

PUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

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Minutes of the Meeting Held at 7pm on Thursday October 3rd 2024

Traffic congestion due to M5 accidents meant the meeting started at 7.15pm and three people submitted apologies from traffic jams

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), Victoria Butterfield, Mel Ellis, Clayton Penfold, Peter Penfold.

In Attendance: Don Hill (Clerk)

Public Attendance: 1

077/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Jim Corbett, Helen Riddell, NSC Ward Cllr Dan Thomas

078/24 DECLARATIONS: *(Dispensations apply to Cllrs re percept setting, and Village Hall matters)*

None

079/24 PUBLIC SESSION: *5 minutes - Contributions are limited to 3 minutes: they should be concise and to the point*

None

080/24 LAST MEETING MINUTES + Matters Arising:

September 5th 2024 minutes were agreed and signed., with no matters arising.

081/24 PLANNING *Details at <https://planning.n-somerset.gov.uk/online-applications/>*

i. **New:** None

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) **24/P/1484/FUL** Caffle Nursery storage unit.
- (d) **24/P/0143/FUL:** Gypsy/Traveller site below Heathfield Park
- (e) **24/P/1619/FUH** Westerly Cottage, Wick Lane, New garage and extension.
- (f) **24/P/1658/FUL** Full Quart Change of use

iii. **Approved:** **24/P/0604/FUL** House to replace barn next to Oakacre

iv. **Refused:** None

082/24 FINANCE

i. **2024-25 Accounts:** Accounts to date were reviewed and reconciled with bank statement.

ii. **Payments To Authorise:** none.

iii. **HMRC Payments via Direct Debit:** HMRC PAYE is currently paid quarterly via internet banking. The meeting decided not to switch to paying via Direct Debit unless payment via the internet banking route was withdrawn by HMRC.

083/24 PARISH MATTERS

i. **A370: St Annes School Signage and Speed Issues:**

(a) **Police DCB** (data collection box): erection awaited.

(b) **SID (Speed Indicator Device):** Upon purchase, **Clerk to add the SID to the asset register, and contact the insurance company re asset and personnel cover.**

- (c) **Gully overflows:** our contact needs to provide NSC with pictures of flooding for this to be pushed 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:** Possible St Annes Speed Watch scheme outside the school? Possible S106 money may become available to asset the funding of improved bus stops and A370 central refuge crossing points near the bus stops.
- ii. **Fly-tipping:** Dolemoor Lane access gates?
 - iii. **A370 Footpath:** NSC has no maintenance strategy for this vital community link. Cllr Thomas provided with contact/email data to help him press for one.
 - iv. **A370 Central Refuge:** at Full Quart bus stop.
 - v. **Parish Maintenance:** Maintenance schedule highlights key areas of maintenance which will be carried out on an as-needs basis on instruction from the Parish Council This schedule can be kept up-to-date as needed. The work schedule may include assisting the Chair in moving the Speed Indicator Device (SID) between its allotted locations (See Minute 083/24 I(b) above). **Clerk to investigate cost of Waste Disposal Licence and whether this should be paid by the Parish Council or the Contractor.**
 - vi. **Community Energy Wind Farm:** Mendip Energy are looking at a site next to the motorway and is adjacent to a proposed solar farm off Wick Lane and wish to sound out the community about their ideas. Community benefits could come in the form of residents buying bonds in the project, by the distribution of surplus energy within the district, by reduced energy bills within the district or other means all of which are being investigated. Concerns were raised about disruption during the construction period and about the operating noise of the turbines. Construction disruption and operational noise nuisance are among a range of possible concerns. Discussion of this topic was **deferred to the November meeting.**

084/24 PROJECTS AWAITING FURTHER ACTION FROM NSC

Footpaths:

- 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.
- Rotting bridge and brambles off Puxton Road/Maysgreen Lane junction NSC dealing.

This council do some footpath maintenance within its parish maintenance programme (with landowner's consent where needed). Cllr Redding is in touch with NSC footpaths over this matter.

085/24 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Redding

The meeting was updated on the many vexatious complaints against the Council that have circulated and are circulating among various outside bodies. After a wide ranging discussion members were re-assured by the increasing efforts coming in to play to support bodies such as ours that are having to face such abuse. Members were grateful to Cllr Redding for coping with these matters so competently.

086/24 NEXT MEETING

Thursday November 7th in the Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.15pm