
PUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual and Ordinary Meetings of the Parish Council on Thursday 9th May 2019, which Started at 7.20pm

Present: Cllrs Jim Corbett (Chair), Jim Howard, Peter Penfold, Clayton Penfold, Lynda Redding

In Attendance: Don Hill (*Clerk*)

Public Attendance: 4

THE ANNUAL MEETING

(the 1st following the local government elections of May 2nd)

- 054/19** Declarations of acceptance of office & register of members' interests were completed.
- 055/19** **ELECTION OF CHAIR & VICE CHAIR:** In the absence of Sue Popperwell, the Clerk called for nominations for the posts of Chair and Vice Chair. After discussion, and without a formal vote, it was unanimously agreed that Cllr Corbett would be Chair and Cllr Redding Vice Chair. Each duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Chair and as Vice Chair. Cllr Corbett took the Chair and welcomed everyone.
- 056/19** **APOLOGIES** were received from Sue Popperwell and Tom Leimdorfer, whose Annual Reports for Puxton Parish Council and North Somerset Council were received for delivery at the immediately following Annual Parish Meeting. These two stalwarts of the past four years, as (Parish Council Chair and Ward Councillor respectively), will be sorely missed.
- 057/19** **APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES** - none
- 058/19** **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT** (*Sue Popperwell, to be delivered at the immediately following Annual Parish meeting*)

THE ORDINARY MEETING

- 059/19** **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS** - none
- 060/19** **PUBLIC SESSION**
George Georgiou, owner of The Full Quart referred to the planning application at Minute 065/19 below, confirming that it was unchanged from that presented by him to the October 2018 meeting of the Council. Colin Barker asked what balance was held on the Community Fund. The Clerk said it was £1567.96. He also asked if the proposed charge of £10 as a Hall membership subscription was put in place. Cllr Redding - also Treasurer to the Village Hall - said it was decided not to make a subscription charge for Membership.
- 061/19** **WARD COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** (*Tom Leimdorfer, delivered at the immediately following Annual Parish meeting*)
- 062/19** **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING** - 4th April 2019 were agreed, and signed by the Chair.
- 063/19** **MATTERS ARISING NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE** - none
- 064/19** **FINANCE**
2018-19 Accounts: these had been pre-circulated, and were reviewed and noted.

Internal Audit, 2018-19 Accounts: The internal audit has been successfully completed. The results will be available at the June meeting so that pre-external audit paperwork can be completed.

Cheques: none

065/19 PLANNING (*Latest Enforcement Report March 2019*)

New: 19/P/0723/OUT Full Quart - Outline application for the addition of overnight accommodation to the existing public house with all matters reserved for subsequent approval. This application was substantially the same as that presented to the October 2018 meeting of the Council. Members felt that the proposal offered both valuable employment opportunities for the Parish as well as ensuring the future of one of its few social amenities. **Clerk to so report to NSC Planning.**

Congresbury Application 19/P/0787/FUL, re Stables at Stonebridge Farm: Whilst the entrance to Stonebridge Farm, on the A370, is just inside the Puxton Parish Boundary, the proposed stables are in the parish of Congresbury, so the Application is with them: it was shared with Puxton by NSC as a courtesy. Members felt that in principle the site is well off the road and presented no substantive reasons for them to object. However, the possibility of time seeing the development of a commercial or domestic unit emerging within the proposed structure was noted. **Clerk to so inform NSC Planners.**

Decision Due: 19/P/0333/FUL Stables opposite Full Quart: details of further complaints, to Cllr Leimdorfer and the Clerk, relating to this application were provided to members and noted.

Granted: 19/P/0546/FUH Briarwood - new dormer.

066/19 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Howard: Referring to the Puxton Village section of Puxton Road, with a blind bend at the Briarwood end and a narrow and confusing junction with Puxton Lane at the other, the possibility of speed bumps was raised. As these would have to be considered, and costed, in conjunction with the £8,000 cost of installing the proposed 20mph speed limit, it was agreed to add the possibility to the item at Minute 067/19 below.

Cllr Corbett: i) The highway edge repair along Maysgreen Lane, alongside the Cheese Factory, is already bringing to disintegrate. ii) Whilst the gully outside the Council Houses has been cleared, it does not seem to have been entirely successful, as it takes a long time to clear after heavy rain. **Clerk to follow-up on these two points with our NSC Area Officer.**

067/19 ONGOING ITEMS BEING MONITORED BY CLERK

Puxton Rd Drainage at Wyndham Grange: on job list : **Puxton Lane Grip** Area Officer to do : **Puxton Rd/Lane junction:** sign re-siting : **A370 Footpath:** 1st section start date due. **A370 Central Refuge:** Confirmation & timetable due : **New Oldbridge River Bridge:** Timetable due : **Puxton Rd 30mph/speed bumps:** pursue after A370 central refuge organised (minute 017/19) : **Maysgreen Lane:** sign at Puxton Rd. The Clerk pointed to the possibility that the new NSC Executive may reorganise budget priorities which, after the inevitable delay, may or may not impact on our ability to get some of these matters dealt with satisfactorily.

068/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - June 6th 2019 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

The meeting closed at 7.50pm