. Accepted with thanks.
- MPC considered the need to appoint a second Community Representative to the CLG to share the workload. MPC were delighted that Mr Peter Edwards had volunteered and MPC unanimously **agreed** to his appointment, joining Mrs Cheryl Neal as Misson Reps.

- **A1 Housing issues** – considering the recent issues arising from tenants of A1 Housing, together with the prospect of further housebuilding in the parish, the clerk suggested inviting a representative of A1 Housing to address a future MPC meeting. Members welcomed this proposal and **instructed** the clerk to seek a representative in the New Year. Cllr Simpson suggested the MD would be happy to attend.

- Cllr Watkins provided an update on the Misson Heritage & Access project & presented the colour copies of the artist impressions of the village entrance signs. Members were delighted & **approved** the signs for production. Members thanked Cllr Watkins for her continuing expertise & hard work to deliver this important village project. The Chairman agreed to seek alternative quotes for the village planters to achieve better value for money. **Chairman**

- **Pictorial Verges project** - Cllr Watkins described how some 4,000 bulbs were planted in the Village Green & opposite the Church in minutes via mechanised mass bulb planting. The supplier has donated two further sacks of bulbs for planting in further village locations, & within the school by the pupils. Two residents very generously volunteered to plant some bulbs around Manor Close & Top Street, in addition to Member volunteer 'planters'.

- **Defibrillator** – Cllr Wilcox was delighted to report that this is installed on the (Dame Lane) external wall at The Angel Inn. The machine is Registered with the Ambulance Service & training for 16 resident volunteers is planned for 23<sup>rd</sup> November. MCA are looking into insurance for the machine. MCA would like to thank all those who supported the purchase of the machine, funding which had all been donated by local people & groups.

- Cllr Wilcox reported that bookings for the **Pensioners Christmas lunch & Entertainment** were very disappointing with only seven confirmed so far. Further publicity will be provided on the Misson Hub and in Bawtry Today (depending on publication date). **Clerk**

- **Xmas Lights** – Members understood that Cllr Sutherton had approached a local company for a small donation towards solar Xmas lights. MPC **instructed** the clerk to purchase the lights once funding was received. **Clerk**

- Cllr Watkins reported ongoing safety concerns as local children are continuing to use the Church wall for football practice, together with playing in the church-yard. Cllr Wilcox agreed to contact Misson Primary Head to speak to the children. **Cllr Wilcox**

The clerk had requested quotes from Mr Bingham for further maintenance work to the wall.

- The Chairman, and Members, reported on numerous resident complaints that a number of cars were regularly parking on the Village Green. Members agreed, that as a protected & Registered Village Green, this was not acceptable. The owners of the vehicles were unknown but possibly residents with property adjacent to the Green. MPC **instructed** the clerk to investigate & write politely requesting the vehicle owner/s to avoid parking on the Green in future. **Clerk**

## (8) Cemetery Regulations.

- Members **reviewed and approved** the new Cemetery Regulations requiring makers & installers of headstones & memorials to certify that the works comply with the current British Standard. MPC **instructed** the clerk to notify the local memorial providers. **Clerk**

- The Chairman reported on the recent Cemetery Inspection undertaken with the clerk. In the interest of public safety, two memorials adjacent to the path had been laid down on the ground. The clerk reported that she was investigating whether any family members remained so that she could notify them of the situation. (Information, kindly provided by a resident post meeting, has identified one family who have had the memorial restored).
- MPC asked for clarification regarding their insurance arrangements for the churchyard & cemetery. **Clerk**

### (9) Communications

- Frustrations remained over the seeming lack of progress on the NCC Rural Broadband Scheme – Phase 2 work programme. MPC instructed the clerk to seek an update from NCC. **Clerk**
- Cllr Watson was investigating an alternative for the MPC website. In the meantime, MPC would publicise their use of the Misson Hub, which was a valuable asset for the community.

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

- The clerk reported that NCC Highways Manager had concerns that the recently erected BT telegraph pole on the corner of Station Rd/Springs Rd could be a road safety hazard being close to the edge on this narrow road & blind corner. The NCC Manager would support a request to remove & replace this pole to a safer location. MPC **resolved** to make a complaint to BT & instructed the clerk to do so. **Clerk**
- Members questioned the purpose of the temporary speed camera on Station Road when the Misson Springs Road was closed to most traffic due to road works. MPC **instructed** the clerk to investigate & request the camera return to assess 'normal' road use. **Clerk**

### (11) 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.
- MPC understood police had carried out speed checks on Middle Street & **instructed** the clerk to ask for the results and outcomes of any speeding discovered. **Clerk**
- Members discussed resident's concerns with the number of vehicles parked on the road outside the old Chapel on Top St. MPC **instructed** the clerk to seek an expert opinion. **Clerk**

### (12) Financial reports.

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

MPC current account balance @ 04/11/15	£23,957.53
MPC deposit account balance @ 04/11/15	<u>£10,517.23</u>
Total funds	<u>£34,474.76</u>

- MPC **reviewed and approved** the Q2 Accounts July – September 2015

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

Chq. No	Item.	Amount.
000905	J R Bingham	£ 186.00
000906	Harry Stabbing Workshop (LCF budget)	£ 480.00
000907	Lubbe & Sons (Bulbs) Ltd	£ 804.00
000908	S A Scott	£ 311.24
000909	S A Scott (NP budget recharge)	£ 475.00
000910	S A Scott (LCF budget recharge)	£ 19.43

- (13) **Correspondence.** None not covered in the agenda

- (14) **Council confirmed** date of the next meeting of MPC as Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2015, 7.30pm.