

PUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

Puxton & Hewish: in the North Somerset Council Ward of Congresbury & Puxton

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DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED ST NEXT MEETING - SEPT

Minutes of the Meeting Held at 7pm on Thursday June 27th 2024

This meeting replaces the scheduled July 4th meeting as the Hall was booked for the sudden general election on that date

All meetings are held at 7.00pm in the Village Hall unless stated otherwise -

Although under no obligation to, Dan Thomas, our NSC Ward Cllr, attends when possible

Present: Cllrs Lynda Redding (Chair), Jim Corbett, Victoria Butterfield, Mel Ellis, Clayton Penfold, Peter Penfold, Helen Riddell

In Attendance: Don Hill (Clerk)

Public Attendance: 0

058/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: NSC Cllr Dan Thomas

059/24 DECLARATIONS: *(Dispensations apply to Cllrs re percept setting, and Village Hall matters) - None*

060/24 PUBLIC SESSION: - None

061/24 LAST MEETING MINUTES + Matters Arising: (June 6th 2023) were agreed and signed.

062/24 PLANNING Details at <https://planning.n-somerset.gov.uk/online-applications/>

- i. **New: 24/P0604/FUH:** *Barn next to Oakacre - revised plans taking into account Environment Agency objections to original - Without proposing 'housing estates', Members reiterate that this is a proposed local home for a local family. Such projects lie at the core of keeping this area vibrant as a local community. Despite being on a well defended flood plain, we have to maintain a generational balance in our population to survive as a parish. The revisions put forward as a result of Environment Agency standard (and detached) reasons for objection are welcomed and will surely form a sound basis for granting the application, notwithstanding appropriate conditioning, re the technicalities, that may arise. **Clerk to so report to NSC Planning.***

ii. **Decisions Due:**

- (a) **19/P/0815/FUL** Puxton Park car park.
- (b) **22/P/3067/OUT** Haybow Village (Banwell PC).
- (c) **23/P/2593/FUL** Land Opposite The Full Quart.
- (d) **23/P/2738/FUL** Villa Farm barn conversions.
- (e) **24/P/0143/FUL:** Gypsy/Traveller site below Heathfield Park
- (f) **24/P/0604/FUL** Barn next to Oakacre - amended plans - see i above
- (g) **24/P/1039/AOC:** Cider House Conversion
- (h) **24/P/1133/AOC** Barn conversion opposite Heathgate Farm.

062/24 FINANCE

- i. **2024-25 Accounts:** Accounts to date were reviewed and reconciled with bank statement.
- ii. **Payments to be Authorised:** None

063/24 PARISH MATTERS

- i. **A370. St Annes School Signage and Speed Issues:**
 - (a) Police DCB (data collection box) erection awaited.

- (b) Grant application result awaited re Police Sign Indicator Device (SID) fund.
 - (c) **Gully overflows:** pictures of flooding needed to push this up the NSC agenda.
 - (d) **Congresbury-end School warning sign:** repair with NSC.
 - (e) **Footpath overgrowth dangers:** see below re A370 footpath.
 - (f) **Road Safety outside schools:** Notwithstanding grant funding - which does not come without planning and management costs - there is controversy over NSC budget priorities - bus lanes versus road safety for example. This appears to be concerning schools, PTAs and parish councils. In this context St Annes is within a 40mph zone on a busy trunk road deemed by NSC as not eligible for a 20mph speed limit during school drop off and pick up periods. NSC claim that no serious accidents have occurred to warrant such a change, but detailed parental research has indicated otherwise. Surely 'prevention is better than cure' where children's safety is concerned, whatever best practice as laid down by central government dictates. This Parish would support diverting funds from bus lanes to improving pavements and road crossings if that is possible.
- ii. **Fly-tipping:** In Dolemoor Lane we need to establish who owns the adjacent fields against which off-highway responsibilities lie. Dolemoor Lane and Puxton Lane are the probably the worst areas of concern for fly tipping. A budget may be needed to put effective deterrent measures in place. This would come from the Parish Maintenance budget head, and anticipated need will be worked on for consideration in the autumn. **Clerk to provide Avon Wildlife Trust contact to Cllrs Ellis and Butterfield.**
 - iii. **A370 Footpath:** NSC are reportedly planning to clear the section between the Full Quart and St Annes School. Maintenance of this path is a ward-wide issue **members asked that our Ward Cllr Thomas become involved in this long term maintenance problem.**

064/24 PROJECTS AWAITING FURTHER ACTION FROM NSC

- i. **Footpaths:** 4 old items and one new item:
 - Path 399628 - New kissing gate overgrown, making access to field impossible
 - Path 398631 - obstruction to access from the road on the corner
 - The roadside path at Puxton Court Farm: fence removal. Re-fit of exposed wires on pole.
 - Path at Wick Lane M5 bridge: NSC plan to install a new kissing Gate adjacent. This has prompted some objections from immediate neighbours that NSC will need to address.
 - Rotting bridge and brambles off Puxton Road/Maysgreen Lane junction NSC dealing.

065/24 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Riddell: NS Bat Survey is about to start and needs volunteers. Cllr Riddell will post details to social media. **Puxton Lane/Road Triangle:** this continues to be over-run by large vehicles.

Cllr Ellis: Parish Maintenance: In the context of minute 063/24 ii above, the loss of our long-serving contractor is a miss. The Clerk has developed a draft maintenance schedule for Members to refine, against which a replacement contractor can be appointed: this may not be easy. Subject to protocols relating to her being a Councillor, Helen Ridell would be prepared to put herself forward for the work. **Clerk will add this matter as an agenda item.**

Cllr Redding: ALCA AGM: This was a good opportunity to make contact with Avon Local Councils Association - ALCA - and the invaluable service they provide to Parish Councils. It was also a good opportunity to touch base with the ALCA Chief Officer.

Vexatious Behaviour Order: Due to unrelenting harassment his has been renewed.

Village Hall Barn Dance: To be held on Saturday September 28th from 6pm-10pm, this will be a free-to-enter event controlled by ticket. Money from food and raffle sales will go to Children's Air Ambulance.

066/24 NEXT MEETING: **Thursday September 5th** in the Village Hall *(there will be no meeting in August)*

The meeting closed at 8.35pm