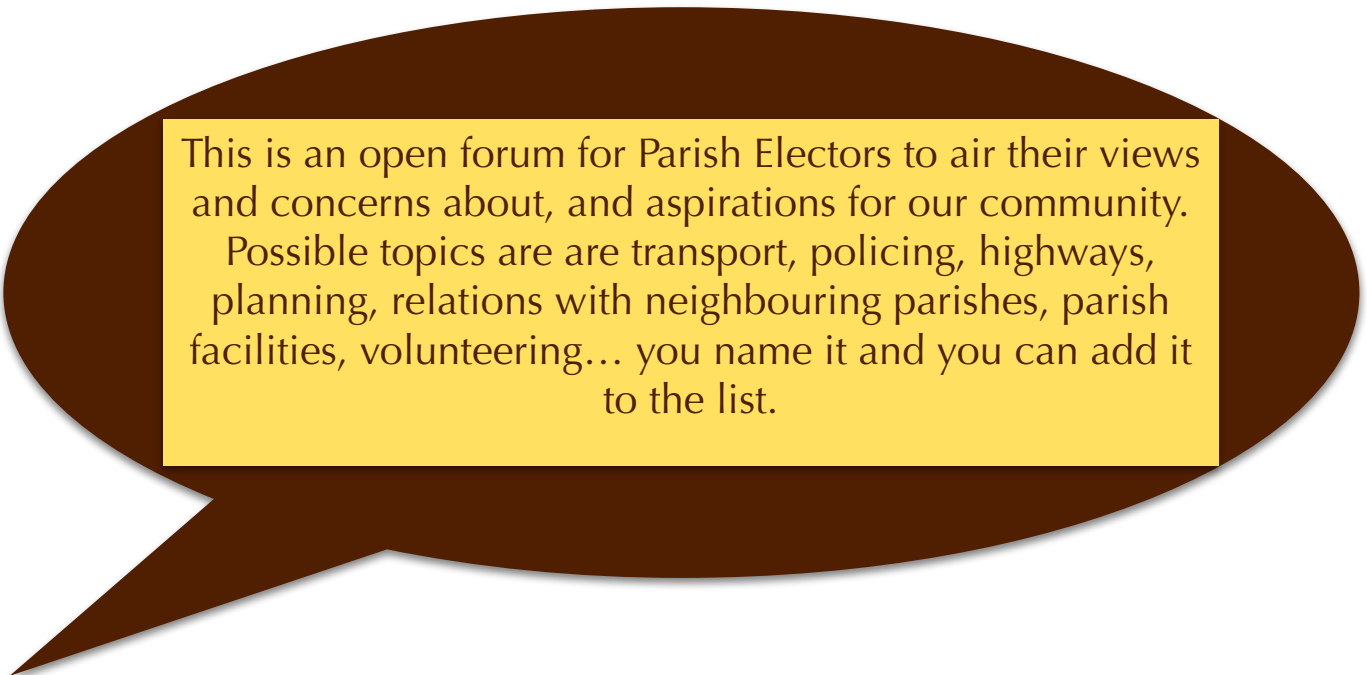


# **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**May 1st 2025 - 8pm - The Village Hall**



This is an open forum for Parish Electors to air their views and concerns about, and aspirations for our community. Possible topics are transport, policing, highways, planning, relations with neighbouring parishes, parish facilities, volunteering... you name it and you can add it to the list.

## **AGENDA**

**Tea and cakes will be available to attendees!**

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Matters arising from minutes of last year's meeting**

*The 2024 agenda and minutes can be found on the minutes and agendas page of our website at [puxtonparishcouncil.org.uk](http://puxtonparishcouncil.org.uk), under 'Additional Documents' for May 2024.*

The Chair will read key points from the minutes and confirm that any actions called for were passed to the Parish Council, followed up, and reported via their minutes. After any matters arising have been discussed, and if there are no objections from anyone who attended the meeting, the minutes will be signed as a true record.
- 3. Reports from Interest Groups if Available**

