

# PUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

Puxton & Hewish

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## You are summoned to a Council Meeting In the Village Hall at 7pm on March 3rd 2022

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

*It is expected that members of the public attending Parish Council meetings will be respectful of the Councillors and of all attendees. Unacceptable behaviour will not be tolerated and the offender will be asked to leave.*

*Parishioners will be invited to speak for 3 minutes in the Public Session. Their contribution must be to do with an agenda item or on current matters only and should be in the form of a statement; to be noted and followed up as necessary.*

*It is at the discretion of the Chairman to suspend standing orders so that contributions from the public can be sought during the meeting if it is thought to be useful.*

### 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 February 3rd minutes to be agreed and signed.

### 5 PLANNING Details at <https://planning.n-somerset.gov.uk/online-applications/>

#### i. New:

ii. **Decisions Due 19/P/0815/FUL Puxton Park car park. 22/P/0015/FUH Villa Farm:** rear extension.

iii. **Refused: 21/P/3525/CQA Villa Farm** - conversion of 2 barns to 2 dwellings.

iv. **Enforcement Case Summary** Circulated to members with meeting papers.

### 6 FINANCE

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

ii. **Payments Due: HMRC** re PAYE Jan/Feb/Mar £198.00

### 7 HIGHWAY MATTERS

i. **Maysgreen Lane 20mph & Cheese Factory passing space / Warning signs re blind bends / Puxton Lane/Puxton Road Junction/:** Being pursued per December 2021 Meeting Minute 097/21.

#### ***Summary of Cllr Neve's discussions with NSC on Puxton highways matters - for discussion***

***St Annes School.*** A number of parents have concerns over lack of safe crossing points anywhere on the A370 in this area, especially between the 2 bus stops to the East and West of the School, the narrow footpath adjacent to a very busy road and the difficulties in using the School car park, or walking to the school when using the car park at the Full Quart as an option. Also the bus stop on the South side of the A370 on the Congresbury side is just a lay-by with no footway in either direction.

***Puxton 20mph and traffic calming.*** Again this is about roads being used as rat runs and local people unable to walk or ride safely due to excessive vehicle speeds and inconsiderate behaviour. Some form of calming and or change to the nature of the roads around the settlements is really needed to reduce this problem.

***Rural Roads in General.*** National speed limits are quite obviously inappropriate on lanes that are narrow; often only 1 car wide; bendy often with blind corners and also heavily degraded by increased traffic and heavy vehicles. This makes them very unfriendly for active travel options - for example walking cycling and riding are made far less possible. People are put off due to real and perceived risk and also the unpleasant experience of cars volume and speed - yet, either for leisure or out on necessity, active travel options are often the only way people can use these lanes where, as is so often the case, there are no public transport options.

**ii. A370 continuous 40mph speed limit**

iii. **A370 Pedestrian Crossing:** Further update expected in the 2022-23 financial year.

iv. **Oldbridge River Bridge:** New bridge planned for 22-23 financial year, but dependant on recruitment of additional engineer to manage project.

v. **A370 Village Entry Planters:** Cllr C Penfold now hopes to have planting done by the beginning of March. Resident who has been caring for the Weston-end planter has been updated.

vi. **Puxton Lane/Puxton Road Finger Post:** Re the stolen finial, a cast aluminium replacement will cost £275 + VAT unpainted or £295 + VAT painted. *F/u with APS (Post meeting note: Cllr C Clayton offered to see if he could source a finial via his work contacts, so we will await the outcome that search before proceeding as appropriate).*

**8 OTHER MATTERS**

i. **NSC Footpath initiative:** NSC Officer in touch with Cllr Redding.

ii. **Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022:** Tree planting/Party updates.

iii. **Maysgreen Lane public footpath:** (Oct 21 Minute 079/21 & Nov Minute 087/21 refer). Work confirmed as completed by NSC Footpaths.

iv. **Governance Documents:** 2022 review and approval of governance documentation.

**9 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

**10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Thursday April 7th 2022 in the Village Hall at 7pm.