

Minutes of the Zoom Parish Council Meeting on 4th March 2021 at 7pm

Meetings are held at 7.30pm in the Village Hall unless stated otherwise - Stuart Treadaway, our Ward Cllr, attends when possible.

We have vacancies for two Councillors - contact the Clerk or a Councillor, in the first instance, to apply

Present: Cllrs Jim Corbett (Chair), Lynda Redding, Jim Howard, Clayton Penfold, Peter Penfold

In Attendance: Don Hill (Clerk)

Public Attendance: 0

023/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - none

024/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - Cllr Redding re planning application 21/P/0417/FUH - the applicant is a niece.

025/21 PUBLIC SESSION - none

026/21 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING - 4th February 2021 - were agreed, for signature by the Chair.

027/21 MATTERS ARISING NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE - none

028/21 PLANNING (Full details at <https://planning.n-somerset.gov.uk/online-applications/>. New applications may be listed on the Monday immediately prior to the meeting; if so, details will be pre-circulated to Councillors)

New: 20/P/2790/FUL: Puxton Court Farmhouse: Retrospective for division of a 5 bedroom dwelling to: 1 x 5 bedroom dwelling, 1 x 2 bedroom flat, 1 x studio flat. Whilst not putting forward a formal objection, this application was not approved of in principal on the basis that it was retrospective. The key question raised by members was whether building regulations have been adhered to during construction? **21/P/0417/FUH** Chestnut Court, Puxton Lane: Extension. As before, with the withdrawn application 21/P/0114/HHPA no objections were raised.

Decisions Due: 19/P/0815/FUL Puxton Park car park. **20/P/1756/FUL** Opposite Full Quart; stables.

Withdrawn: 21/P/0114/HHPA Chestnut Court extension.

Approved: 21/P/0252/AGA Pilhay Barn; prior approval not required.

029/21 FINANCE

2020-21 Accounts: Pre-circulated to Members, reviewed and noted.

Cheques: 271 Adrian Leonard Parish Maintenance £288.00. **272** HMRC PAYE Jan/Feb/Mar £163.20

Online Banking: Application ready to take to bank.

030/21 OTHER MATTERS

Hinckley Connection: Before starting construction on any new aspect of work, National Grid write to local residents and businesses likely to be impacted. In Puxton this will be:

- in relation to the main T pylons, which are going up in Congresbury Parish and crossing the A370 by Parsons.
- in relation to some related development work, by Western Power Distribution (WPD), of their site running along Puxton's southern border with Banwell.

Whilst neither of these projects is directly near to or visible from dwellings in the parish, WPD plan to access their works via Maysgreen Lane, with the site access near the Maysgreen Lane junction with Puxton Road. The attached map indicates where the works will be taking place. The 20's Plenty Campaign may also point to some constructive ways forward in the wider issues surrounding 20mph zones.

Cllr Redding mentioned that **National Grid are running a free trees and hedgerows planting scheme for landowners within 3 km of the new pylon connection.** Details of the scheme and how to apply can be found at: <https://hinkleyconnection.co.uk/planting-scheme/>.

Public Footpaths: New NSC footpaths initiative - Cllr Redding researched, then filled in and sent off the spreadsheet with requests for 3 footbridge repairs, signage at Oldbridge River, and the path joining footpaths at Oldbridge River and Phipps bridge to be made a footpath so that proper styles are put at the field boundaries. PCC funding is being invited to contribute to works that get approved and members will follow progress with this in mind.

031/21 ITEMS MONITORED BY CLERK *(shared with Area Officer each month)*

A370 Pedestrian Crossing: Installation due.

Puxton Lane Goose Acre Farm: Flooding appears to have stopped as a result of work carried out by the highway on Puxton Court Farm.

Puxton Road: Work re flooding at Council Houses. Awaiting a start date after March.

A370 link between Old Post Office and Palmers Elm: Work now to be done by works team, but pressure for jobs to be done is so high that it may yet be some time before a works order can be put in.

Maysgreen Lane: the temporary patching by the Cheese Factory may have been re-done by the time of the meeting. Regrettably it will be as temporary as the last piece of patching because there are no tar-based materials available. Clerk to see if NSC would accept locally raised funding to effect a permanent repair.

Maysgreen Lane: Just past Sunnyside, an area of rhyne bank has given way: weather and accidents have added to ditch and rhyne slippage all over the district, largely because the roads are being used by vehicles they were never designed for. Repairs are expensive - unaffordable - because the highway has to be underpinned. Where necessary curb areas are being barrier-ed off to keep traffic away until repairs can be effected.

032/21 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Redding: The Council was one of two hirers who have kept up their monthly hire payments during closure periods. The Hall felt it should offer a payment holiday to these hirers, but Members unanimously agreed that the continuance of payments was a relatively small, but positive gesture of support and that a payment holiday was not needed.

Cllr Howard: Puxton Lane: Just over the Oldbridge River Bridge, towards Puxton, there is a deep and dangerous pothole. Clerk has already reported this, but will follow up to ensure it is down as an emergency repair.

Cllr Howard also reported that he is moving away from the area and that the April meeting will necessarily be his last. Although this news was expected and is obviously good news for him, Members were evidently disappointed at losing the benefits of his service.

033/21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - April 1st 2021 at 7pm via Zoom.

The meeting closed at 19.40