

# PUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

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## Minutes of the Meeting Held at 7.30pm on Thursday March 6th 2025

*All meetings are held at 7.30pm in the Village Hall unless stated otherwise - please note new start time*

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

**There was no meeting in February**

**Present:** Cllrs Lynda Redding, Jim Corbett, Mel Ellis, Clayton Penfold, Peter Penfold, Helen Riddell

**In Attendance:** NSC Ward Cllr Dan Thomas, Don Hill (Clerk)

**Public Attendance:** 0

Before the start of the meeting the Chair mentioned the resignation of Victoria Butterfield due to work pressures and thanked her for her invaluable contribution to the Council's deliberations - a sentiment echoed by all Members.

After the posting of the Notice of Vacancy NSC confirmed that there had not been a call for an election and that the Council is free to select a new member by cooption.

### 010/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

### 011/25 DECLARATIONS: *(Dispensations apply to Cllrs re percept setting, and Village Hall matters)*

None

### 012/25 PUBLIC SESSION: *15 minutes - Contributions are limited to 3 minutes: they should be concise and to the point*

None

### 013/25 LAST MEETING MINUTES + Matters Arising:

The January 2nd 2025 minutes were agreed and signed.

### 014/25 PLANNING *Details at <https://planning.n-somerset.gov.uk/online-applications/>*

i. **New:** 25/P/0156/LDE Caffle Retrospective Buildings approval - to ratify (**LDE** - for information only). 25/P/0191/NMA Villa Farm adjustments re 24/P/2433/NMA - No objections (to ratify). 25/P/0352/AOC: Hewish Barn next to Oakacre Discharge of some conditions (for information only). These applications were noted, and 'no-objection' comments to NSC Planning after email consultation among Members were ratified.

ii. **Approved:** 25/P/0156/LDE Caffle as at i above.

iii. **Decisions Due:**

- a) 19/P/0815/FUL Puxton Park car park.
- b) 22/P/3067/OUT Haybow Village (Banwell PC).
- c) 24/P/0143/FUL: Gypsy/Traveller site below Heathfield Park
- d) 24/P/1658/FUL **Full Quart** Change of use
- e) 23/P/2593/FUL Update re Gypsy/Traveller site opposite The Full Quart.
- f) 24/P/2117/FUL Garden Park Roofing.

015/25 FINANCE

- i. **2024-25 Accounts:** Accounts to date were reviewed and reconciled with the bank statement.
- ii. **2025-26 Budget:** The first half of the 2025-26 precept will be paid in April.
- iii. **Payments Approved: Cllr Riddell** - reimbursement for cost of litter-picking equipment **£40.97. D Hill** - net overtime payment re January minute 006/25ii **£91.80** (*HMRC PAYE was 12p lower than 20% as calculated on the agenda figure*). **HMRC** - PAYE for Jan/Feb/Mar £252.00  
**Clerk to arrange payments.**
- iv. **Bill for work-to-date** from Parish Maintenance Contractor awaited to be paid by financial year end on March 31st. **Cllr Riddell to progress.**

016/25 PARISH MATTERS

- i. **A370: St Annes School Signage and Speed Issues:**
  - a) **Police DCB** (data collection box): erection awaited.
  - b) **Gully overflows:** pictures of flooding for NSC. **Cllr Redding to follow up new contact.**
  - c) **Congresbury-end School warning sign repair: *Post-meeting note: The day after the meeting Cllr Riddell reported that this sign is now working.***
  - d) **Road Safety:** St Annes Speed Watch scheme awaiting training schedule.
- ii. **Fly-tipping:** Dolemoor Lane - this will continue to remain under review. Cllr Thomas reported that there is ongoing activity by some of the land managers to keep fly-tipping cleared. There was a lengthy discussion about this seemingly indissoluble problem along our lanes and concern that a proposed NSC scheme for the recycling centres to run a pre-booking system for all visitors to their sites will only make matters worse.
- iii. **A370 Footpath:** Cllr Redding is keeping a watching brief
- iv. **A370 Central Refuges:**
  - a) **Near the bus stops at the Full Quart and by Moorland Park.** Applications have been made for these two schemes online via the NSC integrated Transport Scheme Pipeline; both have been acknowledged and the outcomes of both awaited.
  - b) **At Puxton Lane Junction:** there was a Road Traffic Accident this week involving a child resident in the village whilst she was crossing the road for a bus to take her to school in Weston: mercifully she suffered severe lacerations and trauma but was otherwise not physically harmed. This kind of accident has been a risk for every child going to secondary school since some NSC mini bus services were cancelled some six years ago in favour of student bus passes. It was parental concerns about the dangers of the A370 that resulted in the current central refuge by The Old Post Office. There was a discussion about this particular accident near the Puxton Lane junction and obviously great concern and sympathy for the victim and her family. The meeting unanimously decided that an application for a third central refuge to be sited near the Puxton Lane bus stop should be put into the NSC system immediately. These central refuge applications have been handled by **Cllr Redding, who undertook to file one for the Puxton Lane bus stop.**
- v. **Parish Maintenance:**
  - c) Our contractor has been at Oldbridge River bridge, repairing footpath gates and re-seating a metal safety bollard that had been felled by two lorries (for which NSC have emailed their thanks). Cllr Riddell has been litter picking and trimming overgrown accesses to footpath gates. She has been covering the lanes off the

Puxton side of the A370. She is currently doing this work on her own... more volunteers are welcome to join her!

- d) **Waste Movement and Disposal Licence:** Cllr Riddell casing application.
- e) **NSC's Delivering Together Initiative:** NSC's removal of the litter bin on the Village Green awaited.

**017/25 GOVERNANCE**

**2025-26 Document Review:** All Governance Documents have been reviewed by the Clerk and circulated to Councillors for their review and amendment as needed. These documents were formally approved at this meeting. **Clerk to post to website Governance page.**

**018/25 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

**Cllr Redding:**

- i. **Flowers:** have been ordered for the planters from the annual Glendale donation to NSC.
- ii. **NSC Community Governance Review:** A mandated periodic review of parish boundaries, names, activities etc: the heads of the review do not effect Puxton.
- iii. **WERN (West of England Rural Network):** They run the Village Agent service and are starting a project aimed at strengthening community led action across the West of England. Cllr Redding is completing a survey that will supply a snapshot of some of the critical issues with Puxton parish.
- iv. **Speed Indicator Device (SID)Speed Camera:** Information is starting to be gathered to contribute to an information data base to be shared with NSC Highways and the police.
- v. **ICO:** the cases brought against the Council via the Information Commissioners Office continue to be monitored and, as stated in the January meeting, Cllr Redding remains assiduous in her contacts with ICO regarding these matters.

**019/25 NEXT MEETING**

Thursday April 3rd 2025 **at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall

**The meeting closed at 9.14pm**