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# PUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

Puxton & Hewish

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## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 4th April 2019

*All meetings are held at 7.30pm in the Village Hall unless stated otherwise*

**Present:** Cllrs Sue Popperwell (Chair), Jim Corbett, Clayton Penfold, Lynda Redding

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

**Public Attendance: 0**

**040/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllrs Peter Penfold, Jim Howard

**041/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS** - none

**042/19 PUBLIC SESSION** - no public in attendance

**043/19 WARD COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** - Cllr Leimdorfer

A Councillor's report is, during this election period, restricted by Councillors not appearing to be 'electioneering' during an active election period (the period of Purdah). Cllr Leimdorfer noted that the Congresbury Neighbourhood Plan has gone to the Examiner and will come back to the NSC Executive, probably during June, where, if it is cleared to move forward, will be put to a referendum of the Parish of Congresbury.

**044/19 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING** - 7th March 2019 were agreed, and signed by the Chair.

**045/19 MATTERS ARISING NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE** - none

**046/19 NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL MATTERS**

**Maysgreen Lane:** Demolished sign at Puxton Road reported.

**Puxton Road Traffic Speed:** See Minute 12 below.

**047/19 OTHER MATTERS**

**Oldbrook River Bridge, Puxton Lane:** Cllr Corbett re-registered concern that the current attractive structure is to be replaced by a 'modern' bridge. All others agreed with his sentiment, but accepted that an earlier meeting (December Minute 120/18) gave full scope to the Council's reasoning in accepting - however reluctantly - the need for the new bridge.

**048/19 FINANCE**

**2018-19 Accounts:** pre-circulated, reviewed and approved to go forward for internal audit. Due to the £40,000 outward flow of Community Fund monies during the year, an external audit is needed (any ingoing or outing of £25,000+), and will cost £200, plus interaction fees, if any.

**Cheques: 100237** ALCA Subscription £58.30

**049/19 PLANNING** (*Latest Enforcement Report March 2019*)

**New: 19/P/0333/FUL** Stables on land opposite the Full Quart. The recent history of planning applications and enforcement notices relating to this field has created anxiety among residents that has been registered with this Council and with NSC planners over the years. Whilst this anxiety is probably not within the remit of a parish council in its planning consultation processes it is incumbent upon the Council to register receipt of it. Concern was raised about the access to the

site, where drainage work was the subject of an enforcement enquiry in March 2018. The issue disappeared from Enforcement reports without apparently being resolved. The Council's comments are based on the presumption that the entrance is robust enough in its structure and drainage to support the proposed use. Subject to IDB constraints re siting in relation to watercourses, and the stables being used for the private purposes applied for rather than 'drifting' into becoming a commercial venture, there is probably no logical reason to raise objections to this proposal. The closeness of the manure store to surrounding properties was raised as a concern. If planners are minded to approve the application, it is hoped that they do so with a condition that permitted development rights are specifically excluded from the permission, to ensure that the development remains as one for the personal use of the owner and not one with a potential to drift into later commercial or residential development. The meeting also queried whether the proposed purpose of the development required the change of use applied for. The claim that the site is 6m above sea level was also queried (*Clerk subsequently checked - this same measure was used within earlier applications*). **Clerk to so report to NSC.**

**19/P/0546/FUH** Briarwood - revision re approved dormer to accommodate staircase to building regs. **Clerk to report no objections.**

**Planning Enforcement:** As a result of public comment, a general issue of the Council's vigilance in planning enforcement issues was raised. (*The Clerk subsequently checked specific examples and confirmed that there were no planning breaches involved*).

#### 050/19 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

**Cllr Redding:** The Hall held a party on Saturday 30th March to celebrate their sheer joy at achieving the purchase of the Hall's freehold and to acknowledge the enormous local effort that had gone into achieving that goal. On top of being able to announce further donations of £1000+, and a Tesco 'Bag' contribution of £2000, this simple and happy Community event raised a further £900 on its own account. Regular hall hirers Niteshift provided a superb musical base against which some 70 people from across our community enjoyed a hugely entertaining evening. The whole event 'sung' of the spirit that, for so many years, provided the wonderful community energy that was the foundation of the hall in the first place.

#### 051/19 ONGOING ITEMS BEING MONITORED BY CLERK

**Puxton Road Drainage at Wyndham Grange:** on job list : **Puxton Lane Grip** Area Officer to do : **Puxton Rd sign by Puxton Lane junction:** Area Officer organising : **A370 Footpath:** 1st section start date due. **A370 Central Refuge:** Confirmation & timetable due : **Oldbridge River Bridge:** Timetable for new bridge due : **Puxton Road 30mph Limit:** being pursued after A370 central refuge organised (minute 017/19 refers).

**Completed: Maysgreen Lane** - road verges alongside cheese factory repaired

#### 053/19 CLLR TOM LEIMDORFER CONGRESBURY & PUXTON WARD COUNCILLOR WITH NSC

Various voices of gratitude permeated events during this brief meeting, but the session could not close without a hugely sincere tribute of thanks being given by everyone to Cllr Tom Leimdorfer who, for the past four years has been a bastion of support to our Council in terms of his attendance record, his local government knowledge, and his patient diligence in supporting us through some of the less-easy moments. We will all miss his wisdom and his dry humour. Thank you Tom.

#### 053/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

**These will be on May 9th as the due date of May 2nd is local election day.**

**Thursday 9th May 2019** - The Parish Council meeting will also be the Annual Meeting and will **start at 7pm.**

**Thursday 9th May 2019** - The Annual Parish Meeting will **start at 8pm.**

The meeting closed at 8.05pm