
PUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

Puxton & Hewish

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You are summoned to a Council Meeting on December 5th 2019

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

All are welcome, unless precluded by a procedural resolution. You will not be entitled to speak, except within the Public Session

Don Hill - Clerk

AGENDA & AGENDA NOTES

We have vacancies for two Councillors - contact the Clerk or a Councillor, in the first instance, to apply

- 1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- 2 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS**
- 3 **PUBLIC SESSION** Representatives will be present re the Chestnut Farm applications at Item 6.
- 4 **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING** - 7th November 2019 - to be agreed, and signed by the Chair.
- 5 **MATTERS ARISING NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE**
- 6 **PLANNING** (*Latest Enforcement Report November 2019*)
For full details of these applications visit <https://planning.n-somerset.gov.uk/online-applications/>
New: Mendip View Business Park (Chestnut Farm), Bristol Road, Hewish - 2 applications: 19/P/2623/FUL Variations of conditions on prior permission. **19/P/2633/FUL** Erection of 9 additional light industrial units. **19-P-2738-FUL** - Wick Lane Solar Farm, West Hewish extension from 24 to 40 year life.
Due: 19/P/0815/FUL Puxton Park car park. **19/P/0704/FUL** J21 Park & Ride. **19/P/0723/OUT** Full Quart.
Granted: 19/P/1448/FUL Wick Lane Barn.
- 7 **OTHER MATTERS**
Broadband - Truespeed Update:
- 8 **COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 7th November 2019

*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: 0

119/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - none

120/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS - none

121/19 PUBLIC SESSION - none

122/19 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING - 3rd October 2019 - were agreed, and signed by the Chair.

123/19 MATTERS ARISING NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE - none

124/19 PLANNING (*Latest Enforcement Report November 2019*)

Decisions Due: **19/P/0815/FUL** Puxton Park car park. **19/P/0704/FUL** J21 Park & Ride. **19/P/0723/OUT** Full Quart. **19/P/1448/FUL** Wick Lane Barn.

Approved: **19/P/1889/FUL** Pool Farm - from 4 to 2, self-contained dwellings.

125/19 OTHER MATTERS

Holy Saviour Church: This wonderful grade 1 listed 13th century gem was declared redundant in 2002 and is administered by the Church Conservation Trust. However, the graveyard is still in use as a consecrated site and its upkeep falls to the Parish under the jurisdiction of our vicar at St Andrews Church Congresbury. The Parish Council have been vexed for some years that the graveyard has become overgrown and is not resourced for regular maintenance. Councillor Peter Penfold organised a clear up some 18 months ago, but, recently, residents have been distressed that their family graves are becoming undermined by animals. The Parish Council agreed to fund strimming during July and August 2019, and there have also been several volunteer strimming days during the summer. During this year Councillor Redding has been in discussions with the Vicar to see if a regular programme of maintenance can be established preferably via volunteers, as happens in Congresbury. By spring 2020 it is planned that Congresbury volunteers will do the mowing and Puxton volunteers will do the strimming. Cllr Redding reported that she and two others had volunteered to be Puxton trimmers and Cllrs Howard and Clayton Penfold offered their services and equipment, bringing the volunteer register up to five. This programme of regular work will bring this very special site up to a standard to match that of its parent Church, which is so admired by residents and tourists alike.

Wyndham Grange lights: Cllr Howard is sorting this out with the owner.

Puxton Lane Curb: just past the garden centre, towards Puxton, the road narrows before going through a sharp left hand bend. A plastic bollard has disintegrated - probably damaged by NSC contractors mowing the verge. Cllr Corbett reported this damage to the meeting some months ago, but NSC policy defaults to not replacing these bollards. However, it transpires that this particular bollard is the key indicator to drivers at this narrow spot that there is a rhyne immediately to their left. During the heavy October rains this stretch of road has flooded on several occasions - making the curb and rhyne 'invisible' to drivers. We now learn that the curb stone is also damaged. One resident recently

experienced car damage, because the curb was hidden by floods, and is making a claim on NSC for that damage. Another resident submitted photos of recent flooding - including outside Cllr Howard's home (also noted by the Clerk and immediately adjacent to the drainage problem at Council Houses). Our NSC Area engineer has already registered the Puxton Lane issue and is revisiting the site with a view to submitting the problem to NSC's flood resistance team. Solving the problem will be expensive and involve the Internal Drainage Board in re-engineering the Rhynes. Members accepted that the resolution may have to be hard fought for, but determined that they would maintain pressure on NSC to get the problem resolved. **Clerk to report the Puxton Road blocked gully outside Howard Cottage.**

126/19 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Redding: Village Hall - With a new roof above our heads, the Village Hall is holding a party to celebrate this first major refurbishment project. It will be on Saturday December 14th with a band, supper, and BYO drinks. Tickets will be £15 per each, obtainable from Cllr Redding.

