

# Puxton Parish Council

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**Chairman:** Cllr J Gilbody

**Minutes of the Puxton Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday  
the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2011 at Hewish Village Hall. The Meeting commenced at 7-30pm**

**Present** Councillors J Gilbody (Chairman), M Cunningham (Vice Chairman), M Hamlin,  
A McKenzie and G Board  
Clerk Colin Hill  
Unitary Councillor I Porter (8-30pm)  
Press J Franklin Weston Mercury  
Liaison Officer M Jones  
Police PCSO Emma Wright  
Seven Members of the Public

**P.C Church Report if available.**

PCSO Emma Wright gave a report on 2 months crime figures  
There had been 33 calls of which 4 crimes of note. One arson, two thefts and one motor  
vehicle theft. Fly tipping in Puxton Lane could lead to another prosecution  
The new non –emergency police number would come into force next month which is  
nationally 101  
A date would be set for speed gun use instruction in the near future.  
Some discussion took place about the PACT priorities relating to speeding and flytipping

**Public participation** – open house discussion (if required).

Mr. Glimstead asked who owned the St Anne's School Car Park.  
Mr. Carter asked the Clerk if the Council had received a letter from his Solicitors  
regarding the car park-which he now accepted he did not own. The Clerk confirmed he  
had received a letter from Mr. Carters Solicitors.  
At this stage the Clerk advised the meeting that any discussions about the car park were  
premature and advised the meeting not to continue as the Council and Mr. Carter were  
present and it was not in the interest of either as nothing would be done or achieved at  
this stage  
Nothing can be done to the current situation until (and if) the school should close.  
Nothing can be planned prior to this stage.

Mr. Jones had circulated Photographs of gateways to villages showing lovely flowers etc. but in the case of Hewish a car-boot sign strapped to the new village planter  
The Clerk had sent these on to NSDC.

Cllr Mackenzie explained the Parish Position in that they had been to the highest Councillor (the Leader) and Senior Officers to get inappropriate street signs on highway furniture removed. This had happened but it appears now it has stopped. All the Parish can do is to press NSDC to continue to remove all such signs; the Clerk has already reminded the NSDC Council

Mr. Jones raised the issue of the 40mph speed reduction signs and he felt it was poorly done He raised issues of how it could be improved with more repeater and floor signs

Mr. Jones raised the issue of the litter on the A370 through Hewish. The Clerk will again go back to the Area Officer to try and get a more regular pick of the hedgerows

Mr. Thorn raised the issue of street lights being turned off but wanted to make the point that outside his public house now with no lights makes him an easier target for burglars etc. Clerk will write to the relevant Officer with the views of getting some strategically left on.

Issues relating to the planters are dealt with under item 4

#### **New P.A.C.T Priorities**

There were no changes

#### **1. Apologies for Absence.**

Cllr T Dalley

#### **2. Notification of Interests.**

None

**3. Adoption of Minutes** (already circulated) of The Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 7th July 2011 were approved with no changes

#### **4. Matters Arising as a Matter of Report from those Minutes**

##### **a, Planters**

A promise of removing the village sign on the WSM side from the front of the planter to the back had still not been done. Cllr Dalley in a letter to the Council suggested we do not take up the offer of the 600mmx 400mm advertising signs as they were too small to be seen but suggested advertisers arrange their own sizes and planning requirements

It was decided that Cllr Gilbody would obtain some soil and fill the planters and possibly take up an offer by either network rail or the full Quart local pub to plant them up

##### **40mph Speed Limit**

The issues referred to in Public participation were noted and the Clerk would write to the relevant officer

Cllr McKenzie explained to the meeting that for years the school and Council had campaigned to get the reduction. NSDC did not want to do this but it was the Parish in the end with meetings with the Leader and Officers supplying factual details that won the

day. He hedged that we clearly acknowledge that it was the School we wanted covered and other areas were a bonus nevertheless improvements can and should be made

### **c, Planning Procedure Update**

There is no change to the present system for small Councils like Puxton

### **d, Palmers Elm Road**

The Clerk had reported to NSDC the serious state of this road and the Area officer was trying to get action taken. This was in response to a letter from a local resident.

### **e, Car Boot Signs**

Dealt with in Public participation and Planters

### **Village Hall Noticeboard**

The Board has been burnt as an act of vandalism and where normally it would be scrapped an attempt would be made to repair it as these boards are not insured.

Cllr Gilbody may be able to get some parts from some scrap at his offices in Mendip which may be of assistance.

## **5. Finance for June 2011**

- a Clerk Salary & exp July £163.20, £ 30.00 Expenses, £40.80 Inland Revenue
- b, Village plan exp £43 90
- c Clerks Salary and exp August £163.20, £ 30.00 Expenses, £40.80 Inland Revenue
- d, Shaw's (new Minute Book) £91.19
- e, Advert £57.60
- f, AON Insurance £381.86
- g, Mazars External Auditors £144.00

### **5b, External Auditor**

The Clerk reported that the Audit was returned with no comments.

