

**MINUTES of the MEETING of MISSON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2016**

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

**Also Present:** Mr Geert Lemmers, Head of Compost, Monaghan Mushrooms Group  
Mr Simon Middlebrook, General manager, Tunnel Tech North

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

- School Governor Mrs Handy has contacted the Mayor of Misson, Bordeaux, to explore a 'twinning' relationship with Misson, Nottinghamshire, which was welcomed by MPC.
- A replacement cabinet for the defibrillator has been installed.
- Proposed long term road closure, Misson Springs for bridge strengthening works – will there be emergency access for ambulance services etc? MPC **instructed** the clerk to ascertain. **Clerk**
- Roadside daffodils have been lost during the solar cabling works and MPC is requested to seek replacements from the company. **Clerk**
- The Chairman read out Cllr Yates Report which is appended with the minutes and will be available on the MPC website [www.missonparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.missonparishcouncil.org.uk)
- Cllr Simpson outlined the complex and important discussions taking place within BDC on the devolution options, which include joining the Sheffield City Region or the Derbyshire/Nottinghamshire Region D2N2. BDC Members will vote on the proposals shortly before the decision goes to public consultation.

**(1) Apologies for Absence.** Cllr J Sutherland, County Cllr L Yates

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

**(3) Minutes of the Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2016.** 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 North (TTN) planning application & abatement proposals from Mr Lemmers and Mr Middlebrook, TTN Ltd**

The Power point slide presentation is available on the MPC website. Key points from the presentation and questions include:

- TTN Acknowledge that more work needs to be done to capture odours emitted from the factory
- Proposals from TTN are for the problem 'outdoor activities'
- TTN is working together with expert groups, ADAS and Odournet, together with BDC Officers, to establish a solution
- The planning application covers current and anticipated development at the site. To fully abate the operation may require a four-step process, working through a step at a time, until agreement is reached that zero emissions have been achieved. This capability is enshrined in the planning application as a point of principle, and point of trust with the community.
- The particular problem area is the handling and storage of the chicken litter. To solve the issue a bigger building is required which will allow for further odour extraction.
- The biofilter will be replaced during the works using a better mix including microflora from root material.
- The TTN proposals are based on successful approaches in Holland & Belgium which operate on a much larger scale.
- TTN will agree with BDC what the standard for success is. This is an ongoing discussion.
- Some investment money is available to start the works. The operation has to be commercially viable to generate investment on the scale that may be required for full enclosure.
- TTN are not in a position to answer the key question of timescale to reach zero emissions.

*The Chairman thanked Mr Lemmers and Mr Middlebrook who left the meeting.*

## **(6) Planning:**

- a) Planning decisions:- F/3410 (NCC) extension to Misson Grey Sand Quarry – Granted.** The conditions of granting planning approval includes the provision of a seat and seating area off Bryan's Close Lane bridleway but does not include a new permissive path.
- b) Planning applications:- 16/00054/HSE** – erect single storey side extension to bungalow, 2 Manor Close, Misson, MPC made **no objection** and no comments; **16/00131/FUL** – erect five buildings required for the capture of process air (for treatment of emissions), the storage & handling of compost during phase 1 of the mushroom composting process, extensions to existing buildings for composting process & additional acid scrubbing and bio-filtration plant, Tunnel Tech North Ltd, Newington Farm. MPC made **no objection** but made comments concerning:
- The lack of definition of a successful outcome for zero smell
  - The lack of time scale for the proposed development
  - Confidence that finance is available to complete the proposed works
  - Visual impact – scope and scale of the works including impacts on neighbours, residents, users of rights of way and the historic and natural environment
  - Additional traffic movements & the impacts on Bawtry Road & the need for a Traffic Management Plan

A copy of the full MPC Comments are appended to the minutes. MPC **instructed** the clerk to seek a meeting with BDC Officers to discuss these concerns as soon as possible. **Clerk**

**Island Gas Ltd – Misson Well Site – Application for an Environmental Agency Permit.** MPC Members who attended the consultation event on 12<sup>th</sup> February expressed fundamental concerns over the communication and promotion of the consultation event; the lack of understanding & awareness of the Misson site by the Agencies represented at the event who are Regulators of the Processes proposed; the lack of knowledge and expertise exhibited by those Agency Representatives attending who were unable to answer questions of substance and detail. Residents and Members left the event angry and frustrated and deeply concerned in the quality of the regulatory processes which should be designed to protect their health and wellbeing, together with the natural environment. The lack of co-ordination of regulatory processes and the lack of fit with the Planning Process leaves gaps of knowledge and responsibilities, which is a potentially dangerous scenario for such an untried industry in the UK setting. MPC **resolved to Object** to the IGas application for an EA Permit. MPC objected on multiple grounds where MPC believes the application fails to provide adequate assessment of the risks and/or fails to provide adequate information to support the assertions within the application documents. The detailed comments are appended to the minutes.

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

- **15/01557/NOT – approval** for infill of void under existing bridge to create a gravel embankment and installation of a culvert, bridge north of rail crossing Springs Road, Misson Springs – Permitted Development. The clerk reported that NWT confirmed that a Habitat Survey will be carried out before any construction work takes place.
- The clerk reported that a planning application from Doncaster Belles Football had been submitted to BDC or was imminent. Members instructed the clerk to invite Doncaster Belles representative to present the plans at a future MPC meeting. **Clerk**
- Members welcomed the report from the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, which was read out at the meeting. Members approved in principle:
  - An application for further grant funding to complete the works
  - MPC responsibility for mowing of any grassed public space within a newly developed residential site on Misson Mill, subject to an increase in BDC Precept & Grants for an increased population.

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

- **CLG Group.** Cllr Watson reported that the Regulators- EA, HSE, together with Public Health England, OGA, & NCC attended CLG on 11<sup>th</sup> February, prior to the consultation event at Misson. NCC have issued a Regulation 22 Letter to IGas requesting additional information on many aspects of their planning application including aspects of the site selection criteria and weighting. IGas have until 29<sup>th</sup> July 2016 to provide the information; once received a further public consultation will take place on the new information. MPC CLG Representatives Cllr Watson & Mr Edwards attended the Brownfields

Shale & Unconventional Gas Conference in London. This was very useful for the range of information provided and the contacts made with senior Officers of Regulatory bodies.

- **Hanson's Community Liaison Group.** Cllrs Shilling & Watkins attended the recent meeting & were impressed with the scope of environmental and regulatory bodies represented. The restoration works are proceeding well (other than the theft of fencing & gates preventing the grazing of cattle) and works best if done side by side with the quarrying. MPC, as a Member of the Group, will be able to influence future restoration works. Interpretation boards will help to explain the plans to the public.
- **BDC Parish Forum.** Main item of strategic importance is the devolution decisions being addressed by principle authorities including BDC. MPC is following the debate & will be consulted on decisions.
- **Misson Solar PV Farm.** The Town Estate Charity approved the Community Benefit contract at their February meeting. Novus may assist in seeking an agreement to re-route the proposed public footpath at Northwith Hill to avoid residential properties. Members reported resident concerns over the loss of bulbs along Bawtry Road due to the cabling works. The clerk reported that Novus would look at restoration works once the works were completed & would meet with MPC Members.
- **Community Centre Lease.** The lease between MPC & MCA was reviewed but lacked the Land Registry plans. MPC **instructed** the clerk to seek the Plans & bring to the next meeting for further discussion. **Clerk**
- **Church wall monitoring & maintenance.** Cllr Sutherton will monitor the wall & report his findings to the next meeting. **Cllr Sutherton**  
The clerk reported that church volunteers will undertake the white lining of the steps, and that a suitable notice about safety in the churchyard and it's unsuitability as a playground could be displayed on the door. MPC requested if the light at the steps could remain on all the time. **Clerk**
- **Heritage Project.** The leaflet text is completed for the village walk thanks to Mrs Handy, and the public rights of way text is being drafted as the routes are walked & measured. An update on the signs has been requested from the supplier.
- **Commemorative projects for the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday.** MCA are planning an event for 11<sup>th</sup> June & would like to ask MPC for a donation. Members asked MCA to prepare further information to present to the next MPC meeting. **Cllr Wilcox**  
Further project suggestions from residents include tree planting & new public footpaths or permissive paths including the riverside walk and Line Bank. MPC **instructed** the clerk to agenda for the next meeting to formulate a proposal and action plan. **Clerk**

