

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 April 9th 2026

All meetings are held at 7.30pm 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, Mel Ellis, Christine MacFie, Peter Penfold

In Attendance: Don Hill (Clerk)

Public Attendance: 0

032/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Clayton Penfold, Helen Riddle, NSC Cllr Dan Thomas

033/26 DECLARATIONS: *(Dispensations apply to Cllrs re precept setting, and Village Hall matters)*

None

034/26 PUBLIC SESSION *(15 minutes - contributions limited to 3 minutes: they should be concise and to the point)*

None

035/26 LAST MEETING MINUTES

March 5th minutes were agreed and signed.

036/26 PLANNING *(Details at <https://planning.n-somerset.gov.uk/online-applications/>)*

i. New:

ii. Decisions Due:

a. **22/P/3067/OUT:** Haybow Village *(Banwell PC)*.

b. **25/P/1418/FUL:** *(Kingston Seymour PC)* Solar Farm at Yew Tree Farm.

c. **25/P/1098/FUL: Dolemoor L Solar Farm** *(Congresbury PC)*.

d. **25/P/2609/FULL** Manor Farm Solar Farm, Wick Lane, West Hewish.

e. **26/P/0368/AOC** Villa Farm approval of condition 7 of 22/P/1414/CQA

iii. **Refused: 26/P/0419/HHPA** Caffle, Bristol Rd Hewish - Prior Approval Request for side extension to existing house *(for information)*. Does not qualify for prior approval.

iv. **Granted:** 26/P/0592/TEN Erection of a broadband pole on A370 outside 1 Heathfield Park *(for information)* Automatic Approval.

v. **Appeal:** 24/P/0143/FUL - gypsy/traveller site adjacent to Heathfield Park.

037/26 FINANCE

- i. **2025-26 Accounts:** Accounts were reviewed and reconciled against the bank statement. Accounts for year were approved and are ready to go to the internal auditor.
- ii. **AGAR Part 2** Certificate of Exemption agreed and signed. **Clerk to send to External Auditors.**
- iii. **Payments Approved: ALCA A10 course for Cllr Corbett - £30.00** (ratified). **Clerk's Pay SO Variation 2026-27** (ratified). **J Gilbody** parish maintenance **£335.00**. **VisionICT** website accessibility update (MOT) **£174**. **ALCA** annual subscription **£119.07**.

038/26 PARISH MATTERS

i. Matters re the NSC Highways Portal:

- a. **Highway Verges and potholes:** Cllr Redding reported that the pothole on the A370 side of the Wick Road railway bridge has been filled. Cllrs Redding and Corbett noted that pothole and verge edges in both Maysgreen Lane and Wick Road have been filled with re-constituted tarmac, which disintegrates within weeks. The cost of constantly having to return and re-fill such 'repairs', in the longer term, seems like a distinct waste of - rather than saving of - money and contractor effort.
 - b. **Fly-tipping:** Cllr Redding has located the field in which two vans and two containers are parked. She has also found a gateway blocked with stone fly-tipping. These areas have been marked on a map. Reporting this was delayed by the email system going down, so Cllr Redding - if she does not do it herself - will ask Cllr Riddle to check the current position and **Clerk will report accordingly to NSC via the NSC Online system.**
 - c. **Request for 30mph Limit:** Cllr Redding to submit a Highways Improvement form for the complete length of Maysgreen Lane and Puxton Road.
 - d. **Wick Road 30 mph request:** Cllr Redding to ask if there is any progress on the Wick Lane 30 mph request.
 - e. **A370 Central Refuges:** at The Full Quart, Moorland Park (refused). Cllr Redding awaiting clarification from NSC Highways re Full Quart and Garden Park proposed crossings.
 - f. **Old Post Office Lay-by:** Central Refuge now repaired.
 - g. **Old Post Office Lay-By:** 'To Bristol' bus stop crashed into verge. NSC has taped area off. Busses still appear to be stopping there. **Clerk to log an enquiry via NSC online system re bus stop replacement.**
- ii. **Wick St Lawrence PC SID Hire:** No update from them re their discussions.

039/26 GOVERNANCE

- i. **Assertion 10 and email addresses for Councillors:** Addresses and invoice due.
- ii. **ALCA Training for Councillors:** Cllr Corbett attended ALCA A10 course 10th March.
- iii. **Updated Accessibility Statement:** MOT/Accessibility report received. Report positive - no consequential action required.

- iv. **Annual Governance Policy Documents Review:** Updated/corrected documents now available on website.
- v. **2026-27 Risk Assessments:** were signed by Chair and Clerk for governance file.

040/26 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Ellis

A370 Gullies - Some are seriously blocked and will need hand digging to clear them. They have been reported to NSC several times but so far to no avail.

Cllr MacFie

SpeedWatch: does not currently have enough volunteers to function. The main prompt behind this Council's initial involvement was a request from St Anne's School three years ago. Notwithstanding SID and the repaired flashing lights, Cllr MacFie would like to gain the views of the current school administration on whether or not there was still an outstanding problem; if so, to gain their thoughts on how it may be resolved and therefore, to enable the Council to determine whether it was in a position to help on this issue. She sought Members' backing for this move and was given it unanimously.

Cllr Redding

Wick Road Footpath: The overgrown footpath zigzagging down the A370 side of the motorway bridge, that was reported about a year ago, has now been cleared.

Burley Inclusive (Full Quart): I visited and was shown around by Mr Burley. The interior décor is being completely refreshed, little has been changed structurally. They are using one room for half a day a week at present but hope to be fully operational soon. We will be invited to an open day in June. This will be a post-16 SEND provision teaching life skills, including taking a bus to shop and cooking and cleaning. We spoke about the need for a central refuge to cross the road: they will be asking for this which may help our case with NSC.

Holy Saviour Church: Our appeal for more volunteers to help keep Puxton churchyard mown and tidy has been successful so we now have several more on the rota. More are always welcome.

041/26. NEXT MEETING

There will be two meetings in the Village Hall on May 7th 2026:

At 7.00pm The Annual and Ordinary meetings of the Parish Council

At 8.00pm The Annual Parish Meeting:

This is open to electors of the parish to come and air their views and to raise matters of particular interest or concern.

The meeting closed at 9pm