5 and 5b acceptance was proposed by Cllr McKenzie and seconded by Cllr Board  
Vote was unanimous

## **6. Planning Issues**

### **a, 11/P/1217/F Tall Trees, Mays green Lane, Hewish, Puxton**

#### **Applicant Mr. & Mrs. Herman**

Erection of a single story side and rear extension

### **b, 11/P/1226/F Little Farm (New Bungalow), Bristol Road, Hewish, Puxton**

#### **Applicant Mr. Grey and Mrs. Frake**

Erection of a single storey rear extension for childcare business. Erection of a single storey and two storey rear and first floor extension for additional first floor living accommodation for residential use. Erection of a conservatory to north east elevation. Erection of a single storey porch.

The Council supported local businesses and offered no comments on this application

### **Applications Approved**

#### **11/P/0964/F Avon Plants, Puxton Lane, Puxton**

**Applicant Avon Plants c/o Mr. C Iles**

Change of use from nursery to nursery with retail outlet for garden related products and a café to include erection of a roof over existing greenhouse, cladding and windows to the east and south elevations

Approved

**11/P/1056/F Land at Mendip Caravan Centre, Bristol Road, Hewish, Puxton.**

**Applicant C.P Mikulla Ltd, Fourwinds Farm, Congresbury.**

Change of use from car park to car sales (retrospective)

Approved

**11/P/0933/F Holm Lea, Bristol Road, Hewish. Puxton.**

**Applicant Mr. V Smith**

Erection of replacement detached garage and replacement front porch following demolition of existing garage and existing porch. Construction of dormer window to front elevation and other minor alterations top house. (Amendment to planning permission 10/P/1318/F)

Approved

**11/P/0504/F Puxton Park, Cowslip Lane. Puxton**

**Applicant Mr. A Mead c/o Puxton Park, Cowslip Lane. Puxton**

Construction of a boating lake with a bund, track and access paths for use with the Puxton Visitor Centre

Approved

**11/P/0850/ADV Debbie Lock Health & Beauty, Spa Locke, The Grange, West Hewish**

**Applicant As Above**

Retention of free standing non-illuminated sign

Approved

**11/P/0650/F Whndham Grange, Puxton Road, Puxton**

**Applicant Mr. Janes**

Erection of a replacement dwelling

Approved

**11/P/0878/F Field 82, Field Opposite The Round Pond, Bristol Road**

**Applicant Mr. K Glinstead**

Change of use from agricultural land to a touring caravan site for 15 caravans

Application refused

## **7. Meeting with Network Rail**

The meeting was scheduled for October 4<sup>th</sup> 2pm at the Village hall  
Cllrs McKenzie, Dalley Board and Redding would represent Puxton. Cllr Hockley or Allen would represent Wick St Lawrence and NSDC would send either Officers Cox or Smith.

Cllrs were of the opinion that the two major players were NSDC and Network Rail and we should do our best to get the best deal for locals to access the area and venues

## **8. General Correspondences. (Not agenda items)**

Southern Area Committee Papers for July/ August 2011

North Somerset Local Access Forum July 2011

N-Somerset Supported Bus Services

Future of local services

Future of bus services

## **The future of local services was for a meeting set up by NSDC on October 6<sup>th</sup>**

Clerk and Cllr Gilbody will attend

## **Future of Bus Services related to the provision**

Some discussion took place but it was decided to try and hold on to what we already have. Thought was again given to trying to get the X1 to stop in Hewish but in the end no action would be taken as the Council had failed twice in this application and circumstances had not changed significantly to justify another request

## **9. Councillors Reports.**

**Cllr Redding** would be asked to becoming the second Councillor to review Planning alongside Cllr Board

**Cllr Gilbody** raised the issue of the Village Plan as he had been asked to do so in a letter from Cllr Dalley

## **Several points were raised regarding the process from here for the implementation of a Village Plan**

### **Finance**

The Clerk reported that £500 was precepted for the Plan (£43.90 had been spent so far)

### **Letter to residents**

**Cllr Dalley** had prepared a draft of which he circulated. That letter has to be finalised with dates for final comments, the date for the next open meeting, and the process of an election of a steering committee must be part of that letter.

### **Businesses**

A list of local businesses will need to be finalised and either a letter sent or a meeting set up with them will need to be finalised

### **Who What and When**

Somewhere ahead of the meeting an agenda will need to be arranged where the public have to take the issue forward with the help of the Parish not visa-versa

This will involve a steering committee lead by a Chair not from the Parish Council

Concern was expressed that this ought to accompany the letter to residents and possibly business

This issue will need to be resolved before letters are sent out in the meantime an attempt through various channels would be made to form a business list and addresses

**10. Date of Next Meeting Thursday October 6th 2011**  
**Meeting closed at 9pm**

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