

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 November 7th 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**
Minutes of the October 3rd 2023 Meeting to be agreed and signed.
- 5 **PLANNING** *Details at <https://planning.n-somerset.gov.uk/online-applications/>*
 - i. **New:**
 - 24/P/1988/AOC Cider House, The Grange, West Wick - Discharge of conditions re 23/P/2556/FUL. Information pre-circulated - AOC application for information only.
 - 23/P/2593/FUL Revised presentation re Gypsy/Traveller site opposite The Full Quart
 - ii. **Decisions Due:**
 - (a) 19/P/0815/FUL Puxton Park car park.
 - (b) 22/P/3067/OUT Haybow Village (Banwell PC).
 - (d) 24/P/1484/FUL Caffle Nursery storage unit.
 - (c) 24/P/0143/FUL: Gypsy/Traveller site below Heathfield Park
 - (e) 24/P/1619/FUH **Westerly Cottage**, Wick Lane, New garage and extension.
 - (f) 24/P/1658/FUL **Full Quart** Change of use
 - iii. **Approved:**
 - iv. **Refused:**
- 6 **FINANCE**
 - i. **2024-25 Accounts:** Accounts to date to be reviewed and reconciled with bank statement.
 - ii. **Payments To Authorise:** ...
- 7 **PARISH MATTERS**
 - i. **A370: St Annes School Signage and Speed Issues:**
 - (a) **Police DCB** (data collection box): erection awaited.
 - (b) **SID (Speed Indicator Device):** Upon purchase, **Clerk to add the SID to the asset register, and contact the insurance company re asset and personnel cover.**
 - (c) **Gully overflows:** contact to provide pictures of flooding for NSC.

- (d) **Congresbury-end School warning sign:** repair with NSC.
 - (e) **Footpath overgrowth dangers:** see below re A370 footpath.
 - (f) **Road Safety:** Possible St Annes Speed Watch scheme outside the school?
- ii. **Fly-tipping:** Dolemoor Lane access gates?
 - iii. **A370 Footpath:** NSC has no maintenance strategy for this vital community link. Cllr Thomas provided with contact/email data to help him press for one.
 - iv. **A370 Central Refuge:** at Full Quart bus stop (S106 Money from local planning project?).
 - v. **Parish Maintenance:** Possible local contractor. Licences, insurances and risk assessments being investigated/prepared.
 - vi. **Community Energy Wind Farm:** Mendip Energy are looking at a site next to the motorway and is adjacent to a proposed solar farm off Wick Lane and wish to sound out the community about their ideas. Community benefits could come in the form of residents buying bonds in the project, by the distribution of surplus energy within the district, by reduced energy bills within the district or other means all of which are being investigated. Concerns were raised about disruption during the construction period and about the operating noise of the turbines. Construction disruption and operational noise nuisance are among a range of possible concerns.

8 PROJECTS AWAITING FURTHER ACTION FROM NSC

Footpaths:

- 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.
- Rotting bridge and brambles off Puxton Road/Maysgreen Lane junction NSC dealing.

This council do some footpath maintenance within its parish maintenance programme (with landowner's consent where needed). Cllr Redding is in touch with NSC footpaths over this matter.

9 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

10 NEXT MEETING

Thursday December 5th in the Village Hall

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Minutes of the Meeting Held at 7pm on Thursday October 3rd 2024

Traffic congestion due to M5 accidents meant the meeting started at 7.15pm and three people submitted apologies from traffic jams

All meetings are held at 7.00pm in the Village Hall unless stated otherwise -

Although under no obligation to, Dan Thomas, our NSC Ward Cllr, attends when possible

Present: Cllrs Lynda Redding (Chair), Victoria Butterfield, Mel Ellis, Clayton Penfold, Peter Penfold.

In Attendance: Don Hill (Clerk)

Public Attendance: 1

077/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Jim Corbett, Helen Riddell, NSC Ward Cllr Dan Thomas

078/24 DECLARATIONS: *(Dispensations apply to Cllrs re percept setting, and Village Hall matters)*

None

079/24 PUBLIC SESSION: *5 minutes - Contributions are limited to 3 minutes: they should be concise and to the point*

None

080/24 LAST MEETING MINUTES + Matters Arising:

September 5th 2024 minutes were agreed and signed., with no matters arising.

081/24 PLANNING *Details at <https://planning.n-somerset.gov.uk/online-applications/>*

i. **New:** None

ii. **Decisions Due:**

- (a) **19/P/0815/FUL** Puxton Park car park.
- (b) **22/P/3067/OUT** Haybow Village (Banwell PC).
- (c) **23/P/2593/FUL** Land Opposite The Full Quart.
- (d) **24/P/1484/FUL** Caffle Nursery storage unit.
- (d) **24/P/0143/FUL:** Gypsy/Traveller site below Heathfield Park
- (e) **24/P/1619/FUH** **Westerly Cottage**, Wick Lane, New garage and extension.
- (f) **24/P/1658/FUL** **Full Quart** Change of use

iii. **Approved:** **24/P/0604/FUL** House to replace barn next to Oakacre

iv. **Refused:** None

082/24 FINANCE

i. **2024-25 Accounts:** Accounts to date were reviewed and reconciled with bank statement.

ii. **Payments To Authorise:** none.

iii. **HMRC Payments via Direct Debit:** HMRC PAYE is currently paid quarterly via internet banking. The meeting decided not to switch to paying via Direct Debit unless payment via the internet banking route was withdrawn by HMRC.

083/24 PARISH MATTERS

i. **A370: St Annes School Signage and Speed Issues:**

(a) **Police DCB** (data collection box): erection awaited.

(b) **SID (Speed Indicator Device):** Upon purchase, **Clerk to add the SID to the asset register, and contact the insurance company re asset and personnel cover.**

- (c) **Gully overflows:** our contact needs to provide NSC with pictures of flooding for this to be pushed up the NSC agenda.
 - (d) **Congresbury-end School warning sign:** repair with NSC.
 - (e) **Footpath overgrowth dangers:** see below re A370 footpath.
 - (f) **Road Safety:** Possible St Annes Speed Watch scheme outside the school? Possible S106 money may become available to asset the funding of improved bus stops and A370 central refuge crossing points near the bus stops.
- ii. **Fly-tipping:** Dolemoor Lane access gates?
 - iii. **A370 Footpath:** NSC has no maintenance strategy for this vital community link. Cllr Thomas provided with contact/email data to help him press for one.
 - iv. **A370 Central Refuge:** at Full Quart bus stop.
 - v. **Parish Maintenance:** Maintenance schedule highlights key areas of maintenance which will be carried out on an as-needs basis on instruction from the Parish Council This schedule can be kept up-to-date as needed. The work schedule may include assisting the Chair in moving the Speed Indicator Device (SID) between its allotted locations (See Minute 083/24 I(b) above). **Clerk to investigate cost of Waste Disposal Licence and whether this should be paid by the Parish Council or the Contractor.**
 - vi. **Community Energy Wind Farm:** Mendip Energy are looking at a site next to the motorway and is adjacent to a proposed solar farm off Wick Lane and wish to sound out the community about their ideas. Community benefits could come in the form of residents buying bonds in the project, by the distribution of surplus energy within the district, by reduced energy bills within the district or other means all of which are being investigated. Concerns were raised about disruption during the construction period and about the operating noise of the turbines. Construction disruption and operational noise nuisance are among a range of possible concerns. Discussion of this topic was **deferred to the November meeting.**

084/24 PROJECTS AWAITING FURTHER ACTION FROM NSC

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085/24 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Redding

The meeting was updated on the many vexatious complaints against the Council that have circulated and are circulating among various outside bodies. After a wide ranging discussion members were re-assured by the increasing efforts coming in to play to support bodies such as ours that are having to face such abuse. Members were grateful to Cllr Redding for coping with these matters so competently.

