

PUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

Puxton & Hewish

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4th October 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Jim Corbett (*Vice Chair & Meeting Chair*), Peter Penfold, Clayton Penfold, Lynda Redding (*minute taker in the absence of the Clerk*)

In Attendance: Cllr Tom Leimdorfer (NSC)

Public Attendance: 2

088/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Cllrs Sue Popperwell, Jim Howard and the Clerk, Don Hill

089/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS none

090/18 PUBLIC SESSION

George Georgiou, the Managing Director of the Full Quart, and his advisor showed the Council their plans for a hotel development to be integrated into the pub. This is a two storey annexe adjoining the existing building providing 30 rooms. They would hope to employ 14 to 20 people and take advantage of the proximity of the Airport and transport links. There had been a pre-application consultation rejected on the grounds of being on a flood plain and being in "open countryside" two years ago. Mr. Georgiou was wishing to gain an idea of local opinion. The Councillors initial reaction was it could be an asset to the community and that they would give it careful consideration when the application came before them.

091/18 REPORTS - Ward Cllrs Report

NSC Executive September Meeting:

- (a) *NS Draft Education Provision; Commissioning Strategy 2018-2021*: primary and secondary schools plus special and alternative schooling (inc overflow provision at 'St Anne's West Wick').
- (b) *Vision for Adult Social Care in North Somerset: This document has the key theme of 'Maximising Independence and Wellbeing' with an emphasis on encouraging more support from family, friends and community as council finances and staffing issues put the care system under increasing strain. The Local Government Association has also published a Green Paper highlighting the acute problems and asking for views of options for future funding.*
- (c) *Sub-national Transport Body* This is a development to bring together nine councils in the West of England from Gloucestershire to Dorset to form 'Western Gateway Sub-national Transport Body' and coordinate transport development. Initially this will be a 'shadow' board but could obtain statutory powers by 2021/22.

September Council Meeting

- (a) Joint NSC/BANES venture to deliver housing development on four NSC owned sites.
- (b) Contracts awarded: Locking Parklands Primary, North South Link Road, Food-works complex

Local Plan 2036 'Issues & Options'

(Consultation Sept 3rd Sep-20th Dec; visit www.n-somerset.gov.uk/localplan2036) Sections 4.1&2 relate to Garden Villages at Banwell and Mendip Springs and by-pass roads. Councillors were urged to read the document to inform a discussion of relevant sections at the next meeting. Feedback is welcomed until December 10th, 2018. At least one printed document for Puxton Parish Council would aid the discussion. Councillor Penfold expressed a desire for a printed copy. [Clerk to download and circulate via e-mail.](#)

Waste and recycling collection

There have been ongoing problems throughout the summer both as a result of staffing shortages and problems with the new routes. The new regional manager for Biffa decided to employ extra crews and the problems appear to have been sorted without the need for revising the routes again.

092/18 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING - 5th July 2018 were agreed, and signed by the meeting Chair.

093/18 MATTERS ARISING NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE none

094/18 NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL MATTERS

A370 near Wick Lane Junction/Bus Stop - Central Refuge/Crossing: Space tight, so a safety audit needed: cost for audit + work some £8,600. To guarantee the work via the 2019-20 works programme needs 100% PC funding; a +50% contribution still offers a good chance of the project's inclusion. Defer to November meeting to consider as part of the 2019-20 budget.

Oldbrook River Bridge: Yet more damage has been incurred. **Clerk to keep it under review.**

095/18 OTHER MATTERS

Congresbury Neighbourhood Development Plan 2018-36: Highway implications for Puxton. Cllr Popperwell attended a consultation session on which she can comment at the November meeting, although the consultation deadline has passed.

Public Sewage Service: Clerk received an enquiry re availability in Puxton. Wessex Water response due.

096/18 FINANCE

2018-19 Accounts: pre-circulated with meeting papers; noted.

Actions post July 5th meeting ratified as under:

ICO Direct Debit: Registration now complete. Annual DD for £35 completed and acknowledged.

