

# PUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

Puxton & Hewish

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## Minutes of the Meeting on Thursday 6th April 2017 at 7.30pm in Village Hall

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

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

**Public Attendance:** 12

43/17 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - Cllrs Edwards and Wilson

44/17 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - None

45/17 **PUBLIC SESSION**

**A370:** Three issues below to be pressed with NSC.

- i. **Traffic Lights at M5 Junction 21:** These are out of synch and causing huge tailbacks, prompting, once again, Wick Lane to become a 'rat-run' during rush hours.
- ii. **J25 Roundabout:** Jams are occurring on the M5 north and south exits at the roundabout because there are no yellow boxes to keep the 'exit box' clear of traffic.
- iii. **M5 J21 to Puxton Park Gullies:** Report blocked and in urgent need of emptying.

**Stonebridge Park:** Appeared at 3 places on the agenda. See minutes 46/17 and 50/17 below.

**MotorScene:** There was concern at the unsightly display of cars on the verges outside this traders' premises. This has been raised in the past and, because the ground outside the fence belongs to MotorScene, they are operating entirely within their rights.

**Wick Lane Reparations:** The highway between the Rail and M5 bridges has not been satisfactorily dealt with. Clerk confirmed that patching and other permanent reparations are on the work orders for the new financial year - dates to be advised by our NSC area engineer.

46/17 **REPORTS - Ward Cllrs Report** - Cllr Leimdorfer.

**Adult Social Care:** The 'Support to Live at Home' (Home Care) contract for Nailsea and rural areas granted to Notaro Homecare Ltd, who already operate in Worle. Alliance Living Care have the contract for the rest of Weston, while Brunelcare serve the Clevedon, Portishead and the north. Alliance also have the contract for Carers support (including Young Carers). Despite the 3% social care precept included in the Council Tax, all Councils faced a critical situation and large deficits. The immediate crisis has been avoided by extra funding announced in the budget - some £3.7m for North Somerset (conditions yet to be revealed). This is close to the overspend on Social Care in 2016-17. Helping to facilitate safe and timely hospital discharge will be a priority, to reduce pressures on Weston Hospital. Public engagement re future options for Weston Hospital end today. **Civil Parking Enforcement** has been introduced in North Somerset mainly in Weston and the towns. Eleven traffic wardens are engaged across the district. The scheme will be cost neutral. Complaints re parking should now be direct to NSC on 01934 888888.

**Works at Stonebridge Farm, Hewish:** There are ongoing issues relating to the amount of mud on the A370, both on the carriageway and the pavements. We are aware that the condition relating to the wheel wash facilities was worded in such a way that its use could not be enforced. I asked a question in Council relating to this matter and Cllr Ap Rees responded that he is aware of the situation. Highways have powers and are considering what action to take.

47/17 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** - 2nd March 2017 agreed and signed.

48/17 **MATTERS ARISING NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE** - None

49/17 **POLICING AND TRAFFIC**

**A370 Traffic & Crime:** [police.uk](http://police.uk) January: 2 vehicle crimes - 1 near the Full Quart; 1 (in Congresbury) near JMT.

50/17 NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL MATTERS

**Maysgreen Lane & Puxton Road:** Awaiting re-setting of 30mph signs. Edge break infill is not working - a more effective solution is needed, **Clerk to press for more effective solution.**

**A370 Street Light:** at the J21 side of the Wick Lane junction still due for new light. **Clerk to chase again.**

**Loose cover on A370** opposite Heathgate Paddock causing severe noise nuisance. **Clerk to report.**

**St Annes Graveyard Hedges:** New responsible NSC officer to have site meeting with Clerk and residents (those in The Chancel raised the issue) once he has assessed his new responsibilities.

**Stonebridge Farm:** Discussed in the Public Session and also formed part of Cllr Leimdorfer's report. **Clerk to write to Frank Cox to complain about NCS's seeming powerlessness to act on dreadful state of the A370.**

51/17 PARISH MAINTENANCE

**Parish Maintenance:** Village Keeper Services to be undertaken by APS one Wednesday per month - April to November. Itemised invoices will be presented monthly.

52/17 OTHER ISSUES

**Broadband Speeds:** CDS 2nd phase roll-out workshop awaiting appointment of contractor. **Clerk to chase.**

**Free Flowers from NSC:** Due May or early June.

**Hewish & Puxton Village Hall:** Clerk - also Secretary & Treasurer of Hall Committee - reported that a new Committee was in place as a result of an election at the AGM - officers remain the same. An appointed member from the WI is now on the committee - the only organisation of the original 8 entitled to appoint members - to still be using the hall on a regular basis.

**Village Map:** Details of the map and costs of new sections presented. Meeting decided to purchase missing section and affix it via specialist. **Clerk to arrange and consult Cat Lodge, NSC County Archaeologist for help.**

**Coopton of Councillors:** Clayton Penfold looking at application papers with a view to applying.

53/17 FINANCE

**2016-17 Accounts to Financial Year End:** pre-circulated and noted. Once bank statement arrives and reconciliation complete, they will be sent to Phil Smith, the Internal Auditor.

**2016-17 External Audit:** Section 1 of the Annual Return - the Annual Governance Statement - was reviewed, agreed, and signed by the Chair and the Clerk.

**Bank Mandate:** A letter and completed mandate form were unanimously agreed. The letter was signed by the four named signatories - Cllrs Popperwell, Penfold and Corbett, and Clerk Don Hill. The mandate alteration form was signed by the two additional signatories, Cllrs Penfold and Corbett. The mandate completed in Spring 2016 is cancelled and replaced by this new mandate. **Clerk to visit the bank branch to lodge documents against visits by the new signatories to complete identification procedures.**

**Cheques for Signature:** **100107** NSC re rail bridge cycle signs - prior year expense, signed and sent to NSC within March and ratified here. **100108** ALCA re annual subscription £56.06 signed by Cllr Popperwell who will obtain Cllr Edwards' countersignature.

54/17 PLANNING (*Latest enforcement Case Report - Feb 2017*)

**Granted:** **16/P/3016/F** SJH store. **17/P/0278/F** The Nursery, Puxton Lane, Retail car park.

**Refused:** **16/P/2634/F** Puxton Park; Nursery. Decision dated Jan 3rd but not notified.

**Appeal:** **No 17/3167087:** Puxton Park re planned nursery school.

55/17 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

**Cllr Corbett:** Traveller's Rest field continues to be filled with building waste and fires. NSC Enforcement will take 2-3 months to assess the situation. The mobile home permission seems to have outrun its original provision to apply for the life of its original resident. **Clerk to chase the enforcement issue and research the mobile home issue.**

**Cllr Sulley:** A370 speeding continues to be unacceptably dangerous. speeds have been estimated between 70-100mph with vehicle bouncing off the curbs. A recent evening north-bound accident near the Full Quart closed the road. More speed checks are needed - at busy times, not, as often in the past, on quiet Sunday mornings. **Clerk to contact Marie Broomfield/Anthony Ashford to seek some effective programme of speed checking.**

56/17 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

In the Village Hall - 4TH MAY 2017

***This will be the Parish Council Annual General Meeting and will start at 7pm***

***This meeting will be followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 8pm***

**The meeting closed at 8.20pm**