

PUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

Puxton & Hewish

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Minutes of the Meeting Held on 1st June 2017 at 7pm in the Village Hall

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

In Attendance: Don Hill (Clerk)

Public Attendance: 8

78/17 Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Katy Wilson and Amanda Edwards. Cllr Tom Leimdorfer (NSC).

79/17 Declarations of Interest: Cllrs Peter & Clayton Penfold re planning application 17/P/1230/LDE, for Mark Penfold, at Minute 88/17 below, in the consideration of which they did not participate.

80/17 PUBLIC SESSION

Planning Application 17/P/1170/CUPA - Justin Board: Justin referred to the careful revisions and detailed explanations that form part of this re-application. Members noted that this proposal was certainly more clearly presented than was the previous one. The application was considered at Minute 88/17 below.

Stonebridge Farm: Heathgate Paddock continues to suffer appallingly from up to 10 lorries per 20 minutes churning up dust and muck immediately outside their property, which sits opposite the entrance to Stonebridge Farm. The Clerk reiterated that NSC planners remain powerless to enforce the conditions of their planning permission due to inept wording of those conditions. The bringing in of landfill is sure to continue for some 6 weeks at least - it was murmured that it may go on for the rest of 2017. Cllr Leimdorfer has been helping the owners of Heathgate Paddock to prepare representations for compensation to NSC. **Clerk to complain, again, to NSC for what is a truly disgraceful situation.**

St Anne's School Water Repair: This repair, on the 'to-Bristol' side of the A370 is controlled by traffic lights and is creating gridlock. Whilst the work is necessary, there was no work done today and it was queried why the lights remained in place. **Clerk to find out what is going on.**

SpeedWatch: Mrs Clease asked why the Parish could not operate a SpeedWatch system through the A370. Cllrs Peter Penfold and Sue Popperwell explained the efforts that had been gone through over the past year to get enough volunteers involved to make SpeedWatch viable. So far, only three volunteers have come forward, one of whom has now left the area.

Village Hall Freehold Purchase: Members were asked for their plans to help fund the Village Hall freehold purchase from the Community Fund. This has not been formally discussed because the Hall Committee and the new Fund Raising Group are still seeking clarification as to the freehold price, the timescale and other details. With this information the Fund Raising Group will be able to put a proposal, to its various potential sources of funds, that can be considered. Both the Council and, perhaps, Harvest Home and others, may consider funding contributions as donations or, perhaps, in the form of shareholdings or mortgages.

A370 Gullies towards J21: see Minute 85/17 below.

81/17 REPORTS - Ward Cllrs Report - Cllr Leimdorfer - no report this month.

82/17 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: 5th May 2017, were agreed and signed by the Chair.

83/17 MATTERS ARISING NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE - None

84/17 POLICING AND TRAFFIC

Crime: police.uk March: 1 vehicle crime near St Annes. 2 anti-social behaviour; Cattle lay-by & Maysgreen.

A370: Speeding/Thursday Bikers: 'roaring' through at 70mph+. A replacement motorcycle officer is being trained. Marie Broomfield will contact Clerk as soon as he is available, re a programme of speed checks.

85/17 NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL MATTERS

Maysgreen Lane: Re-set of 30mph signs due.

A370 Street Light: at the J21 side of the Wick Lane junction. **Night check needed to verify repair.**

St Annes Graveyard Hedges: NSC site meeting due. **Clerk to set up.**

Palmer's Elm Farm Ditch: Full of debris forced in by developer's lorries. **Clerk could not find the particular ditch and will seek more specific identification from the complainant.**

Stonebridge Farm: See Public Session minute 80/17 above.

A370 Highways Issues - (titled in purple below) These issues are longstanding and serious. It appears that NSC Highways regard them as insoluble, so do nothing about them. **Clerk to press for a response at the highest level in Highways and possible a visit by Highways to a future meeting to find a way forward.**

A370: Kelvin Glimstead reported the J21 traffic lights as still not synched. **Clerk to follow up with NSC.**

A370 Blocked Gullies towards J21: The gullies in the Banwell part of the A370 towards J21 will need to be hand dug to clear. NSC claim that they do not create significant flooding issues as they are, so their clearing appears not to be a priority.

A370 Blocked Gullies around SJH Machinery: These gullies are known to present flood problems and NSC will investigate them with a view to their jetting.

A370 Footpath: Needs clearing from J21 to Congresbury. It is so out of control that it is not safe for use, particularly for those with prams etc. Reparation is clearly going to be hugely expensive but it is used and must be attended to. **Clerk contact Congresbury Clerk, Liz Grieves to liaise over possible solutions.**

86/17 OTHER ISSUES

Broadband Speeds: CDS workshop due after appointment of a contractor: progress remains slow.

NSC Free Flowers: Cllr Popperwell to collect and organise planting of Congresbury planter and Palmer's Elm lay-by tubs. Kelvin Glimstead has planted the J21-end planter; for which the meeting thanked him.

Hewish & Puxton Village Hall: There is now a fund-raising Committee who are initially working on getting firm details re the purchase price of the freehold.

Village Map: Clerk to buy missing section; Cat Lodge, NSC County Archaeologist chased, for help. Cllr Corbett offered to house the map on behalf of the Parish. **Clerk to arrange to deliver the map to him.**

Cooption of Councillors: Jim Howard, of Puxton Road, retired military man and balloon engineer, applied for cooption. As the Notice of Vacancy has run out, the meeting considered Jim's application. Cllr Corbett proposed his co-option, and Cllr Popperwell seconded the proposal. The meeting voted unanimously that Jim Howard be co-opted as a Puxton Parish Council Member. **Clerk to complete the regulation paperwork.**

87/17 FINANCE

2017-18 Accounts: pre-circulated with meeting papers, reviewed and noted.

2016-17 Audit: External Audit in progress.

Cheques for Signature: 10011 Adrian Leonard t/a APC re Parish Maintenance for April & May £320.00

88/17 PLANNING (*Latest enforcement Case Report - Feb 2017*)

New: 17/P/1028/F Replacement field entrance Opposite Full Quart - No objections. **17/P/1082/LDE** Murphy's; continued use as residential flat. No objections. **17/P/1170/CUPA** Trotters Manor Farm, Wick Lane; agricultural building to dwelling. Distinction clarified between the robustness of an Accost - as against an all steel structure was clarified - so objection to original application negated on the basis of structural robustness. Also, and critically in community terms, keeping local people within the community is vital: this application is to provide a home on the local farm for a local son of that farm. No objections. **17/P/1230/LDE** Oakacre - continued use of the dwelling without the agricultural occupancy condition. The many years of such occupancy renders no basis for an objection. **Clerk to so report these outcomes to NSC.**

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

89/17 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Corbett reported a blocked gully outside The Firs in Puxton Road. **Clerk to report to NSC.**

Cllr Popperwell had been asked what was happening in the field next to SJH Machinery (WsM side) that was the subject of a recent enforcement enquiry. Michael Davies was at the meeting and able to confirm that he has bought the field as an investment, that he has done considerable work to tidy it up and that whatever future plans - if any - he may have for it would be processed through the proper channels.

90/17 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: In the Village Hall - 6th July 2017 at 7.30pm.

The Meeting Closed at approximately 8.50pm