

PUXTON & HEWISH COMMUNITY NEWS

At the Heart of the North Somerset Levels

**Puxton Parish Council - Serving Puxton & Hewish
Spring 2018**

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING May 3rd 2018 - 8pm - The Village Hall

Do Come Along and Support Your Community!

As we always stress, although this is a legally required meeting and is led by the Parish Council Chair, it is **not** a Parish Council meeting, but a forum of residents of the Civil Parish of Puxton, meeting to discuss any topics of relevance within the parish that an attendee resident may wish to raise.

To provide some framework to the agenda we start off with reports from various interest groups active within, or closely related to the needs of, the parish. It is the Open Discussion that follows that allows free reign to any of the concerns interests or news that you may wish to bring to the meeting.

Faster broadband - due within the next two years - remains a key concern. Information as to exactly *when*, during the next two years, this is likely to come on stream is still not available.

Housing and infrastructure opportunities are inhibited by the current flood zoning designation. It appears, conspicuously, not to have inhibited the development of surrounding communities. We do want to remain rural. However, there may well be attractive opportunities for creative and sensitive development to link the Puxton and Hewish areas into more significant social harmony: do we want to take advantage of them?

We should not shrink from the demon A370: ideas to improve living along this road - even those of basic maintenance - are hit back at every turn by political difficulties of inhibiting traffic flow, and of implementing health and safety regulations before anything can happen. Will progress in improving the A370 for Community Benefit be a challenge worth fighting for?

Ideas for a Village Gateway project might provide another way of making a statement to motorists that they are entering "A Community"... And, yes, let's reckon to include the A370 in such an endeavour!

All the ideas we, as a community, can assemble will provoke the formation of "A Plan for Puxton". Implementation of such a plan will mostly have to come from monies accumulated via the precept, or from grants and donations; but the existence of "A Plan" should provide a framework for logical and attractive improvements to the safety and aesthetic of our parish. This aspiration will stir interesting discussion of May 3rd and move us towards a realistic long term Community strategy for our Parish.

We Have Room For Another Parish Councillor

The Parish currently has six Councillors; it is allowed up to seven. Would you like to be one of the seven? With a good and determined team, it can be a thoroughly rewarding job. If you are interested, contact the Parish Clerk (see below). He will explain what is involved.



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