
PUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

Puxton & Hewish

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Minutes of the Meeting Held on 5th October 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Sue Popperwell (Chair), Peter Penfold (from 7.36pm), Jim Corbett, Jim Howard, Clayton Penfold

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

Public Attendance: 5

117/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - none

118/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS - none

119/17 PUBLIC SESSION

1. Stonebridge Farm: There has been a change of officer on this case. The team leader is due to respond to Cllr Leimdorfer's queries re the management and timetable of this project. NSC Officers have so far not been able to speak with the owner re the timetabling of landfill (phase 1) and construction (phase 2) operations.

2. A370 Drains (Banwell PC): No work done on this. **Clerk to check with Banwell Clerk to see what progress is being made.**

3. M5 J21 Traffic Light Synch: This is with the Highways Agency but re-synching is reported as not yet having been done.

4. A370 Footpath: There was a call for others to quote for needed work as NSC's commitment to clearing the footpath - at some stage - is not deemed robust. Cllr Leimdorfer reported that, in the past, such quotes have formed the basis for getting work done on a shared funding basis between NSC and the relevant parish council. Michael Davis offered to quote for the work that is not committed to already by our area engineer (between Bow Cottage and Holm Lea). As with our engineer, Michael warned that clearance might reveal damaged tarmac - another and more significant future cost. **Clerk to liaise with Congresbury's Liz Greaves and Michael Davis to get a quote to approach NSC with.**

120//17 REPORTS - Ward Cllrs Report - Cllr Leimdorfer

There was much discussion in North Somerset Council about unreliable waste and recycling collections in some areas; Cllr Leimdorfer has received no complaints from Puxton residents. There is also a lot of concern about the failure of Notaro to provide a reliable home care service in the rural areas - complaints from Congresbury, but not from Puxton. Re 6th July PPC meeting at Minute 101/17, On 27th September, the Public Rights of Way sub-committee endorsed the officer's recommendation to formally record route AX 24/6 on Puxton Moor as a footpath but decline to upgrade it to Byway Open to all Traffic or a bridleway. At the same meeting, the sub-committee endorsed the officer's recommendation to upgrade the designation of May's Lane to a Bridleway (but not a byway open to all traffic). Cllr Corbett voiced concern that May's Lane's access was obstructed. Cllr Leimdorfer said the procedure in such cases is for NSC to issue an order to the landowner - cc the local parish council - to clear obstructions.

121/17 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING - 7th September 2017 were agreed, and signed by the Chair.

122/17 MATTERS ARISING NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE - none

123/17 POLICING AND TRAFFIC - the police motor cyclist has done speed checks at St Anne's School.

124/17 NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL MATTERS

Proposed Speed Limits on Puxton Lane/Puxton Road: Cllrs Corbett and Howard to gather data on traffic speeds using the SpeedWatch kit. **Clerk to investigate the process, costs and effectiveness of advisory limits and to press NSC Highways for statutory ones.**

A370 Footpath: Footway between Bow Cottage and Holm Lea planned for clearance. Hedge flailing is also due. See also Minute 119/17 4. above.

Puxton Road: Flooding at Briarwood; probable new gully going in. Puxton Lane junction; grip proposed, once utility companies have moved their kit to make space.

Wick Lane Ditch: Ditch condition to be reviewed by Nick Raymond when it is clear to view.

A370 Spring Cottage Gullies: NSC/NS-Levels-IDB are the source of an engineered solution, as gullies drain into IDB ditch which runs too high to take road surface water during heavy rains. **Clerk to monitor.**

125/17 OTHER MATTERS

NSC Future Planning: A piece on housing has gone into the Autumn Newsletter to prompt reactions.

Broadband Speeds: Gigaclear will be installing Fibre To Premises broadband in our area over the next 3 years with speeds from 50Mbps (£41.30 monthly) to 1000Mbps (£76.60 monthly). There is an activation fee of £100 and a charge (£130) for taking fibre from door to router. Not cheap, but genuine fibre to home super fast broadband, rather than just the fibre to cabinet in the first phase. Gigaclear and CDS are currently finalising the rollout schedule and will then communicate with properties involved. Households can register interest by visiting: <https://www.gigaclear.compostcodechecker/connectingdevonandsomerset> and giving their postcode. This does not commit them to anything, it just allows Gigaclear to keep them informed.

Village Hall: The Chair suspended standing orders to allow Lynda Redding to provide an update on fundraising. The price for the hall is confirmed as £85,000 - with a caveat re its continued use as a village hall. The goals are: to bridge the gap between the already committed £51,000 and the asking price; to urgently secure £10,000 to complete the non-refundable £20,000 deposit; to raise additional funds in the longer term to carry out some needed repairs to the roof. Lynda detailed a range of funding sources that she is pursuing with commitment and energy. Cllr Clayton Penfold is pursuing local businesses for funding and organising the raffle for the North Somerset Community Brass Christmas Concert on Friday December 8th.

Parish E-Mail Register: Call for addresses is in the Autumn Community News (which went on the Web today, and print copies of which are with Cllr Popperwell for distribution to households).

Councillors: 2 vacancies for co-option.

126/17 FINANCE

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

Cheques: **100204** Grant Thornton re external audit £270.00 (£225 + vat). **100205** Adrian Leonard (APS), re parish maintenance £320.00. **100206** D Hill re production of Autumn Community News £45.00

127/17 PLANNING (*Latest enforcement Case Report - August 2017*)

New: **17/P/2163/F** Erection of 2 buildings to accommodate a Santa's grotto and folly. **No objections.** **17/P/2310/TPO** Crown lift to poplars in border hedge. **No objections.**

Appeal APP/D0121/W/ 17/3179037: re 16/P/2843/F Storage containers at Heathfield Park.

128/17. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS - none

129/17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: In the Village Hall on Thursday 2nd November 2017 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm