

PUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

Puxton & Hewish

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You are summoned to a Council Meeting on Thursday 6th December 2018 at 7.30pm in The Village Hall

All are welcome, unless precluded by a procedural resolution. You will not be entitled to speak, except within the Public Session

Don Hill - Clerk

AGENDA & AGENDA NOTES

There continues to be a vacancy for the cooption of a Councillor

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS**
3. **PUBLIC SESSION - 15 minutes:** Residents may raise matters affecting the parish.
4. **REPORTS -** **Ward Cllrs Report** - Cllr Leimdorfer may not be available
Truespeed - Andy Moore re Fibre-to-the-home Broadband
5. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING** - 1st November 2018 to be agreed, and signed by Chair.
6. **MATTERS ARISING NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE**
7. **NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL MATTERS**
A370 near Wick Lane Junction/Bus Stop - Central Refuge/Crossing: The offer of a £4,600 contribution is with NSC. Re a grant, National Grid pointed to the rule the November meeting noted; "We do not fund... any work that is the responsibility of statutory organisations such as... local councils".
Puxton Lane - Oldbridge River Bridge: Date due for meeting with NSC structures. If parapets set further apart but the access bollards remain as now, the access limitation will remain as before.
8. **OTHER MATTERS**
Police: carried out speed enforcement in the week 19th November; it included Hewish 40mph zone.
St Andrew's School Congresbury: The PPC consultation response has been noted by NSC, as has recognition of the dichotomy between securing sufficient places and balancing the budget.
NSC Plan to 2036: Puxton & Hewish are on a flood plain and have no settlement boundaries. NSC's 'Call for Sites' states:
*Sites falling within any of the categories below * were discounted during the Part 1 assessment stage and are referred to as 'Part 1 discounted sites'. These are scheduled in Appendix A (All sites with Puxton Parish have been discounted)*
Sites designated SSSI - Sites entirely within the Green Belt - Sites entirely covered by Local Green Space - Sites entirely within the AONB - Sites entirely within flood zone 3b Housing development is not permitted within the functional flood plain; areas of lesser risk will be identified within site appraisals - Sites with no boundary adjoining an existing settlement boundary (unless brownfield)
The Country Land & Business Association paper 'Strong Foundations' (attached) argues a case for the Puxtons for this world.
9. **FINANCE**
Filing Cabinet
2018-19 Accounts: pre-circulated with meeting papers.
2019-20 Draft Budget
Cheques: 100228 Adrian Leonard, Parish Maintenance £160 **100229** HMRC re PAYE £151.00
10. **PLANNING (Latest Enforcement Report September 2018)**
New: 18/P/4760/FUH Oakacre, Bristol Road Garage. **18/P/4721/FUL** Heathfield Park new pitches.
Appeal: 18/P/2612/FUH - Rosemary Cottage, Wick Lane, West Hewish Extension over garage.
11. **COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**
For planning application details visit:
<https://planning.n-somerset.gov.uk/online-applications/>
12. **OTHER ONGOING ITEMS BEING MONITORED BY CLERK**
Puxton Road Drainage at Wyndham Grange: Item 17 on job list : **Puxton Gully at Council Houses:** Urgently awaiting clearance date : **Puxton Lane Grip:** : **Potholes:** Maysgreen Lane/Puxton Road Junction; patching due 20/22 Dec : **East Hewish Rail Crossing Grit Bin:** Due : **Broken signage Puxton Road/Lane junction:** Repositioning planned : **Puxton Lane:** Dangerous wall by Appletree Cottage: investigated; now with NSC Structures : **Public Sewage Service:** No mains sewage across Puxton and none planned : **A370 Footpath:** 1st section start date due. **Completed:** St Annes Car Park Lease : Speed Monitoring (VAS)
13. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** Thursday 3rd January 2019, at 7.30pm, in the Village Hall.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1st November 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Sue Popperwell, Jim Corbett, Jim Howard, Peter Penfold, Clayton Penfold, Lynda Redding

In Attendance: Cllr Tom Leimdorfer (NSC), Don Hill (Clerk)

Public Attendance: 0

101/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - none

102/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS - Cllr P PenFold re National Grid access off A370 - Minute 107/18

103/18 PUBLIC SESSION - no public attendees

104/18 REPORTS - Ward Cllrs Report

Mendip Vale Medical Group: The application to build in Smallway has been refused by NSC at its first pass. Because it was supported by planning officers, it will need to be re-presented, probably in December. There are two key issues hindering this application. **Access for pedestrians** - there is not a continuous pavement from Yatton, and for bus travellers - having to cross a road with a 40mph speed limit that is often blocked with traffic approaching the A370 on the one side, while having free-moving 40mph traffic coming from Congresbury to Yatton on the other side. A central refuge alone would not be enough for physically, audibly or optically infirm patients trying to access to the surgery; traffic light control would be needed. This view was rejected by a single vote.

The Strategic Gap between the two service villages of Yatton and Congresbury is the site of the proposed surgery; this provides an objection of principle that won recognition, again, by a single vote. The staff shortages that have caused the recent temporary closure of the Congresbury Surgery seem to revolve around the high number of doctors working on a part time basis, compounded by a high incidence of maternity leave.

St Andrew's School Congresbury: In the light of NSC forecasts, they are requesting a reduction of 30 in their next intake. Every group of 30 pupils represents a single class intake. Any number over each block of 30 requires the establishment, staffing and funding of an additional year class. Immediate local choice for Puxton residents is between St Anne's and St Andrew's. If capacity between these two becomes restricted, sending children further afield becomes the only option with possible transportation costs falling to NSC. The seemingly simple St Andrew's request therefore becomes a potentially contentious problem for Puxton: **Clerk to make representations on to NSC on this point.**

105/18 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING - 4th October 2018 were agreed, and signed by Cllr Corbett, chair of that meeting.

106/18 MATTERS ARISING NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE none

107/18 NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL MATTERS

A370 near Wick Lane Junction/Bus Stop - Central Refuge/Crossing: Space tight, so a safety audit needed: cost for audit + work some £8,600. To guarantee the work via the 2019-20 works programme needs 100% PC funding: a +50% contribution still offers a good chance of the project's inclusion.

Reserves do not make possible the commitment to a 100% funding of this project. Members were exercised by what level of commitment was possible without jeopardising the contingency for other unforeseen events. In conclusion, doing nothing was not conscionable. A 25% versus 50% contribution was aired. With other schemes possible at other bus stop locations in the future (if this one works), it was decided to commit to a 50% contribution from the Operating Fund which, on the basis of the estimate to hand. This will be £4,300.00 from the 2019-20 budget. *(There was a serious accident on the A370 at Palmers Elm recently - a clear indicator that a central refuge is vital to make crossing in this area less dangerous.)*

The project may qualify for a grant from National Grid, who are sensitive to community pressures surrounding their Hinkley to Avonmouth pylon project. This scheme is a non-statutory effort to bring the community together across the notoriously busy A370 and to provide a safer link for bus users - particularly our young and vulnerable school attendees - needing to reach the bus stop 'on the other side of the road', which video evidence indicates as being a good 5 minutes to achieve without the support of a central refuge. *(Note: National Grid propose to enter their site via a point adjacent to Parsons. Access via Moorland Park (as proposed by the public enquiry) would prove safer and cheaper.)* **Cllr Redding** undertook to explore possibilities at National Grid to assess what sort of funding might be possible. **Clerk** to respond to the NSC plan with a top commitment of £4,300.00 to the project within its 2019-20 financial year, indicating that the Parish Council is seeking further external funding.

Speed Monitoring Kit (VAS): Most of our lanes do not have significant stretches of speed limited roadway. The A370 has a section of 40mph with few safe locations for volunteers to safely mount the equipment. Our efforts with SpeedWatch over several years has not raised a core of volunteers for us to call on. Given these realities, the meeting decided that it would not be able to sustain positive use of the equipment. Following from the VAS discussion, Cllr Howard raised the issue of a speed limit on Puxton Road, floating the suspicion that NSC prioritise potholes over safe speed limits. This Council dealt with the possibility of a 30mph speed limit via Minutes 137/17, 106/17 and 36/18. Members agreed that the objective of a 30mph speed limit on Puxton Lane would be kept open as a strategic objective. **Clerk** to inform NSC that their VAS offer will not be taken up for now. **Clerk** to bring forward speed limit and other highway issues in the next Hewish & Puxton Community News.

Puxton Road - Gully at Council Houses: Clerk has been unable to contact the resident who left an answerphone message for him re this. The urgent need for gully clearance as recognised by NSC's latest update will be **sent to the resident by post**.

