

**MINUTES of the MEETING of MISSON PARISH COUNCIL
Held on Wednesday 5th February 2014**

Councillors Present: A Cameron, V Shilling (Chairman), C Stringer, E Vallance,
A Woolliams,

Public Participation Six residents attended.

- A resident requested the address of the MPC website – www.missonparish.org.uk
The clerk indicated the upgraded website would now be easier to find via search engines. The upgrade could be live by the next meeting. **Clerk**
- Residents were concerned with the amount of litter/plastics blowing into the village from Misson Mill. MPC **instructed** the clerk to contact the Site Manager/owner to address the issue. **Clerk**
- Misuse of the bottle bank continues with bottles dumped in front of the containers not within them. MPC **instructed** the clerk to seek further advice from BDC for signage, cameras. **Clerk**

(1) Apologies for Absence. Cllrs R McIlroy, J Sutherton, District Cllr A Simpson, C Cllr L Yates

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

(3) Minutes of the Meeting 8th January 2014. 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 made their report as follows:

- BDC is engaged with a Public Enquiry regarding planning permission to extend a rendering plant at Tuxford. This case may have a bearing on action against TTN & set a precedent. Tuxford residents are organised with a social media campaign generating extensive support.
- TTCC have around 12 Impact Statements to date which is disappointing.
- BDC have failed to respond to the TTCC and MPC requests for information on the actions they are taking/considering bearing in mind TTN are not complying with the Operating Permit.
- Members discussed the options they could pursue to ensure BDC met their Duty of Care and enforced their own Permit conditions. Members **resolved to**:
 - Investigate the legal options available to them. **Cllr Cameron**
 - Seek advice/support from the Local Ombudsman **Clerk**
 - Establish if MPC has 'pursuit cover' within their insurance **Clerk**
 - Establish BDC policy for replying to information requests **Clerk**
 - Write again to BDC asking for a timeframe for action **Clerk**

(6) Planning:

a. Planning decisions:- None

b. Planning applications:- 14/00063/HSE Carry out the partial demolition of buildings, alter & erect extensions to existing dwelling, Woodfield House, Newington Road, Newington. MPC made no objections & no comment.

c. To consider any other Planning Matters:-

- BDC Site Allocations Consultation & Neighbourhood Planning – the clerk informed Members that an event is arranged for Wednesday 12th March between 5pm – 8pm. The clerk was seeking printing of individual notification letters for households from BDC to ensure the maximum resident involvement. MPC was eligible for a Locality Grant via BDC but further grant funding would be required to meet the costs of producing a Plan. BDC recommended

Awards for All as providing grant funding. However, this would take out this source of grant funding for other parish projects.

- Members had reviewed the information & map provided by Tesla on the proposed 3-D seismic survey for gas & oil exploration prior to the meeting. The clerk reported that the NEBF meeting on March 18th (in Misson) would have speakers from representatives of the exploration licence holders, and a group 'Frack Free Nottinghamshire' opposed to onshore oil & gas exploitation.
- A number of Members expressed concerns over the implications of 'fracking' within the parish. Any benefits remain unknown at this stage. A view to oppose the testing was not carried as requiring further information & investigation. MPC **instructed** the clerk to seek the views of parish landowners, & try to obtain a 'neutral' speaker for the next meeting to inform Members & residents views. **Clerk**

(7) Neighbourhood issues

- MPC discussed correspondence from a resident requesting consideration of a defibrillator & trained 'First Responders' in the village considering the remoteness from the nearest ambulance stations. Members welcomed this initiative and **instructed** the clerk to provide a speaker for a future MPC meeting. **Clerk**

(8) Communications including BDC Broadband Scheme update

- The clerk reported that MPC had received permission to site a temporary mast on the church tower. A meeting was arranged for 11th February to assess the suitability of the tower with BDC Project Officer, Dan Watson, Ian Lord & the Rev J Strickland.
- Members were delighted with the offers of grants totalling £500 towards the broadband masts from our District & County Councillors who MPC thanked for their support.
- Feedback from the NCC Broadband Scheme briefing event was awaited.

(9) Road Safety, Highways & Parish Paths

- Cllrs Shilling & Woolliams reported on the highways survey with the NCC Highways Manager, Ian Parker. Cllrs had stressed the urgency of outstanding issues including the inter-active road sign and white lining at a number of junctions/road bends. Ian also reviewed traffic speeds & access issues at Newington but warned a solution would not be easy to achieve.

(10) Policing. No report at this meeting.

(11) Financial reports.

- The clerk presented the financial statement to 30th January 2014 and Council **resolved** to accept it.

MPC current account balance @ 30/01/14	£ 4,640.66
MPC deposit account balance @ 30/01/14	<u>£10,507.61</u>
Total funds	<u>£15,148.27</u>

- Members **reviewed** the Misson cemetery fees in comparison with those in force at Bawtry, deferring a decision for further comparators that Cllr Woolliams could provide. **Cllr Woolliams**
- Members **reviewed** the revised 2014-15 budget forecasts that produced balanced budgets. Complete clarity was still lacking on whether parish councils would be subject to a referendum should they raise the precept above 2%. Misson Councillors expressed considerable concern on the BDC decision not to passport the Benefit Support Grant on to parishes & the on-going implications on this withdrawal of funding. Members **voted to approve** a parish Precept increase of 2% and **instructed** the clerk to notify BDC of Misson Precept requirement of £9,394.

(12) Cheques

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

Chq. No	Item.	Amount.
000814	NALC	£ 120.82
000815	S A Scott	£ 304.54
000816	S A Scott	£ 112.62
000817	S A Scott	£ 96.00
000818	S A Scott	£ 95.75

(13) Correspondence. There was no additional correspondence.

(14) Council confirmed date of next meeting as Wednesday 2nd April 2014 at 7.30pm.