

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 9th January 2020

*All meetings are held at 7.30pm in the Village Hall unless stated otherwise
Stuart Treadaway, our Ward Cllr, attends when possible*

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

In Attendance: Don Hill (Clerk)

Public Attendance: 1

001/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - none

002/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS - none

003/20 PUBLIC SESSION

A resident with land that may have development potential came to introduce himself and to gain a sense of what role the Parish Council plays in the process of his developing plans.

004/20 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING - 5th December 2019 - were agreed, and signed by the Chair.

005/20 MATTERS ARISING NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE - none

006/20 PLANNING (*Latest Enforcement Report November 2019*)

For full details of New applications visit <https://planning.n-somerset.gov.uk/online-applications/>

A370 Pedestrian Crossing - Review of discussion and options discussed in December in light of Clerk's further discussions with NSC planning.

The original plan the Parish Council looked at in November 2018 - which formed the basis of our decision to go ahead and commit to 50% of the cost - was a full pedestrian crossing with dropped curbs and further towards Weston than the options before the December meeting: critically, this meant it did not need the 'build out' that would narrow the Congresbury-end entrance to the lay-by.

Confusion arose because the team designing the work changed, and basically 'started again', without explaining either the change, or the differences - subtle but significant - between the original plan we accepted in November 2018, their new plan of November 2019 and the post-consultation 'options 1-3' we had before us in December 2019. (only received during the late afternoon of the meeting date).

The new team's revised plan of November 2019 had no drop curbs and contained a 'build out' which abutted onto the lay-by thus reducing its entry width. It was this 'build out' which seemed to form the basis of the local objections. Option 1 showed the revised November plan without the build out.

Given this update, and NSC's aspiration for the opinions of the Members to be the same, the meeting reviewed the original November 2018 scheme that they had already committed to, its replacement developed by the new team, and the 3 options the new team prepared post local consultation.

The outcome was a strong belief, firstly that a crossing is vital for long term benefit to bus users and others in this area of the A370, secondly for the links it provides between West Hewish and Maysgreen Lane and, not least, its enabling of social links between those on opposite sides of the A370 who currently have no assisted means of crossing this treacherous road for some 3 miles between Puxton Park and Congresbury.

Having reviewed the options and considered the concerns of the various groups of residents involved in the promotion of, and objection to, the scheme, Members agreed unanimously that the **clerk notify NSC of its view that the original November 2018 plan it has already committed to fund 50% of is the scheme they would wish to see executed.**

New: 19/P/2868/LBC 2 Annes Lodge, Bristol Road. Installation of 4 conservation roof-lights into north, east and south roof elevations above staircase/atrium and 2 sun pipes into west roof elevations above staircase. **The need is obvious and the visual intrusion on this listed building is minimal - no objections**

Due: 19/P/0815/FUL Puxton Pk car park **19/P/0704/FUL** J21 Park & Ride. **Mendip View Business Park: 19/P/2633/FUL** Erection of 9 additional light industrial units. **Wick Lane Solar Farm: 19/P/2738/FUL** extension to 40 year life. **Pilhay Farm: 19/P/2773/FUL:** Alterations to buildings. **Heathfield Park: 19/P/2816/FUL:** 3 additional pitches. **19/P/2818/FUL:** 4 additional pitches.

19/P/0723/OUT Full Quart. Called in to Planning & Regulatory Committee meeting, where Cllrs Corbett & Howard will not able to speak. A letter of support was signed by all Members: **Clerk to post.**

Refused: 19/P/2623/FUL Variations of conditions on prior permission.

007/20 FINANCE

2019-20 Accounts: pre-circulated with meeting papers, reviewed and noted.

2020-21 Draft Budget: discussed and approved as **attached to these minutes.**

Cheques: 252 £160 VisionICT - re Website annual fee.

008/20 ITEMS MONITORED BY CLERK

Puxton Lane: Blocked under-road culvert at Goose Acre Farm.

Maysgreen Lane Cheese Factory 'temporary' edge repair on job list.

Puxton Lane Grip in hand via area officer.

Puxton Lane Curb: Flood resistance team response awaited.

Puxton Rd Drainage at Council Houses/Wyndham Grange: There was camera survey done just before Christmas. For some reason the new gully was not connected to the old gully. There is a buried manhole in the verge opposite. The intention is to get the manhole uncovered and the cover replaced and raised to verge level and to get the two gullies connected. The original works allowed for the new gully to be connected to the existing... but it didn't happen. Revised working patterns may mean this matter gets resolved sooner rather than later... but it may yet slip into next year's NSC budget.

Puxton Road - Curb break by Briarwood Farm. Area Officer response awaited.

Puxton Rd/Lane Junction - White lines (signage too?) being investigated by NSC.

Puxton Rd/Lane junction: sign re-siting on job list... but in queue.

Wick Lane Rail Bridge: further clearing of verges due.

Wick Lane: Gully outside Manor Farm floods. Update report due.

A370 Footpath: **Clerk to update his original letter of complaint to the new NSC officer in charge.**

A370 Flailing: significant sections not been done and are further impeding use of the A370 footpath. It is the responsibility of either NSC or individual landowners. **Clerk to follow up with Area Officer.**

009/20 OTHER MATTERS

Governance: Updated Discipline & Grievance Policy based on NALC updated template was pre-circulated, reviewed and agreed. **Clerk to formally include within Governance documents.**

010/20 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Redding

Hedges at Flavours: these are intruding on the sight-lines of traffic emerging from Maysgreen Lane. They are still waiting on the timetable of the contractor to get hedges cut back.

Holy Saviour Churchyard: A volunteer rota is being worked out between Cllr Redding and St Andrew's Congresbury to ensure the long term ground maintenance of this grade one listed redundant church.

Cllrs Howard and P Penfold

Cllr Redding organised a hugely successful party in the Hall to celebrate the new roof - raising some £900 for further renovations: she has also been a dynamo behind getting a long term volunteer maintenance plan in place for the St Saviour's Churchyard, where so many local families have relatives interred. She and her drive deserve - and got - a unanimous vote of thanks from Members, with thanks also to the teams of volunteers who have joined her in these efforts.

011/20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - February 6th 2020 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm