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# PUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

Puxton & Hewish

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## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd January 2019 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

**Present:** Cllrs Sue Popperwell, Peter Penfold, Clayton Penfold, Lynda Redding

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

**Public Attendance: 0**

- 001/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - Cllrs Jim Corbett, Jim Howard
- 002/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS** - None
- 003/19 PUBLIC SESSION** - no public attendees
- 004/19 REPORTS - Ward Cllr Leimdorfer** A quiet month. The 2019-20 NSC budget will be finalised by mid February. There is a consultation currently by NSC which proposes large cuts in the 'top-up-funding' for students with high levels of special educational needs and disabilities: this would make it more difficult for mainstream schools to meet the needs of those students.
- 005/19 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING** - 6th December 2018 - were agreed, and signed by the Chair.
- 006/19 MATTERS ARISING NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE** - none
- 007/19 NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL MATTERS**  
**Maysgreen Lane:** NSC say residents parking outside their homes from Palmers Elm towards the Hall present no safety issue. Parking restrictions via yellow lines would prove a contentious option.
- 008/19 OTHER MATTERS**  
**NSC Plan to 2036:** The PPC response is attached as an appendix to these minutes.  
**Bristol Airport Expansion Plans:** a document was pre-circulated to Members, basically proposing that the airport should grow by 50% within the next few years. One might cynically, but realistically presume, the proposal has been put forward for the purely commercial reason of maximising profits, with little or no altruistic drive involved. The fear is that the pluses such as jobs will benefit Bristol, while the minuses like congestion, noise and pollution will be imposed upon North Somerset. With provisions such as the A3 bus service from Weston-super-Mare to the airport, and concessionary fares for airport employees, the airport is at least more accessible to locals - travellers and employees. With perhaps an underlying ambivalence, Members accept that the airport is here to stay - its raw commercial drive implicit. That given, a thorough process of external scrutiny must be at the heart of its management processes and expansion plans to ensure a realistic commercial/altruistic balance.  
**Road Safety:** A recent accident resulted in correspondence about the recurring issue of speed along Wick Lane/Wick Road, which has been shared with Members. In summary, enforcement via police

(due to budget constraints) or SpeedWatch (for which the Parish Council's several strenuous efforts have failed to attract enough volunteers), has not thus far proved effective. Areas where the Parish Council is striving to progress road safety include the hoped for central reservation on the A370 near the Wick Lane bus stop, a possible 30mph limit along Puxton Road and making safe the footpath that runs along the A370 through the Parish. Sadly, progress in addressing these sorts of small-parish worries requires a huge and continuing effort along what seems like a ludicrously long timeline.

**009/19 FINANCE**

**2018-19 Accounts:** pre-circulated with meeting papers: reviewed and noted.

**2019-20 Budget:** following from the aspirations reviewed at the December meeting a further draft budget was on the table for discussion. This resulted in the adoption of an agreed budget for the financial year 2019-20 as attached to form a part of these minutes.

**Cheques: 100231** Staples via Clerk - Filing Cabinet £121.50 **100232** VisionICT re website £150.00

**010/19 PLANNING** (*Latest Enforcement Report December 2018*)

**New: 18/P/5131/FUL** Weston College Animal Skills Centre at Puxton Park. This application was discussed at length. Access will be via Cowslip Lane, and there will be little visual impact from Maysgreen Lane. Mitigation measures are included re water run off and foul waste management but apparently no plans for site-based electricity generation. Members again echoed their frustration at not being able to extend these commendable employment opportunities (for local people?) to include the provision of affordable housing for existing and new younger residents. Notwithstanding the wider debate, Members raised no objections to the application. **Clerk to so report to NSC Planners.**

**Decisions Due: 18/P/4721/FUL** Heathfield pitches. **18/P/4899/FUH** Briarfield dormer.

**Granted: 18/P/4760/FUH** Oakacre Garage.

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

**011/19 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS** - none

**012/19 ONGOING ITEMS BEING MONITORED BY CLERK**

**Puxton Road Drainage at Wyndham Grange:** on job list : **Puxton Lane Grip** : **Puxton Rd sign by Puxton Lane junction:** Temporarily on bank : **Puxton Lane:** Appletree Wall: with NSC Structures : **A370 Footpath:** 1st section start date due. **A370 Central Refuge:** Confirmation & timetable due : **Oldbridge River Bridge:** Timetable due : **Gully at Council Houses:** Emptier with NSC from Jan 7th.

**Completed: Potholes:** Maysgreen/Puxton Rd.

**013/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING** Thursday 7th February 2019, at 7.30pm, in the Village Hall.

**The meeting closed at 8.20pm**

# NSC Local-Plan-2036-Issues-and-Options-Document September 2018

## Puxton Parish Council Responses to Relevant Consultation Questions

### **PAGE 16 – CENTRAL PARISHES**

*Q6. (Central Parishes) Do you agree with these or are there other challenges or issues which we have not included and how might the Local Plan address these?*

The Parish of Puxton (the villages of Puxton & Hewish) is not provisioned for within this plan. It is a busy Parish, adjacent to the area's busiest motorway junction, on a critical highway artery through North Somerset. It is a small but vital community of homes and businesses. It appears that it is to go forward to a time approaching the mid-point of this century with nothing provisioned for in terms of its future. This despite the possible infrastructural pressures resulting from the the proposed Banwell Garden Village and bypass projects immediately to our south.

Puxton – never known to have been flooded - is on a tidal flood plain and has no settlement boundaries. It has therefore tended to be discounted for development purposes over the years. However, there is likely to be pressure, during the coming decades of the plan period, for small scale development within the Parish, even if just to hold itself together as a vibrant community. Our concerns have prompted us to provide further comments relating to settlements, below.

### **PAGES 19 – 23 SETTLEMENT HIERARCHIES**

*Q8. What are your views on the options for a revised settlement hierarchy?*

Nowhere within North Somerset should be excluded from the North Somerset hierarchical map. Everywhere counts. Everywhere matters, both to those living and working there, and within the total North Somerset community context. Without a hierarchy slot for each of the presently excluded areas, those areas will have no capacity to exercise any community 'flex' - however minimal – over another long stretch into the future. Recognition of and provisioning for the needs of that future should be signalled within the proposed hierarchy restructuring.

### **PAGES 24 – 37 SETTLEMENT BOUNDARIES**

*Q9. What are your views on the options for revised settlement boundaries?*

Please provide a hierarchy with slots for all areas of North Somerset – those with settlement boundaries and those without. This will recognise the possible small scale developmental needs that may well evolve during the plan period, which will be steering us through increasingly complex times.

### **PAGE 86 AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

*Q41. Do you have any views on the review of affordable housing policies?*

Small rural parishes need affordable housing to be provisioned for, not as a spin off from major urban housing developments, but as a strategic imperative to preserve the sinews of the rural community. This does not appear to be recognised within this version of the plan..

### **PAGE 89 FLOOD RISK**

*Q48. Do you have any views on our intended approach to flood risk?*

The last paragraph of this section reads as a rather casual write-off of our community – which lies on a key north south route through North Somerset.

### **PAGE 91 ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING POINTS**

*Q52. What are your views on our proposed policy approach to electric vehicle charging points?*

We have many businesses along our two mile stretch of the A370 that would provide attractive customer-draws if they installed charging points – particularly if the charging costs were refundable against purchases. It will come – but now the vehicle purchase subsidies are gone, maybe some form of retail inducement to install charging points might emerge?

## PUXTON PARISH COUNCIL AGREED BUDGET FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2019-20

	Clerk	Clrk/Cllr	Hall	Parish	Ins/Subs	Pub-	Web	Purch-				
		Exp	Hire	Maint	Audit/Legal	-licity	Site	-ases				
<b>Budget 2018-19</b>	<b>3,022.80</b>	<b>450.00</b>	<b>275.04</b>	<b>1,500.00</b>	<b>425.00</b>	<b>120.00</b>	<b>300.00</b>	<b>300.00</b>			<b>6,392.84</b>	
<b>Est at Dec 2018</b>	<b>3022.80</b>	<b>411.60</b>	<b>275.04</b>	<b>1280.00</b>	<b>411.91</b>	<b>65.75</b>	<b>150.00</b>	<b>150.00</b>			<b>5,767.10</b>	
<b>2019-20 Budget</b>	<b>3168.00</b>	<b>420.00</b>	<b>275.04</b>	<b>1500.00</b>	<b>450.00</b>	<b>80.00</b>	<b>200.00</b>	<b>300.00</b>			<b>6393.04</b>	<b>Expenses</b>
	<b>104.79%</b>										<b>500.00</b>	<b>Election</b>
	£12.00ph			APS 8m							<b>500.00</b>	<b>Capital</b>
											<b>7393.04</b>	<b>Total</b>
											<b>7400.00</b>	<b>PRECEPT REQUEST</b>
											-6960.00	<i>2018-19 Precept</i>
											440.00	<i>2019-20 Increase</i>
<i>Actual 2017-18</i>	<i>2,956.64</i>	<i>411.60</i>	<i>275.04</i>	<i>1,440.00</i>	<i>630.28</i>	<i>103.80</i>	<i>150.00</i>	<i>399.00</i>			<i>6,366.36</i>	

### PUXTON PC FUNDS SUMMARY AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2018

<i>Operating Funds to carry forward</i>	<b>£5,251.60</b>
<i>PPC Election &amp; Referenda Provision</i>	<b>£2,000.00</b>
<i>PPC Capital Provision</i>	<b>£5,601.00</b>
<b>TOTAL PUXTON PARISH COUNCIL FUNDS</b>	<b>£12,852.60</b>
<i>Hewish &amp; Puxton Community Fund</i>	<b>£1,567.96</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS TO CARRY FORWARD</b>	<b>£14,420.56</b>