086/24 NEXT MEETING

Thursday November 7th in the Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

PUXTON PARISH COUNCIL INCOME & EXPENDITURE: 1st April 2024 - 31st March 2025 (Precept £10871.00)

DATE	ITEM	BANK CH	IN	OUT	BALANCE	Stmnt	NOTES	GENERAL FUND EXPENSE ANALYSIS										TOTALS	OPERATING FUNDS				
								Clerk	Clk/Clr Exp	Hall Hire	Parish Maint	Ins/Subs Audit	Pub-licity	Other Costs	Web Site	Bank Chrgs	VAT		Election Pro	Capital Prov	General Fund	Total Op Funds	
Apr 1	Funds Bought Forward				11,485.24															1830.14	5401.00	4254.10	11485.24
	OPERATING BAL B/F				11,485.24		Agrees													1,830.14	5,401.00	4,254.10	11485.24
Apr 18	ALCA Sub 2023-24	BACS		114.19	11,371.05	130						114.19										114.19	
	Clerks Pay & Expenses	SO		339.90	11,031.15	131			305.60	34.30												339.90	
	Hall Hire	SO		22.92	11,008.23	131					22.92											22.92	
	NSC half year precept	BACS	5435.50		16,443.73	131														150.00	500.00	4,785.50	
	Bank Charges			5.00	16,438.73	131	Agrees										5.00					5.00	
May 9	Hall Hire			22.92	16,415.81	132					22.92											22.92	
	P Smith re Internal Audit			50.00	16,365.81	132						50.00										50.00	
	Clerks Pay & Expenses			339.90	16,025.91	132			305.60	34.30												339.90	
May 30	Bank Charges			5.00	16,020.91	132											5.00					5.00	
Jun 6					16,020.91	132																0.00	
	BDO External Audit Complaint	BACS		900.00	15,120.91	132						900.00								150.00		900.00	
	HMRC PAYE Apr/May/Jun	BACS		229.20	14,891.71	132	Agrees	229.20														229.20	
	Clerks Pay & Expenses			339.90	14,551.81	133			305.60	34.30												339.90	
	Hall Hire			22.92	14,528.89	133					22.92											22.92	
	Bank Charges			5.00	14,523.89	133	Agrees										5.00					5.00	
Jul 4	Clerks Pay & Expenses			339.90	14,183.99	134			305.60	34.30												339.90	
	Hall Hire			22.92	14,161.07	134					22.92											22.92	
	Bank Charges			5.00	14,156.07	134	Agrees															5.00	
Aug 1	Clerks Pay & Expenses			339.90	13,816.17	135			305.60	34.30												339.90	
	Hall Hire			22.92	13,793.25	135	Agrees				22.92											22.92	
	Police Speed Indicator Grant	Ch	5000.00		18,793.25	135																0.00	5,000.00
	Bank Charges			5.00	18,788.25	135											5.00					5.00	
Sep 5	ICO Annual Fee	DD		35.00	18,753.25	136						35.00										35.00	
	Clerks Pay & Expenses			339.90	18,413.35	136			305.60	34.30												339.90	
	Hall Hire			22.92	18,390.43	136					22.92											22.92	
	HMRC PAYE Jul/Aug/Sep			229.20	18,161.23	135		229.20														229.20	
	NSC half year precept	BACS	5435.50		23,596.73	135	Agrees													150.00	500.00	4,785.50	
	Bank Charges			5.80	23,590.93	136	Agrees										5.80					5.80	
Oct 3	Clerks Pay & Expenses			339.90	23,251.03	RT			305.60	34.30												339.90	
	Hall Hire			22.92	23,228.11	RT					22.92											22.92	
	VAT Refund		480.63		23,708.74	RT	Agrees															0.00	480.63
	Bank Charges			5.00	23,703.74												5.00					5.00	
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