

# PUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

*Puxton & Hewish: in the North Somerset Council Ward of Congresbury & Puxton*

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## You are Summoned to a Council Meeting in the Village Hall at 7.00pm on Thursday February 1st 2024

*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

*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:** *(Dispensations apply to Cllrs re percept setting, and Village Hall matters)*
- 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**  
January 4th 2023 minutes to be agreed and signed.
- 5 **PLANNING** *Details at <https://planning.n-somerset.gov.uk/online-applications/>*
  - i. **New: 23/P/2593/FUL** Land opposite Full Quart from Equestrian to Gypsy & Traveller site.
  - ii. **Decisions Due: 19/P/0815/FUL** Puxton Park car park. **22/P/3067/OUT** Haybow Village (Banwell PC). **23/P/2676/CQA** Conversion of agricultural building to domestic accommodation off Puxton Lane. **23/P/2338/FUL** Mayfield Farm gateway. **23/P/2796/LDE** Flavours. **23/P/2782/AOC** Barn conversion opposite Heathgate Farm, off the A370. **23/P/2556/FUL** The Grange Cider House.
  - iii. **Approved: 23/P/0609/FUL** Puxton Park Operating Framework.
- 6 **FINANCE**
  - i. **2023-24 Accounts:** Accounts to date.
  - ii. **Payments Authorised:** Zurich Insurance Renewal £244.72.
  - iii. **2024-25 Budget:** Precept request acknowledged by NSC.
- 7 **PARISH MATTERS**
  - i. **Triangles at Puxton Village and Wick Lane:** Painting the tarmac surrounding the Puxton triangle stonework should have been done. NSC are chasing this. Cllr Riddell noted that the triangle needs smartening up again after the recent bad weather, which she undertook to do.
  - ii. **A370. Signage and Speed Issues:**
    - a) Police DCB (data collection box) erection awaited via our local police contacts. An approach to the PCC re this and motor cycle speed checks outside St Annes School referred back to the DCB deployment and the need for an analysis of its subsequent results before any further action by the police could be considered.
    - b) If the DCB supports use of a mobile Speed Indicator Device (SID) we would purchase a SWARCO SID. Grant funding is being sought via NSC and Bristol Airport.

- iii. **Publicity Flyers:** Various flyers can be distributed to households over the coming months as and when they are available:
- (a) **Fly-tipping:** Leaflet ready for printing and circulation.
  - (b) **Village Agent:** A Hewish & Puxton flyer should be available in early 2024.
  - (c) **Wind Turbines:** Policy pre NSC draft local plan to 2039 attached for discussion.
- vi. **Littleton Steel:** **Post the meeting Cllr Redding undertook to mediate.**
- vii. **Dolmoor Lane Fly-tipping:** The Clerk has contacted the responsible NSC officer. A response is awaited.
- viii. **Turning right into Maysgreen Lane from the A370 from WsM:** Three driver scenarios have been reported at a point where the central highway white-lining was laid down incorrectly. At the time NSC deemed it too expensive to put it right. The three scenarios below have been noticed by reporters because they caused unexpected driver behaviour possibly leading to a traffic incident. Reported to NSC, a response is awaited.
- ★ In turning right into Maysgreen Lane from WsM, some cars hesitate before crossing the white line hatchings at the junction.
  - ★ Some drivers hover in the centre of the road before moving forward, hovering again, then turning right at the next opening which, in fact, is the exit onto the A370 for drivers turning right towards Congresbury out of Maysgreen Lane.
  - ★ Other drivers move on, to turn right off the A370 into Palmers Elm after Flavour.

## 8 PROJECTS AWAITING FURTHER ACTION FROM NSC

- i. **Footpaths:** 4 items:
- Path 399628 - New kissing gate overgrown, making access to field impossible
  - Path 398631 - obstruction to access from the road on the corner
  - The roadside path at Puxton Court Farm: fence removal. Re-fit of exposed wires on pole.
  - Path at Wick Lane M5 bridge: Blocked - volunteers to clear (and make-safe trees?).
- ii. **Wick Lane Rail Bridge:** More regular weeding and overgrowth clearance, and clear, well maintained pedestrian markings, and 'Beware, Pedestrians' notices at either end needed.
- iii. **Potholes:** 1 on the A370 side of the Railway Bridge awaiting repair.

## 9 GOVERNANCE

**2024-25 Document Review:** All Governance Documents - including several new ones - have been reviewed by the Clerk and circulated to Councillors for their further review and approval.

## 10 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

11 **NEXT MEETING** - Thursday March 7th 2024 in the Village Hall at 7pm.