## (8) Communications

- Cllrs Watson & Watkins reported that the NALC workshop in February on website design by Hugo Fox, was very useful and that the MPC website was now up and running at [www.missonparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.missonparishcouncil.org.uk) Cllr Watson is populating the site and would welcome further ideas & information as to content. The site links to the Misson Hub, which it compliments, & the fledgling Misson Neighbourhood Plan site. MPC **instructed** the clerk to request Sharpe Systems take down the old MPC website. **Clerk**
- The clerk reported that under the Rural Broadband scheme & the minimum of 2Mbps requirement NCC had introduced a voucher scheme for a subsidy to install satellite broadband in areas where 2Mbps is unavailable. Misson residents may be eligible for this scheme and details are on the NCC website.

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

- The NCC Highways Manager visit on 1<sup>st</sup> March addressed a number of issues but confirmed that NCC could not prevent parking on Top Street on the bend outside the old chapel, nor did it recommend the use of bollards on Vicar Lane to prevent damage to the wildflower verge. MPC would seek to find mutually beneficial solutions to parking issues through dialogue with parishioners. A traffic management plan for the village was not discussed but Members will seek to develop this idea over the long term.
- NCC has confirmed that a replacement 127 service will be provided by Stagecoach, who will provide a Monday to Saturday service from April 2<sup>nd</sup> serving Misson by extending the 27 Service from Bawtry. This will include the 07.31 and 16.33 commercial service and new subsidised services at 09.33; 11.33; and 13.33 from Misson. The bus stop will be on the High St (not the church) and residents will be able to take advantage of the Stagecoach Mega Rider tickets.
- Members met with NCC Public Rights of Way Officer to discuss the issues of unlawful vehicle access to Line Bank bridleway. NCC may be able to provide vehicle barriers but only if the site boundaries are all secured to prevent access at other points. The Line Bank SSSI landowners, the Town Estate Charity &

Polybell Farms, have made a commitment to try to achieve this. All incidents of trespass and unauthorised activities will be reported to the police to build a case for NCC intervention & funding. MPC has also approached Natural England for the site to be considered for funding from a Stewardship Programme.

#### (10) Policing

- Four Community Road Safety Schemes have been undertaken and are having an impact on speeding during the operation. Further volunteers would be welcome as teams of three volunteers over a two hour period are ideal. Signage would help eg 'Police Operation in Progress' board. MPC **instructed** the clerk to request any signage available from the police. **Clerk**
- The clerk reported that residents had reported suspicious incidents to the police recently which had been acted on promptly resulting in the occupants of a vehicle being stopped & apprehended under the influence of drugs.

#### (11) Skills Audit & Parish Clerk Vacancy

- The Chairman reported that sadly the Clerk had given notice that she was unable to continue in the role and would be looking to leave the position at the end of April at the latest. The Chairman & Cllr Watkins agreed to review the role and Job Description with the clerk & advertise for a replacement as soon as possible. The Chairman & Cllr Watkins also agreed to form the interview panel. **Cllrs Shilling/Watkins**
- Members discussed the value of undertaking a skills audit of the Council, both Members & the office of Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer, in light of the many challenges facing the parish council not least from the potential of fracking. The amount of work falling on Members & Officer is now a massive commitment. Members took the opportunity to thank the many residents working many hours as volunteers on parish projects including the TTCC, Neighbourhood Plan, Road Safety Scheme, Heritage project, MCA projects and Misson Community Action Group. This effort is making a real difference to the quality of parish life. In future, Members anticipate further calls on volunteer expertise will be required to achieve MPC goals and residents expectations.

#### (12) Financial reports.

- The clerk presented the financial statement to 29<sup>th</sup> February 2016 and Council resolved to accept it.  
MPC current account balance @ 02/03/16 £13,700.41  
MPC deposit account balance @ 02/03/16 £10,519.00  
Total funds £24,219.41

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

Chq. No	Item.	Amount.
000932	Mrs J Watson (energy working grp)	£ 240.00
000933	Mrs J Watson (NP budget)	£ 41.33
000934	Mrs J Watson	£ 41.88
000935	NNL (Lengthsman)	£ 360.00
000936	S A Scott	£ 311.24

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

#### (14) Council confirmed date of the next meeting as Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 7.30pm