

## Minutes of the Meeting Held at 7pm on Thursday 6th January 2022

All meetings are held at 7.00pm in the Village Hall unless stated otherwise - Phil Neve, our NSC Ward Cllr, attends when possible  
*There are vacancies for further Councillors - please contact a Councillor or the Clerk if you are interested in becoming involved*

**Present:** Cllrs Lynda Redding (*Chair*), Jim Corbett, Peter Penfold, Clayton Penfold, Hellen Riddell

**In Attendance:** Don Hill (Clerk)

**Public Attendance:** 2

**001/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - Cllr Phil Neve (NSC)

**002/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS** - None

**003/22 PUBLIC SESSION** 15 minutes - Contributions are limited to 3 minutes: they should be concise and to the point

- i. A resident wanted to re-open issues relating to historical matters that the Council has already dealt with and his representations were not progressed.
- ii. a). A second resident made an offer, in relation to the Council's plans for the Queen's Jubilee celebrations. He has some land in Puxton Lane that would be a good space for planting trees and suggested that the Council might approach St Anne's School to see if their pupils would be able to take on the project. See minute 008/22 ii below.  
b) He further asked if the Oldbridge River bridge in Puxton Lane was going to be replaced (yes) and what the timetable was (not known but planning permission is in place).  
c) Pylons in fields off Puxton Lane on the Puxton Banwell boundary are not T pylons. The Clerk explained that these were not a direct part of the National Grid Hinkley Connection Project, but associated Weston Power Distribution service upgrades to link to it.

**004/22 LAST MEETING MINUTES + MATTERS ARISING** December 2nd minutes were agreed and signed.

**005/22 PLANNING** Details at <https://planning.n-somerset.gov.uk/online-applications/>

- iii. **New: 21/P/3525/CQA Villa Farm** - conversion of 2 barns to 2 dwellings. No objections - Clerk to so report to NSC Planning.
- iv. **Decisions Due 19/P/0815/FUL** Puxton Park car park. **21/P/2320/FUL** The Grange Glamping Cabin **Approved: 21/P/1063/AOC** Mendip View Conditions Discharge. **21/P/2593/OUT:** East Hewish New cottage for Willowbrook Farm. **21/P/2637/FUH:** Oakacre retrospective roof amendment. **21/P/3150/CQA** New Orchard Barn Conversion.
- v. **Refused: 21/P/2949/FUL** The Elms 2nd floor.

**006/22 FINANCE**

- i. **2020-21 Accounts:** Pre-circulated with meeting papers, reviewed and noted.
- ii. **2021-22 Budget Draft:** some provision for Jubilee celebration funding was added to the figures as presented and the **draft budget thus adjusted was approved as indicated in the attachment to these minutes.**
- iii. **Payments Due: VisionICT** annual website support fee £150. Payment agreed.

**007/22 HIGHWAY MATTERS**

- i. **Maysgreen Lane 20mph speed limit:** Regulations surrounding the imposition of 20mph speed limits seem to be vexing several NSC District Councillors. Puxton PC - still insistent that Maysgreen Lane

needs a 20mph limit - is awaiting a briefing from our District Councillor in due course - see below. Hopefully this will start easing the process towards becoming a reality!

**Curb break-up** by the cheese factory, where a passing space has been mooted, is being persistently ignored by NSC, and is spreading to other curb-side areas of the lane. When will the issue of curb-side safety on this narrow, twisting lane, populated by high volumes of heavy traffic, be effectively addressed? A long term remedy will continue to be pressed for.

- ii. **Warning signs re blind bends:** Puxton Road - The Appletree Cottage bend to Chestnut House, and Willow Farm to The Cottage. Maysgreen Lane would need a sign at each end to warn of a narrow winding lane. Further NSC response awaited.
- iii. **Puxton Lane/Puxton Road Junction:** Of possible alternatives, a mini-roundabout incorporating the (re-positioned?) green and fingerpost and with clear white-lining arrows on the highway was favoured. The parish share of costs (a back of envelope figure of some £10,000) is likely to be significant. An NSC reaction to this idea is awaited.

**The council will pursue the goals of i-iii at an operational level as they are currently doing.**

- iv. **A370 Pedestrian Crossing:** This is on a legacy project to-do-list, but without a firm funding timetable. Members reviewed their original decision process in relation to this project and agreed unanimously that they wished it to be processed to completion. **Clerk to so inform NSC.**
- v. **A370 lay-by blocked gullies:** Their emptying ordered, **Clerk to provide update to February meeting.**
- vi. **A370 Village Entry Planters:** Cllr C Penfold not expecting progress until early March.

#### 008/22 OTHER MATTERS

- i. **NSC Footpath initiative:** Decisions awaited.
- ii. **Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022:** Hall Party ideas being progressed. For children, 36 mugs to be ordered. Per minute 003/22ii above: Some land in Puxton Lane has been offered as good space for Jubilee tree planting: **the Council will contact St Anne's School to see if their pupils would be able to spearhead this project.**

#### 009/22 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

**Cllr Riddell:** The finger post at the Puxton Lane/Puxton Road junction is minus its SCC pyramid capping, probably due to vandalism. Cllr Redding reported that the Clerk had set the process of its replacement in motion, but success would depend on one being available via NSC. Cllr Corbett suggested that a more secure fixing should be applied if possible. **Clerk to progress.**

**Cllr Redding:** as part of NSC's carbon neutral commitment, a renewable energy workshop will be held in Hewish and Puxton Village Hall on Sunday 23rd January from 9.30am - 4.30pm. Full details are on the Council's website noticeboard at [puxtonparishcouncil.org.uk](http://puxtonparishcouncil.org.uk).

010/22 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Thursday February 3rd 2022 in the Village Hall at 7pm.

**The meeting closed at 8.30pm**

**PUXTON PARISH COUNCIL BUDGET: 1st April 2022 - 31st March 2023 (Precept £9196.00)**

<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>Budget 21-22</b>	<b>Estimate 21-22</b>	<b>Budget 2022-23</b>	<b>Budget Diff's</b>	
Clerk's Pay	3960.00	3960.00	4,078.00	102.98%	
Clerk's Expenses	412.00	411.60	412.00		
Hall Hire	280.00	275.04	276.00		
Parish Maintenance	2400.00	2304.00	2,600.00		
Insurance/Subs/Audit/Legal	440.00	425.73	440.00		
Publicity	0.00	0.00	200.00		
Other Costs	50.00	0.00	100.00		
Website	190.00	150.00	200.00		
Bank Charges	0.00	5.00	60.00		
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>7732.00</b>	<b>7531.37</b>	<b>8,366.00</b>	<b>108.20%</b>	
+ Election Provision	0.00	0.00	0.00		
+ Capital Provision	700.00	700.00	1,000.00	142.86%	
<b>+ Precept</b>	8432.00		<b>9,366.00</b>	<b>111.08%</b>	
<b>CASH MOVEMENTS</b>	<b>21-22 Opening</b>	<b>21-22 Closing</b>	<b>+ Precept</b>	<b>- Expenses</b>	<b>= 22-23 Closing Balance</b>
Operating Funds	5330.97	5531.60	6,366.00	-7996.00	3,901.60
Contingency Provision		0.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
Election Provision	2555.00	2555.00	0.00	0.00	2,555.00
Capital Provision	7001.00	7701.00	1,000.00		8,701.00
TOTAL FUNDS TO C/F	14886.97	15787.60			17,157.60
<b>2022-23 Precept</b>			<b>9,366.00</b>		