108/18 OTHER MATTERS

Congresbury Neighbourhood Development Plan 2018-36: Cllrs Popperwell and Leimdorfer attended a presentation in Congresbury. The only implications for Puxton may be an increase in traffic flow along the A370. The housing developments at Banwell and Churchill are more likely to effect traffic flows along Puxton Lane and Puxton Road.

Meetings Calendar 2019-20: Agreed to keep 1st Thursday monthly. Exception noted for 2nd May 2019 - election day, where meeting dates will move to May 9th. **Clerk** to so inform Hall Booking Secretary.

109/18 FINANCE

2018-19 Accounts: pre-circulated with meeting papers, reviewed and noted.

Cheques: 100227 Adrian Leonard, Parish Maintenance £160

110/18 PLANNING *(Latest Enforcement Report September 2018)*

New: None

Appeal: 18/P/2612/FUH - Rosemary Cottage, Wick Lane, West Hewish Extension over garage.

111/18 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Howard: Puxton Lane - Oldbridge River Bridge is an outrageous and dangerous state. Cllr Peter Penfold said it needs to be kept small to permit restrictions and discourage the lane from

becoming an even worse rat-run than it is. Cllr Corbett said it used to have stone parapets. Robust parapets, and very sturdy marker bollards (*and possible pre-approach preventive engineering?*) to stop oversized vehicles even getting near the bridge, seems to be imperative. **Clerk to press NSC for an urgent and effective solution.**

Cllr Peter Penfold: A370 Footpath is dangerous and month by month no overt action has been evidenced. **Clerk to re-emphasise the Council's worries in the strongest terms.**

Cllr Corbett: The approach to the Palmers Elm Turn off A370 is hidden: yet immediately upon the turn, there are parked vehicles taking up much of the road width. These properties have garages, ergo, they have no reason to park on the highway. The meeting was ambivalent on the issue, and did not feel it held legal provenance. **The matter to be monitored.**

Cllr Popperwell: Police Forum - our Yeo Vale Beat Team are holding a Public Meeting at The Old School Rooms, A370, Congresbury on Friday 23rd November 2018 7.30-8.30pm. The police have been acutely aware that recent budgetary cuts have taken them away from the close community contact they have built up over previous years. They are keen to redress this, and have arranged a public meeting to discuss with their communities ways of prioritising the issues and concerns residents see as critical to good local policing. They will also explain how they are revising their operational priorities to enable them to work more closely with those communities again. The meeting is open to all residents and councillors of Hewish Puxton and Congresbury, and our Yeo Vale Beat Team will look forward to seeing as many people there as possible.

112/18 OTHER ONGOING ITEMS BEING MONITORED BY CLERK

Puxton Road Drainage at Wyndham Grange & Puxton Lane Grip: Works awaited up from 25 to 17 on job list : **Potholes: Maysgreen Lane/Puxton Road Junction & Cheese Factory:** Could not be fitted in this year's Jet-patcher programme. Date awaited for temporary patching : **East Hewish Rail Crossing Grit Bin:** Due : **Broken signage at Puxton Road/Lane junction:** Repositioning planned : : **St Anne's Car Park:** Lease transfer from NSC to Priory Academy Trust signed off. Final paperwork due : **Puxton Lane:** Dangerous wall just before Appletree Cottage: reported. **Clerk to chase.** **Public Sewage Service:** Enquiry received re availability in Puxton. Response from Wessex Water due. **Clerk to chase.**

113/18 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** Thursday 6th December 2018, at 7.30pm, in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

PUXTON PARISH COUNCIL INCOME & EXPENDITURE: 1st April 2017 - 31st March 2018 (Precept £6960 : CT Support Grant £128.61)

