
PUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

Puxton & Hewish

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You are summoned to a Council Meeting at 7pm on December 2nd 2021

Meetings are held at 7.00pm in the Village Hall unless stated otherwise

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

We have vacancies for Councillors - contact the Clerk or a Councillor, in the first instance, to apply

Don Hill - Clerk

AGENDA & AGENDA NOTES

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS

3 PUBLIC SESSION

15 minutes - Contributions are limited to 3 minutes: they should be concise and to the point

4 LAST MEETING MINUTES + MATTERS ARISING

November 4th minutes to be agreed and signed.

5 PLANNING

Details at c 21/P/2949/FUL The Elms E Hewish

i. To Ratify: 21/P/2593/OUT: East Hewish New tied cottage. Support Application - no objections.

ii. New: 21/P/2637/FUH: Oakacre retrospective amendment to roof plan per 18/P/4760/FUH

21/P/2949/FUL The Elms E Hewish additions to 21/P/1800/FUL already approved

21/P/3150/CQA New Orchard Barn Conversion

iii. Decision

iv. Due: 19/P/0815/FUL Puxton Park car park.

21/P/1063/AOC Mendip View Conditions Discharge.

21/P/2320/FUL The Grange Glamping Cabin.

6 FINANCE

i. 2020-21 Accounts: Pre-circulated with meeting papers.

ii. 2021-22 Budget Preliminary Draft: Pre-circulated with meeting papers.

iii. Banking: HSBC. Have introduced bank charges £5 per month plus charges for off-line transactions.

iv. Payments Due: HMRC re PAYE: £198.00

7 HIGHWAY MATTERS

- v. **Maysgreen Lane 20mph speed limit:** Regulations surrounding the imposition of 20mph speed limits seem to be vexing several NSC District Councillors. Puxton PC - still insistent that Maysgreen Lane needs a 20mph limit - is awaiting a briefing from our District Councillor in due course. Hopefully this will start easing the process towards becoming a reality! **Canvassing of local opinion would be useful.**
- vi. **Warning signs re blind bends:** Puxton Road - The Appletree Cottage bend to Chestnut House, and Willow Farm to The Cottage. Maysgreen Lane would need a sign at each end to warn of a narrow winding lane. Further NSC response awaited.
- vii. **Puxton Lane/Puxton Road Junction:** Of possible alternatives, a mini-roundabout incorporating the (re-positioned?) green and fingerpost and with clear white-lining arrows on the highway was favoured. The parish share of costs (a back of envelope figure of some £10,000) is likely to be significant. An NSC reaction to this idea is awaited.
- viii. **A370 Pedestrian Crossing:** Installation due. Update from NSC due.
- ix. **A370 link between Old Post Office and Palmers Elm:** being cut back in stages by Area Officer.
- x. **A370 lay-by blocked gullies:** These have been identified and their emptying ordered.
- xi. **A370 Overgrown Hedging:** Flailing has been done.
- xii. **Wick Lane Railway Bridge:** Signage on the A370 side being realigned and the vegetation cut back.
- v. **A370 Village Entry Planters:** Cllr C Penfold awaiting proposal from possible sponsor in Smallway.

8 OTHER MATTERS

- i. **NSC Footpath initiative:** Decisions awaited.
- ii. **Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022:** Discussions ongoing.
- iii. **Flavour:** NSC confirm that no planning permission is needed for the operation of a shop on the premises.

9 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday January 6th 2022 in the Village Hall at 7pm

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Minutes of the Meeting Held at 7pm on Thursday 4th November 2021

All meetings are held at 7.00pm in the Village Hall unless stated otherwise - Phil Neve, our NSC Ward Cllr, attends when possible
There are vacancies for further Councillors - please contact a Councillor or the Clerk if you are interested in becoming involved

Present: Cllrs Lynda Redding (Chair), Peter Penfold, Clayton Penfold, Hellen Riddell (from 7.15)

In Attendance: Don Hill (Clerk)

Public Attendance: 1

081/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr Jim Corbett - away.

