

MISSON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held at 7pm on Wednesday 3rd July 2024 at Misson Parish Hall.

The chair read out the proposed recording protocol which is delivered at the start of every meeting.

The Chair asked if anyone intended to record the meeting other than the Clerk. Cllr Robey stated that he would start recording after the pre-meeting questions from the public. No objections were raised by the public.

Pre-meeting questions from the public: A lengthsman wished to have recorded in the minutes that he had been accused of criminal damage by a Parish Councillor. He wished it to be known that he denies doing anything wrong and knew nothing about the accusation until made aware of it recently, even though it was alleged to have occurred a couple of years ago. He also stated that if anyone had any issues with his work, they should speak to him immediately. He wished the matter to now be closed and not referred to again.

A MOP asked about the viability of placing cardboard cutouts of police in certain areas to deter vehicles speeding through the village. The Chair asked the resident if he would wait until item 14 on the agenda when Cllr Robey would be discussing his Speedwatch initiative.

Present: Cllr Walker (Chair), Cllr Watson, Cllr Watkins, Cllr Scott, Cllr Robey, Cllr Sutherton, Cllr Andrews, D.Cllr Pashley. **Clerk:** S Scott.

1. Apologies were received from C. Cllr Taylor.
2. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests: Cllr Walker – non-pecuniary interest as editor of Community Newsletter and a Trustee of Village Park and Playground Project. Cllr Watkins – non-pecuniary interest as a member of the River Idle Management Partnership. Cllr Sutherton – non-pecuniary interest as a member of the River Idle Management Partnership. Cllr Robey – non-pecuniary interest as a Trustee of Misson Community Association. Cllr Scott – non-pecuniary interest as a member of Misson Community Association management committee.
3. The Council approved the minutes of the 5th June 2024. They will now be placed on the notice boards and on the website.
4. Matters arising not on the agenda – The clerk has received notification from Notts CC that speed monitoring strips will be placed across the road between Williamson’s corner and Coronation Avenue. No dates have been given for their installation.
5. No report from the County Councillor.
6. Report from the District Councillor – *Currently we are in purdah, & little is happening.*

Last year I was on the Overview & Scrutiny committee, which helped me better understand the operations of the BDC & to ensure that they were held to account for their actions. I have now been given a permanent position on the Planning Consultation Group as well as being on the Planning Committee. This will give me a say on any planning applications & decisions relating to the Ward I represent.

BDC Press Release. Free expert energy advice for Bassetlaw businesses to help them cut their carbon emissions, they can then apply for grants of up to £5k. Cllr Scott to pursue BDC to check if MPC would be eligible for a grant.

I have again reported to the head of Housing at BDC the number of empty Council properties in Misson eg 7 Coronation Avenue, and 2 / 5 The Bungalows, I haven’t had a response but will continue to follow up.

I am aware that there has been a slight increase in the number of complaints received by BDC in relation to Tunnel Tech, I have requested BDC for an explanation. TTN have planted trees. I have been

promised a report by the end of this week which I will forward on to the complainants. I can confirm that BDC carried out Odour visits on the 26/27 June between 10-11am & 1-2pm, nothing of note, a further Environmental visit was planned for 28th June. James Whaley to visit TTN this week. I will attend the Surgery on the 18th July

7. Update on policing – No update from PC Pickersgill. On checking the website www.police.uk the statistics for Bassetlaw Rural, which includes Misson are only up to April 2024. This appears to be a problem across the area regarding local policing. There is to be a NEBF meeting in the forthcoming weeks. It was proposed and seconded that Cllr Watson puts forward Misson’s arguments to the Police and Crime Commissioner.
8. Speedwatch – see item 14, as a parishioner led initiative and not a Parish Council project.
9. Parish administration and record-keeping –
The new merged Memorial Safety Policy and Cemetery Regs were signed off.
The amended Financial Regulations were signed off.
The Risk Register was signed off, with the agreement that it would be updated as required.
Cllr Andrews signed the Code of Conduct Policy.
An amended draft Complaints Procedure Policy was discussed. It was proposed and seconded to approve the document with a vote of four councillors to three. It will be signed off at September’s meeting then placed on the website.
Councillors received and approved the following expenses and receipts:
Expenses
Hugo Fox website support - £11.99 inc vat 24/026
S E Scott salary for MPC and TEC - £550.15 24/027
PAYE - £48.20 24/028
M Walker reimbursement from C Cllr Taylor’s fund for community pages in April Newsletter - £75.00 24/029
M Walker reimbursement from MPC for April newsletter page - £25.00 24/030
R. Wilcox-Wood salary March to May - £184.25 24/031
Tornado Pest Control - £150.00 24/032
M Guest for June - £143.00 24/033
Income
W Pinder re J Marsden burial £1200.00 24/R007
W Pinder re ashes interment into an existing plot £300.00 24/R008
Interest received £11.99 24/R006
Current account balance at 30th June 2024 - £13214.53
Reserve balance at 30th June 2024 - £10793.84
Interest for June £11.99
10. Planning Applications – A County application has been received for a proposed extension eastwards towards the existing Misson Grey Sand Quarry. Ref 24/0040/CDM. A decision is still awaited. There have been no objections from any of the interested parties.
To consider any new planning applications – None. But there has been an enforcement placed on a building at Morton Villa Farm, Misson Springs, as no planning application had been made.
No other planning applications received after the agenda was published.
11. Discussion regarding the independent energy audit. Chair declared an interest as one of the bidders is an extended family relation and so the Vice-Chair facilitated the discussion. It was agreed to proceed with the cheaper option. Awarding the contract will be deferred until more information is received on whether grants are available. Cllr Scott agreed to investigate further.
12. Report on the Neighbourhood Plan – The examiner has concluded that the addition of the policy on Local Green Spaces constitutes a material change to the Neighbourhood Plan, and therefore a

referendum is required to adopt it. The alternative would be to withdraw and throw away all the work already done. The referendum would be managed by BDC and at no cost to MPC. If approved this will provide a Neighbourhood Plan that is up to date, reflecting new comments and thoughts, and will provide a strong basis for any future applications. The Chair proposed that we go to a referendum, seconded by Cllr Scott. There were no objections. The clerk will notify BDC of the decision.

13. Update on Neighbourhood Improvement Programme – Grass cutting is continuing. We have moles, both in the cemetery and on the Green. MPC Insurers require that the risk to members of the public is mitigated by removing the moles, otherwise the public liability insurance is void. Two separate companies are currently trying to deal with the problem. Two days were spent restoring the church wall. Two more days are planned in the forthcoming weeks. Thank you to the volunteers who helped, and to the W.I. ladies who provided lunch. Thanks to the resident who has made a bug hotel and has asked if could be placed in the eco section of the churchyard. The resident and the lengthsman will find the most appropriate position for its home.
14. Reports from Parish groups and projects – A report from church announcing that there will be an open day in church on Saturday 13th July between 4 and 5pm. The history of the church and the vision for its future will be discussed. The Chair will contact Rev. Becky to ask about possible ways of donating to the church fund raising, especially for residents who are unable to be at the open day. Thanks are to be made to C.Cllr Taylor for her kind donation to the newsletter. The final amount has been used to pay for articles about the church and the Speedwatch initiative in the current issue. D.Cllr Pashley has also mentioned that he may be able to provide a donation to future newsletters. A report from MCA announcing that the party on the Green which was due to take place on the 20th July has been postponed until next year due to unforeseen problems. There are now ten volunteers for the Speedwatch initiative, so it can start to move forward. MCA has offered £200 towards the costs of providing equipment for the scheme. A vote was taken whether MPC should offer funds to the scheme. Two people agreed and four people voted against. Cllr Robey abstained due to having an interest. The majority of the Council believed that this was not an appropriate use of precept funds as residents have already been taxed and have paid for police support via their council tax. It was suggested that the Speedwatch group might hold a fundraising raffle and councillors expressed personal willingness to participate in such. Most of the council thought that it was the police who should be paying for the initiative; providing the equipment required as they did when this initiative ran in Misson previously. Cllr Robey expressed his disappointment that the council was not willing to support the scheme financially. The Speedwatch group is now waiting for PSCO John Dale to make contact to proceed with the training.
15. Update on the Parish Resilience plan – The plan is in hand. Cllr Sutherton was asked about the state of Slaynes Lane. He commented that although the pumps were working at West Stockwith, the river was still too high due to the amount of silt on the riverbed. Action needs to be taken with the Environment Agency to force them to dredge the river. The Chair proposed that MPC support a cohesive action with RIMP, and other agencies who are affected by the river levels. All Councillors were in favour. It will be on the September agenda, as a discussion to clear Slaynes Lane sluices, and make it passable once again.
16. Review of Parish highways and paths – The ivy around the road sign at Holly House has been trimmed back. Highways claimed that they had replaced the damaged sign near the dog run on Station Road. Cllrs were unaware. The clerk to ask if the two road signs near Holly House could be replaced as they are badly corroded. Thanks are given to the residents who have kindly cleared paths, and areas around signs. The clerk to report footpath no. 1 again, as the hedgerows are very overgrown, making it difficult to walk through. The C.Cllr will be copied into the report. Comments

have been made about the number of large heavy vehicles coming through the village late at night, going on to the Rocket Site. The clerk to write to the C.Cllr. explaining residents' concerns. Cllr Sutherton has removed the additional plank of wood which made the horse stile too high at the entrance to Linebank, and so the risk to animal and rider safety is now mitigated.

17. Feedback from meetings – A MOP attended the Thursday surgery to complain about the large vehicles going in and out of the Rocket Site. He also stated that a lorry had damaged road signs near to the railway crossing at Misson Springs. The clerk wrote to the C.Cllr and the D.Cllr expressing the resident's concerns.
18. Correspondence received –The new Parish Hall sign will be in place once formal authorisation has been given to the supplier that the owner of the building (MPC) is content for the work to be done. The Chair of MCA has asked for a meeting to be held between MCA and MPC as previously agreed. A date will be arranged between both parties. Application received for a headstone for the grave of Mr John Marsden was approved. An email has been received from BDC regarding the memorial safety inspection – a date to be agreed. Speed monitoring strips are to be placed near Misson Mill – no dates supplied.
19. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 4th September 2024.
20. Confidential items – The clerk to forward information from the new insurers and also from NALC regarding the lengthmen scheme.

S E Scott

Clerk to Misson Parish Council

9th July 2024