Parish Council Chairman's report / Financial report  
North Somerset Council  
Hewish & Puxton Village Hall Ltd  
Any other reports
- 4. Discussion**

An open forum on issues of concern to the parish and its electors

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## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

### HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL - WEDNESDAY 17th MAY 2023 AT 8.00 pm

Present: Lynda Redding - Chair. Don Hill - Minute Taker. 17 Other Attendees

#### APM23/01 APOLOGIES

Victoria Butterfield, Mel Ellis, Cllr Dan Thomas, Paul Skone

#### APM23/02 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF LAST YEAR'S MEETING

The Chair read out key points from the minutes and confirmed that any actions called for were passed to the Parish Council, followed up, and reported via their minutes. With no objections from anyone who attended the meeting, the minutes were signed and a true record.

#### APM23/03 REPORTS FROM INTEREST GROUPS

The Parish Council Chair's report to their Annual Meeting was read out and is appended to form a part of these minutes

A report from Hewish & Puxton Village Hall Ltd was read out and is appended to form a part of these minutes.

#### APM23/04 BUSES AND SOCIAL MOBILITY TRANSPORT

This service has not been well advertised. Cllr Redding suggested posters could be put up (*post meeting research showed that none were available*). She also, upon enquiring about getting to Wedmore (in Somerset, therefore outside the service area), discovered that the service does not operate in the Puxton area (see attached map): she was advised to cycle. The lack of information, together with the exclusion of Puxton from the service, did not inspire the meeting to further discussion.

#### APM23/05 DISCUSSION

##### **Palmers Elm**

There were two worries discussed, neither of which invited an 'easy fix':

- i. **Flavours:** With the business apparently now closed, the site is becoming increasingly unsightly. Cooking oil drums, and much other rubbish as well, is accumulating on the grounds, which themselves are fast deteriorating into a horrendous and unsafe eye sore. There are also an unaccountably large number of residents now seemingly in occupation - all entirely pleasant, but the set up seems 'odd'. The Person apparently running the place is not proving cooperative. All this is, of course, happening on private property, so scope to get the situation improved is limited. To the extent that the Parish Council

might be able to mediate, discussions with the Freeholder, North Somerset Council Environmental Health and the local policing team may offer a way forward. However slim a contribution this might be, **it can be passed to the Parish Council to review and take forward as possible.**

- ii. **Neighbours:** A graphic scenario emerged that led to the question ‘What is to be done when an area has a nightmarishly anti-social household in its midst?’ It appears that the landlord is Alliance Housing. If this is so it sounds as though the tenants will be in clear breach of their tenancy agreement, and involving the Landlord *should* do much to sort out the issue. A call to the police on 101 would also establish a case number against which, if a diary of antisocial activity is kept, a police evidence file could be built up. There is little that other agencies can do to help in this far-too-common problem area. *(Post meeting note: Cll Riddell, a former police officer with wide experience, will contact those concerned about a way forward along the police route in cases of anti-social behaviour).*

### **St Annes Burial Ground**

Maintenance of this area is the responsibility of North Somerset Council. Some years ago Don Hill, in his role as Clerk to the Parish Council, met with them and a maintenance scheme that worked was put in place. This seems to have lapsed so the matter will be passed to the Parish Council for it to be re-instituted. **Don Hill to pass to Parish Council to be progressed.**

### **Wick Lane Traffic and Pedestrian Safety over the Rail Bridge**

Concern was expressed about the way Wick lane is becoming a rat-run again. A particular worry is pedestrian safety over the railway bridge. Three things could help ease things; more regular weeding and cutting back of overgrowth, clear and well maintained pedestrian-way markings, and ‘Beware, Pedestrians’ notices at either end of the bridge. The Parish Council paid for the the ‘Cyclists Obey Red Lights’ notices, so there is a precedent for them paying for pedestrian notices. **Don Hill to pass to Parish Council to be progressed.**

There being no further points to be raised, the Chair thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

**The meeting closed at 9.05pm**