082/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS: None

083/21 PUBLIC SESSION (15 minutes - Contributions are limited to 3 minutes: they should be concise and to the point.)
An outline planning application was due before the Council, and the applicant attended the meeting in that context. Although the application papers were not in, Members did remember considering the matter earlier in the year and being in support of it. (Clerk's note: the application had been reviewed via email in July, pre-application via the applicant's agent. Application paperwork is now to hand and a formal comment to planners will be ratified at the December meeting).

084/21 LAST MEETING MINUTES + MATTERS ARISING: October 7th minutes were agreed and signed.

085/21 PLANNING Details at <https://planning.n-somerset.gov.uk/online-applications/>
Decision Due: 19/P/0815/FUL P. Park car park. 21/P/1063/AOC Mendip View Conditions Discharge.
21/P/2320/FUL The Grange Glamping Cabin.

086/21 FINANCE

2020-21 Accounts: Pre-circulated with meeting papers, reviewed and noted.

Payments Due: Adrian Leonard October parish maintenance £288.00. Approved.

087/21 HIGHWAY MATTERS

- i. **Maysgreen Lane 20mph speed limit:** This possibility, despite not fitting national guidelines for installing 20mph limits, is being pursued. The NSC response matches those going out to several parishes seeking 20mph limits. Some NSC District Councillors, including ours, find the arguments as set out to be counter-intuitive. The matter of principal will be followed through by them (Clerk's note: in the meantime Cllr Neve suggests that *canvassing of local opinion would be useful*).
- ii. **Warning signs re blind bend:** possible sites at the Puxton Road Chestnut Barn industrial estate (or road narrows signs?); The Appletree Cottage bend, and Willow Farm. The Oldbridge River bridge was mentioned, but as a new bridge is to be built there, some highway realignment and new signage will surely be part of that build. Maysgreen Lane would need a sign at each end to warn of a narrow winding lane. *Clerk to share these ideas with NSC.*
- iii. **Puxton Lane/Puxton Road Junction:** NSC ideas for improved safety at the junction were discussed. Of possible alternatives, that of a mini-roundabout incorporating the (re-positioned?) green and fingerpost and with clear white-lining arrows on the highway was favoured. The parish share of costs (a back of envelope figure of some £10,000) is likely to be significant. *Clerk to share this alternative with NSC.*
- iv. **A370 Pedestrian Crossing:** Installation due. Update from NSC due during November.
- v. **A370 link between Old Post Office and Palmers Elm:** to be done by works team, but not deemed a priority in the context of current NSC Highways works pressure.
- vi. **A370 lay-by blocked gullies:** These have been identified and their emptying ordered.

- vii. **A370 Overgrown Hedging:** Bow Cottage to St Anne's School. Update on flailing programme due.
- viii. **Wick Lane Railway Bridge:** Signage on the A370 side being realigned and the vegetation cut back.
- ix. **Maysgreen Lane at Cheese Factory:** For now NSC are only able to temporarily fill the side of the highway at this point.
- x. **A370 Village Entry Planters:** Cllr C Penfold awaiting proposal from possible sponsor in Smallway.
- xi. **Maysgreen Lane Public Footpath:** The landowner has agreed to re-instate the path.

088/21 OTHER MATTERS

- i. **NSC Footpath initiative:** Cllr Redding proposed 3 footbridge repairs; signage at Oldbridge River and stiles on a footpath opposite The Full Quart. Sites are being walked before decisions are made.
- ii. **Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022:** Ideas were shared; there is clearly much to consider for an all-generation event to be the successful celebration we are looking for. Discussions will be ongoing.
- iii. **Local Business and the Community:** Local businesses involvement in the community: to be put on hold for the present.
- iv. **Flavours:** Cllr Redding will talk with them about future plans.

089/21 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Redding announced a Village Hall re-launch and Funders'-thank-you party on December 4th: there will be a drink (byo for additional drinks!), supper and a raffle ticket all-in for a fiver per head. It should be huge fun. As an addendum to reports via Wick of possible planning irregularities at our parish boundaries on Wick road, the offending field is in Wick and the suspect work has been halted.

090/21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Thursday December 2nd in the Village Hall at 7pm

The meeting closed at 8.05pm