Cllr Corbett: Puxton Road - Travelling towards Maysgreen Lane one passes the Council Houses and Briarwood Farm. Adjoining Briarwood on the Maysgreen Lane end is the property's garden. The highway along this stretch has broken up and has caused Cllr Corbett to suffer a split tyre when he had to pull over for one of the monster agricultural vehicle using the road. **Clerk to report to NSC.**

Cllr Howard: Puxton Road/Puxton Lane Junction - The huge cost (some £30,000) of needed revisions to this junction - incorporating the 'sense of village' that the village green, the church and the the historic homes provides - is not affordable in the immediate or medium term, but must not to be lost sight of. In the spirit of positiveness, a more immediate possibility would be white lines, and signage indicating the driver caution needed in negotiating this junction from any direction. **Clerk to follow up with NSC.**

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Maysgreen Lane: road sign may well not now be replaced as current NSC policy is not to do so where a sign is in place on the other side of a junction as there is in this case.

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Council Houses Gully 30metres jettted Sept 23rd: still not clear. CCTV survey booked.

New Oldbridge River Bridge: Flood risk assessment in hand prior to a planning application - which will come before this Council. Build is within the capital programme 2020/2021.

A370 Central Refuge: On current year job list. £4300 expected to be PPC contribution from this year's capital budget.

Puxton Rd 30mph/Puxton Road/Lane Triangle Re-Engineering: See Cllr Howard's report above at Minute 126/19.

Completed Works: Wick Lane Rail Bridge: signs fixed : **Maysgreen Lane:** finger post at Puxton Rd.

129/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - December 5th 2019 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The Meeting Closed at 8.30pm

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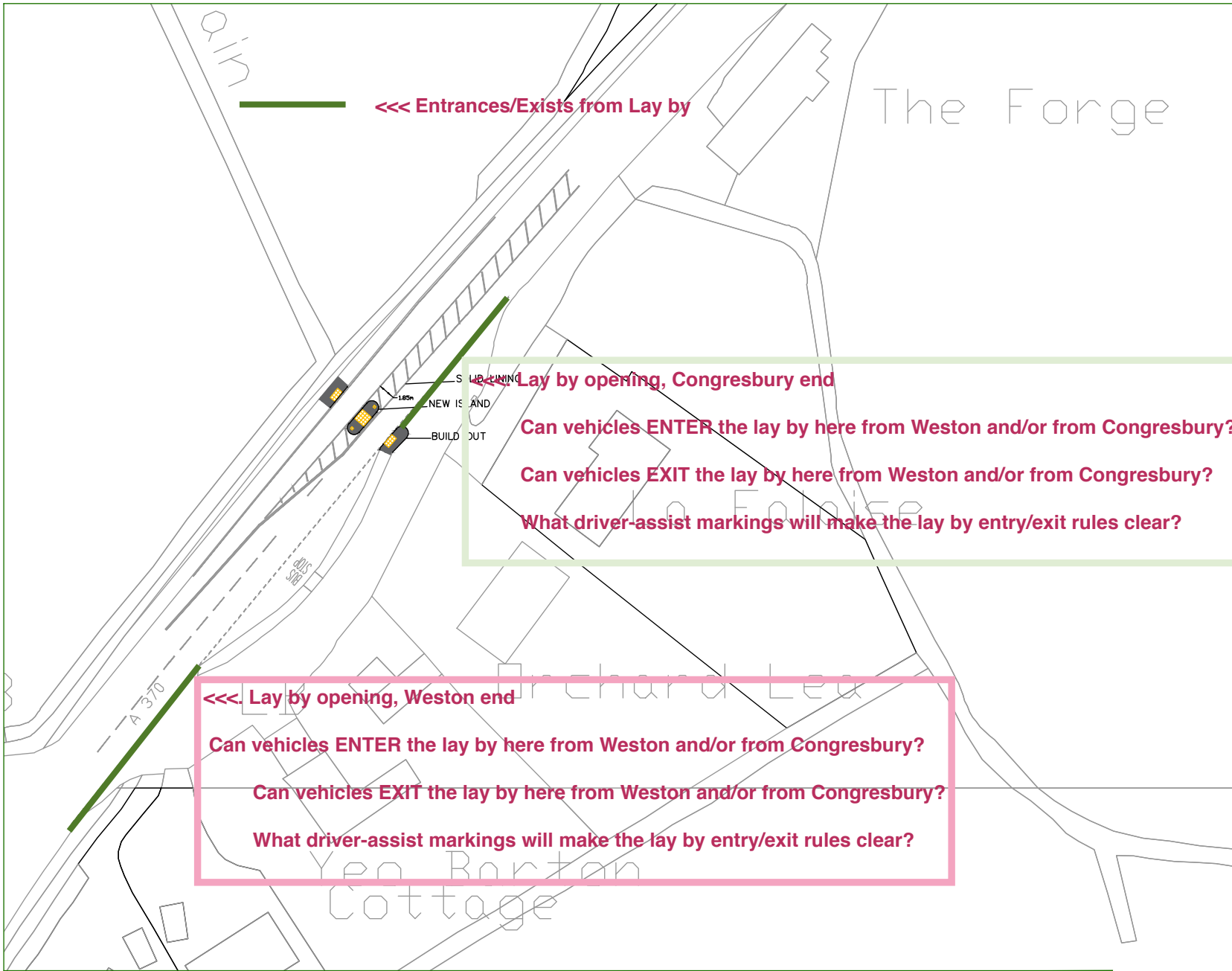
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KEY

■ Denotes area of new bituminous surfacing around buff coloured tactile paving

Notes

1. This drawing shows a proposed dropped crossing point for pedestrians
2. The layby island is lengthened and incorporates a small build out

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