

PUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

Puxton & Hewish

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Minutes of the ZOOM Parish Council Meeting Held on 23rd July 2020 at 6pm

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

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

In Attendance: Don Hill (Clerk)

Public Attendance: 0

049/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - James Glimstead

050/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS - Cllr Redding re planning application 20/P/1250/OUT, due to familial connections.

051/20 PUBLIC SESSION - none

052/20 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING - Friday 22nd May 2020 - were agreed, and will be signed by the Chair electronically.

053/20 MATTERS ARISING NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE - none

054/20 PLANNING (For full application details visit <https://planning.n-somerset.gov.uk/online-applications/>)

New: 20/P/1250/OUT Outline application for the siting of a static home in Maysgreen Lane. 20/P/1493/FUL Cowslip Lane - Erection of 3no. additional industrial units within the B1, B2 and B8 Use Classes. 20/P/1624/TPO Treetops, A370 - 5x Poplars Pollard to previous points. After discussion, **No objections to any of these applications, except that the same conditions relating to rural employment, so integral to application 19/P/2633/FUL, should be applied on an even-handed basis to application 20/P/1493/FUL.**

Highways: 20/P/1441/R3 Puxton Lane - Oldbridge River Bridge Replacement: this is an active application by NSC Highways and was not formally before the meeting. It was happily noted that the replacement appears to be a genuine attempt to replace the old on as much of a like-for-like basis as is possible within the demands required of future use expectations over the next 60 years. Albeit the 7.5 ton weight restriction will remain in place, concerns do linger that the huge lorries that currently get 'sat-naved' down Puxton Lane will find it a more successful routing than hitherto. In practice the 7.5 ton limit is seriously compromised because of the the bi-line on such notices saying 'Except for Access'. This bi-line make the weight limit all but unenforceable in practical terms. Notwithstanding this worry, **the application was supported.**

Due: 19/P/0815/FUL Puxton Park car park. 19/P/2633/FUL Mendip View units. 19/P/2773/FUL Pilhay alterations. 20/P/0701/FUL Puxton Park - Storage buildings. 20/P/1322/MMA barn exterior from brick and wood cladding to all brick. 20/P/1225/FUH Watermans, Bristol Road; two storey side and single storey rear extensions.

Approved: 20/P/0541/FUL Dressage arena. 20/P/1019/FUH Westerly Cottage West Wick extension etc.

055/20 FINANCE

2020-21 Accounts: Pre-circulated, reviewed and noted. No cheques were due for signature.

056/20 ITEMS MONITORED BY CLERK (shared with Area Officer each month)

A370 Pedestrian Crossing: Lock-down has slowed this project, but it is being progressed.

Puxton Lane Goose Acre Farm: Culvert to be jetted in a programme due to start in mid-August: it will require the road to be closed while the work is done.

Lanes curb breakups: Temporary repairs not ideal, but, the only solution on offer. Being monitored by area officer.

Puxton Road - The work needed to resolve the highway flooding problems at Council Houses has been identified. Officers are hoping that funding for the work *might* be found from this financial year's funds.

A370 Footpath: Path clearance work completed.

Wick Lane: Cllr Redding will check precisely which gullies are involved in the periodic flooding outside Manor Farm, as the Area Officer can see nothing visibly wrong with any of the surrounding gullies.

Puxton Lane: A field access was built about a year ago, across the rhyne opposite the industrial estate: it has no visible culvert running under it. The Clerk has visited the site several times and noted that the water levels always match on either side of the access, indicating that a culvert must be there, but the rhyne is currently too overgrown to see it. Cllr Penfold said that the ditches in the area that drain into the rhyne system are the responsibility of the farmers over whose land they pass. All too often farmers do not keep these waterways properly dredged, and back up water floods onto highways and adjoining property away from the causal site.

A370 - on the bend near SJH Machinery:

i) **Flooding:** Many years ago a broken pipe was identified and repaired, and an extra gully installed. Beany blocks (to a layman, kerbstones with holes in their sides, that assist surface water run-off in difficult-to-drain locations), have been installed. Recently a 4" pipe has been installed (size limited by tree roots) from the manhole to the ditch. This pipe is at a higher level than the ditch into which it drains and should hopefully help the water discharge from the carriageway. Discussions with the IDB about the water levels in the ditch are ongoing, but there is no simple fix to this problem.

ii) **Vibration damage:** A property adjacent to the carriageway has complained of vibration damage and discomfort. NSC are doing some pre surface-dressing patching: they have identified some patches on the bend and will also be carrying out centre line joint sealing. The road will then be surface dressed at a later date. NSC plan to visit the complainant to explain what their plans are.

A370 link between Old Post Office and Palmers Elm: Complaint that this needs widening. The Area Officer confirms that this used to be wider, and needs re-widening. He is investigating how best to get this done.

057/20 OTHER MATTERS

Puxton & Hewish Together: Ways to bring our community together (*to be progressed after lockdown*):

In terms of Parish sectors we have: *West Hewish - East Hewish - Palmers Elm/Maysgreen Lane - Puxton Road/Puxton Lane - A370 Moorland Park to Full Quart - A370 J21 to Full Quart : Non-residential businesses*

1. We could have a key person in each sector with the time and commitment and 'social comfortableness' to be accepted as the person able to devote and keep up a positive contact with their neighbours, delivering P&H Community News, coordinating Village Hall activities, and 'caring for each other' etc.
2. We could re-try Jim Howard's idea of developing an email list - and a permissions register, so that we can legally contact people by email/post/ hand delivery etc.

This item was discussed in practical communication terms and also in terms of long term sustainability as a social engine for the community. It was agreed that it should remain on the agenda for future development when the constrictions of lock-down eased.

058/20 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Corbett: The matter has been through the agenda process before, but Cllr Corbett remains concerned that parking on the junction of Palmers Elm and Maysgreen Lane is a traffic hazard.

Cllr Howard: Puxton Lane, between the Puxton Road junction and the Oldbridge River bridge, is hazardously overgrown. Trimming cannot be done until the Autumn, but Cllr Redding pointed out that trimming done to reduce a traffic hazard is permissible. Cllr Howard to provide precise location details so that the **Clerk can follow up**.

Cllr Redding: Village Hall renovations are proceeding well and are expected to be completed by mid-August. The voluntary Puxton churchyard maintenance plan, worked out with St Andrews Congresbury last year, is working well. By and large, Congresbury do the mowing and Puxton do the strimming.

059/20 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - September 3rd via Zoom, or in the Hall, depending on regulatory diktat.

The meeting closed at 6.50pm