DATE		BANK (run via deposit account)					GENERAL FUND EXPENSE ANALYSIS														TOTALS	VAT
2017	ITEM	CH	IN	OUT	Transfers	Transfers	BALANCE	Stmnt	NOTES	Clerk's	Clk/Cltr	Hall	Parish	Ins/Subs	Pub-	Web	Purch-	Comm	Transfers	TOTALS	VAT	
-2018					Out	In				Pay	Exp	Hire	Maint	Audit/Legal	licity	site	-ases	Fund	Out/In			
Mar 31	Cleared Bal on Statement						5,571.31															
	Uncleared Item						147.80															
	Uncleared Item																					
Apr 1	Funds Bought Forward						5,423.51															
Apr 5	NSC CT Support Grant	BACS	128.61				5,552.12	58														0.00
	ALCA	100213		57.41			5,494.71	58						57.41								57.41
	Hewish Social Committee - Hall Hire	SO		22.92			5,471.79	58				22.92										22.92
Apr 18	NSC 1st Half Precept	BACS	3480.00		750.00		8,201.79	58												750.00		750.00
Apr 20	Clerk's Net Pay - expenses not included	SO		201.52			8,000.27	58		201.52												201.52
May 3	Hewish Social Committee - Hall Hire	SO		22.92			7,977.35	59				22.92										22.92
	Adrian Leonard re Parish Maintenance	100214		160.00			7,817.35	59					160.00									160.00
	Refund of Clerk's Expenses inc April	100215		56.28			7,761.07	58			34.30						21.98					56.28
	Phil Smith re Audit	100216		59.50			7,701.57	59						59.50								59.50
May 20	Clerk's Net Pay- inc expenses	SO		235.82			7,465.75	59	Agrees	201.52	34.30											235.82
Jun 8	From Community Fund - to close	BACS	41817.96				49,283.71	59	Agrees													0.00
	Hewish Social Committee - Hall Hire	SO		22.92			49,260.79	60				22.92										22.92
	Adrian Leonard Parish Maintenance	100217		160.00			49,100.79	60					160.00									160.00
	Clerk's Net Pay- inc expenses	SO		235.82			48,864.97	60		201.52	34.30											235.82
	Community Fund to Village Hall	100218		40000.00			8,864.97	60	Agrees									40,000.00				40,000.00
	Community Fund to St Annes School	100219		250.00			8,614.97	61										250.00				250.00
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Jul 5	Adrian Leonard re Parish Maintenance	100220		160.00			6,887.01	61					160.00									160.00
	HMRC re PAYE Apr/May/Jun	100221		151.00			6,736.01	61		151.00												151.00
	Hewish Social Committee - Hall Hire	SO		22.92			6,713.09	61				22.92										22.92
	Clerk's Net Pay- inc expenses	SO		235.82			6,477.27	61	Agrees	201.52	34.30											235.82
Aug 4	Hewish Social Committee - Hall Hire	SO		22.92			6,454.35	62				22.92										22.92
	Clerk's Net Pay- inc expenses	SO		235.82			6,218.53	62		201.52	34.30											235.82
Sep 6	Cancelled cheque - incorrectly made out	100222		0.00			6,218.53	-														0.00
	NSC 2nd Half Precept		3480.00		750.00		8,948.53	62												750.00		750.00
	Adrian Leonard Parish Maintenance	100223		320.00			8,628.53	63	Jul/Aug				320.00									320.00
	Hewish Social Committee - Hall Hire	SO		22.92			8,605.61	63				22.92										22.92
	Clerk's Net Pay- inc expenses	SO		235.82			8,369.79	63		201.52	34.30											235.82
	HMRC re PAYE Jul/Aug/Sep	100224		151.00			8,218.79	63		151.00												151.00

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	OPERATING FUNDS						6,710.82														0.00	
	INCOME & EXPENDITURE TOTALS		48906.57	44551.30	3067.96	0.00		Net Transfers >>>												67.96	67.96	
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	PUXTON PC FUNDS SUMMARY									Clerk	Clrk/Clk	Hall	Parish	Ins/Subs	Pub-	Web	Purch-	Com	Check	44,551.30	VAT ^	
	<i>Operating Funds from above</i>						£6,710.82				Exp	Hire	Maint	Audit/Legal	licity	Site	-ases	Fund				
	<i>PPC Election & Referenda</i>						£2,000.00										GDPR					
	<i>PPC Capital Provision</i>						£5,601.00	Budget 2018-19		3,022.80	450.00	275.04	1,500.00	425.00	120.00	300.00	300.00				6,392.84	
	TOTAL PUXTON PARISH COUNCIL FUNDS						£14,311.82	Est at Dec 2018													0.00	
	Hewish & Puxton Community Fund						£1,567.96	<i>Actual 2017-18</i>		2,956.60	411.60	275.04	1,440.00	630.28	103.80	150.00	399.00				6,366.36	
	TOTAL FUNDS TO CARRY FORWARD						£15,879.78			a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	Z	l	j	k	