

**As usual, there will be no meeting in August.
These minutes have been circulated among
attendees but will
remain in draft until formally approved at the
September 1st Meeting**

PUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting Held at 7pm on Thursday 7th July 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, Clayton Penfold

In Attendance: Don Hill (Clerk)

Public Attendance: 0

057/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Cllrs P Penfold, H Riddell, P Neve (NSC).

058/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS - none
(Dispensations apply to resident Cllrs re setting the percept, and to all Cllrs relating to Village Hall matters)

059/22 PUBLIC SESSION *15 minutes - Contributions are limited to 3 minutes: they should be concise and to the point - none*

060/22 LAST MEETING MINUTES + MATTERS ARISING - May 17th minutes were agreed and signed.
Annual Residents' Meeting minutes: were reviewed, noted and initialed as an accurate record. A full list of attendees was not available, so formal approval will need to held over until May 2023.

061/22 PLANNING *Details at <https://planning.n-somerset.gov.uk/online-applications/>*

i. New

22/P/1319/FUH: The Coach House, Bristol Road. Retrospective planning application for the demolition of existing single storey duo pitched roofs and existing dormer window. Demolition of existing garage block and partial reconstruction of existing single storey extension; erection of a first floor extension above single storey extension with new duo pitched roof. Erection of a single storey annex to replace garage block and associated internal alterations. *No objections.*

22/P/1414/CQA: Villa Farm. Prior approval for the change of use of agricultural buildings to 2 houses and associated replacement windows and doors, new render and cladding, replacement of roof sheets to match tiles. This is a mirror application of 21/P/3525/CQA, which was supported by this council, but refused on technical issues. *No objections, although the former application's refusal grounds re the corrugated element of Building 3 seem not to have been addressed (a technical issue rather than one for this Council).*

ii. Decisions Due

19/P/0815/FUL Puxton Park car park.

iii. Approved

22/P/0288/FUL: Heathfield Barn, New Orchard Farm. Amendments to 21/P/3150/CQA.

22/P/0817/FUL: SJH change of use.

22/P/0969/EA1: New Orchard Solar Farm - Environmental Impact Assessment not required, (Planning application, to replace lapsed permission, now expected).

iv. Planning Appeal

22/00022/AT02: Park and Ride near Heathfield Park on A370.

21/P/2949/FUL: The Elms Farm 2nd story.

v. Enforcements: per the list provided to Members, reviewed and noted.

062/22 FINANCE

i. 2022-23 Accounts to date: pre-circulated, reviewed and noted.

- ii. **Payments Due: re Parish Maintenance Adrian Leonard** May (ratified) £288.00; June £288.00 **HMRC re PAYE** £203.94 **Somerset Forge** re Puxton Lane finger post finial per quote £354.00. *All payments reviewed and agreed.*

063/22 PARISH MATTERS

- i. **Puxton Lane/Puxton Road Finger Post:** New finial with Clerk, to be delivered to and fixed by APS.
- ii. **Puxton Lane & Puxton Road Subsidence:** Work is costed and planned, but may be complicated. No start date fixed yet.
- iii. **Overgrown Footpaths:** Cllr Redding found 4 issues, as under, which NSC are following up.
- There is an overgrown new metal kissing gate at 399628 that makes access impossible to the field that the footpath crosses.*
 - At a boundary between 2 fields at 406631 there is a "hanger". A big branch that has broken off the tree but is suspended on the other branches right above the bridge across the ditch. It is dangerous to walk underneath it.*
 - There is an obstruction to the footpath access from the road on the corner at 398631.*
 - The path next to the road at Puxton Court Farm has been cleared but the brambles need spraying or it will soon be un-passable again. The fence between the path and the road needs removing as it is unsafe and if it was removed it would be easier to maintain the path. The electric wires coming down the pole to go underground are exposed and need some sort of guard.*
- iv. **Field Opposite the Full Quart:** Unaccountable activities continue to be reported. There is an as yet unregistered change of ownership. NSC Enforcement continues to monitor for for significant breaches.
- v. **A370 Gullies Opposite SJH Machinery:** Area Officer inspected and organising emptying.
- vi. **Maysgreen Lane:** Gully in Maysgreen Barn drive: Area Officer organising emptying.
- vii. **A370 Pedestrian Crossing:** Planned start date for installation is September 19th 2022.
- viii. **Puxton Road/Puxton Lane/Maysgreen Lane Traffic Measures:** 20 mph speed limits - weight restrictions (this would involve an HGV usage survey at PPC cost) - one way systems. *(Post meeting update - Clerk has asked NSC for information re the nature and costs of such a survey).*

064/22 OTHER MATTERS

Queen's Platinum Jubilee: Cllr Redding's post-event feedback on the July 5th event was very upbeat - a hugely successful event that was free to attendees. In round figures, the event was funded by a raffle (£400), The Hall Management Company (£300), the Parish Council (£270).

065/22 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr C Penfold

Lanes in the parish - and in the wider community - are alarmingly dangerous in that the edges of many of them fall away into soft verges and are broken up by oversized overweight vehicles. With the urbanisation of our area there are increasing numbers of drivers who are not driving these lanes with the instinctive understanding of the indigenous rural populations. Frustrations as to what can be done safely and affordably are very apparent. Cllr Corbett had shared these same worries with the Clerk during a telephone conversation earlier in the day.

Cllr Redding

(i) **Vexatious Behaviour:** the meeting was reminded of the procedural requirement, within the Council's Vexatious Behaviour Policy, for a new email to be sent out, after 6 months of the original, to extend the restrictions imposed on the parish resident who has been persistently harassing the Council, and individuals involved in it. The meeting noted this update in the particular context of the perpetrator's actions in the April and May meetings as minuted.

(ii) **Jubilee Oak Tree:** The WI are keen to plant a Jubilee Oak in the St Saviour Churchyard. This idea was welcomed subject to an appropriately available planting position and the approval of the relevant churchyard authorities.

066/22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - in the Village Hall at 7pm on Thursday 1st September 2022. *(As usual there will be no meeting in August).*

The meeting closed at 8.05pm