Village Hall SO Variation: from Hewish Social Committee to Hewish & Puxton Village Hall Ltd.

Cheques: 100222 Cancelled 100222 Adrian Leonard Parish Maintenance July/Aug £320.00. **100224** HMRC re PAYE Jul-Sept. £151.00 **100225** D Hill re refund of Community News publishing costs - high quality - £65.75 **100226** Adrian Leonard - September £160.00

097/18 PLANNING (Latest Enforcement Report March 2018)

Different Parish: 18/P/3540/FUL ~~Wick Lane~~ Solar Farm lighting (not Wick Lane - Ralston in Banwell PC).

Granted: 18/P/2929/FUL Puxton Moor Lane Stable. **18/P/3183/FUH** Heathgate Cottage, ext'n.

Appeal: 18/P/2612/FUH - Rosemary Cottage, Wick Lane, West Hewish Extension over garage.

098/18 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Corbett: noted the improvements to Mays Lane and questioned the need for a gate at the Mays Green Lane end.

Clerk's note: Cllr Corbett and the Clerk have talked and e-mailed on this, broadly as under:

Cllr Corbett mentioned that Mays Lane was an old cart track running from Puxton Lane to Maysgreen Lane and was concerned that it had been gated off at the Maysgreen Lane end.

There is a planning notice on the new Maysgreen Lane gate. It relates to a series of Public Rights Of Way updates that NSC are having to put through and which came before PPC in the Spring. The application paperwork claimed that the tracks had rights of access for motorised vehicles (the modern equivalent of the cart). PPC submitted that this could not be so, and this was the position of NSC. At the close of the consultation period, NSC ruled that the PROWs did NOT have access for motorised vehicles, hence the gating of this entry to Mays Lane with an "other user" access side gate included. In the case of Mays Lane the notice indicated that the ruling applied to only part of the Lane and did not apply to the entrance area off Puxton Lane.

Councillor Redding: 1. attended the **150th Anniversary of St Anne's school** on July 12th as a representative of Puxton Parish Council. It was an interesting and enjoyable occasion with many old photographs and registers on display. The children were enjoying themselves so much no speech was required. **2.** After an amicable meeting with Mike Marsh it was agreed he should have back the land he donated to the **Village Hall** for a playground. He will clear the area and put a fence back on the original boundary. Cllr Redding has cleared the fly tipping rubbish and tyres. The PC thanked her for her endeavours. **3.** Passed on a comment from the resident of Copper Beeches on the A370. Despite being an ex-policeman he was confused by the triangle junction at Puxton and had narrowly missed a collision. He suggested white lines on the road to make it clear who has right of way and would avoid an accident. **Clerk to follow up item 3.**

Cllr Clayton Penfold: was pleased that the hedges have been flailed along the A370 pavement and hopes it will be kept in this passable state.

099/18 ONGOING ITEMS BEING MONITORED BY CLERK

A370 hedge flailing: This has started - there is more to be done. **A370 Footpath:** Test section indicated no tarmac damage; order for further work being pursued : **Puxton Road Drainage at Wyndham Grange & Puxton Lane Grip:** Works awaited : **Puxton Road Gully at Council Houses:** Jetting date awaited : **Potholes: Maysgreen Lane/Puxton Road Junction & Cheese Factory:** Jet-patcher date awaited : **East Hewish Rail Crossing Grit Bin:** Due : **Broken signage at Puxton Road/Lane junction:** Repositioning planned : : **St Anne's Car Park:** The lease transfer from NSC to Priory Academy Trust is progressing : **Puxton Lane:** Dangerous wall just before Appletree Cottage: reported. Cllr Corbett has registered concern that the drainage and pothole issues along the lanes be effectively and speedily resolved - the potholes are getting worse.

CLEARED ITEMS: **Fly-tipping in Hall car park:** cleared : **VAS sign outside St Anne's School:** repaired. **BT Poles:** Oldbrook bridge to Willow Farm trees: Work done. Overgrowth not a threat to lines or signals, but some clearance done.

100/18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING Thursday 1st November 2018, at 7.30pm, in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm