

PUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

Puxton & Hewish

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Minutes of the Meeting on Thursday 2nd March 2017 at 7.30pm in Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Sue Popperwell (Chair), Peter Penfold, Jim Sulley

In Attendance: Cllr Tom Leimdorfer (NSC), Don Hill (Clerk)

Public Attendance: 11

29/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Cllrs Corbett, Edwards and Wilson

30/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

31/17 PUBLIC SESSION - Concerns re Stonebridge farm, and broadband are addressed within Minutes 32/17 and 38/17 below.

Loose cover on A370 opposite Heathgate Paddock causing severe noise nuisance. **Clerk to report.**
St Annes Graveyard hedges is serious need of attention. **Clerk to liaise with responsible authority.**

32/17 REPORTS - Ward Cllrs Report - Cllr Leimdorfer.

Council meeting 21st February: Concerns about **NHS funding** cuts versus the needs of the Sustainability & Transformation Plans. Council noted need for adequate funding of social care. **Council Tax** rise of 4.75% including 3% precept for social care. Despite this, there will be significant service cuts as social care budget already 4% overspent. **Weston Town Centre Regeneration** Supplementary Planning Document approved.

Health Overview & Scrutiny Panel: Cllr Leimdorfer reported an informal briefing on the Weston Hospital Sustainability Plan from James Rimmer (CEO of WHAT), Dr. Mary Backhouse (Clinical Lead, North Somerset CCG) and Mike Jackson (CEO of North Somerset). A public consultation has been launched - Cllr Leimdorfer outlined some critical issues such as overnight accident and emergency cover: *Clerk's note: all issues are fully explained in a consultation document available on our Parish website noticeboard - visit www.puxtonparishcouncil.org.uk.*

Planning & Regulatory Committee: The Wrington Lane Gladman application was approved, but may be subject to appeal. There is consultation on proposals for 24 homes on land behind Sousta restaurant on the A370 on land adjoining Station Close. Congresbury Parish Council are in favour. An application for 5 homes at Withydale Farm on the Old Weston Road (off the A370) will have a recommendation for approval. These seemingly exceptional decisions result from Congresbury being one of North Somerset's 9 service villages.

Stonebridge Farm, A370: Extensive works necessitate many HGV movements over several months. There have been complaints about a great deal of mud on the road both towards Congresbury and the M5, HGV movements well before the designated time of 8.00am and the state of the bus stop. Anthony McDonagh, owner of Stonebridge Farm, explained that there is pressure to complete the work within the next three months. He undertook to clear the surrounding area of mud and debris and to communicate the concerns to Keyways, the sub-contractors who own the HGVs. It was agreed to invite a representative of Keyways to the next Parish Council Meeting if there is evidence of an ongoing problem. **Clerk to monitor and progress as needed.**

Land opposite the Full Quart: there are ongoing issues, including sheep escaping onto the A370.

33/17 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING - 2nd February 2017 agreed and signed.

34/17 MATTERS ARISING NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE - None

35/17 POLICING AND TRAFFIC

A370 Traffic & Crime: police.uk December: 0

SpeedWatch: 3 volunteers to date. Scheme to be held in Abeyance. **Clerk to so inform volunteers.**

36/17 NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL MATTERS

Maysgreen Lane & Puxton Road: edge break up and informal passing place holes to be infilled with 2nd-use tarmac for now; also surface wear at Puxton Rd junction to be repaired. Clerk reported speed limit signs on Maysgreen Lane - they have been reported by the area engineer and he will put pressure on for repair.

A370 Street Light: at the J21 side of the Wick Lane junction is not working. Reported via area engineer.

37/17 PARISH MAINTENANCE

Parish Maintenance: Work on seats, finger post and noticeboard completed.

Parish Maintenance: Village Keeper Services: A plan of work to be prepared - to include bus stops.

Holy Saviour: Hedge pruning by Cllr Penfold approved - subject to notice that there are badgers on the site.

38/17 OTHER ISSUES

Broadband Speeds: CDS 2nd phase roll-out workshop awaiting appointment of contractor. Clerk confirmed that, if Cllr Wilson is unable to attend, he will have access to an expert report on the outcome.

Free Flowers from NSC: Due May or early June.

Hewish & Puxton Village Hall: AGM in the Hall on March 21st 2017 at 7.30pm. Legally required hall maintenance and governance requirements now complete and in place.

Village Map: is of 1885 OS series of no significant value. Bottom left section missing. A new copy will cost £12 - £56. If a suitable display can be agreed, one could be bought at a later date. **Clerk to investigate.**

Cooption of Councillors: Clayton Penfold has put his name forward. **Clerk to liaise with him.**

Governance: Updated documents pre-circulated for review and approved. Risk Assessment reviewed and signed by Chair and Clerk.

39/17 FINANCE

2016-17 Accounts to date: pre-circulated to members, reviewed and noted.

Cheques for Signature: *(Cheques 100101/100102 were missed and therefore cancelled. Cheque 100103 is reported in the February 2nd minutes).* **100104** Adrian's Project Services re finger post/seat/notice board renovation - £525. **100105** Vision ITC re annual website support - £150. **100105** HMRC PAYE Jan/Feb/Mar - £132. Cllr Popperwell signed the cheques and will meet Cllr Edwards to get them countersigned.

40/17 PLANNING *(Latest enforcement Case Report - Feb 2017 circulated with meeting papers)*

New: **17/P/0278/F** The Nursery, Puxton Lane, Retail to car park, new internal access track to carpark. No objections.

Granted: **16/P/2976/LDE** Gooseacre. **16/P/2100/F** S. Farm, Puxton Lane, Agricultural building. Condition - use for agricultural purposes. If use ceases, building to be demolished. **17/P/0035/F** The Firs, extension.

Refused: **16/P/2843/F** Heathfield Park: Change to storage containers.

Decisions Due: **16/P/2634/F** Puxton Park; Office to Nursery. **16/P/3016/F** SJH store

41/17 Councillor's reports - None

42/17 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING - Thursday 6th April 2017 in the Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.25pm