

# Puxton Parish Council

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**Chairman:**

**Minutes of the Puxton Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday  
the 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2011 at Hewish Village Hall. The Meeting commenced at 7-30pm**

**Present** Councillors M Cunningham (Vice Chairman), M Hamlin, A McKenzie  
G Board, T Dalley and C Redding  
Clerk Colin Hill  
Unitary Councillor I Porter  
Press J Franklin Weston Mercury  
7 Members of the Public

## **Public Participation –**

Mrs. Thomas was concerned about issues of access to the area around the Network Rail Bridge. The Chairman thanked Mrs. Thomas for her views and as this was an Agenda item it would be discussed in detail then.

Mr. Glimstead asked why his item referring to planning and minute issues was not on the Agenda

The Clerk reported that he had first knowledge of this on the previous Monday and the Agenda was already out and in the hands of Members. If Council so wish it could be dealt with as an extra item added to the Planning Section with the permission of the Chairman and Councillors.

Cllr McKenzie suggested that the item be taken and Members agreed. The Clerk pointed out that this would have to be designated and approved prior to discussion as the meeting had not officially opened.

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

A verbal report was given by the Clerk. The report covered the 6<sup>th</sup> October to 3<sup>rd</sup> November. There were 24 calls to the police in the period of which three were of consideration for the Parish. They were 1 theft and 2 GBH.

Two members of the community went on a Speedwatch induction session on the A370 in the new 40mph zone. The police report highlights only two cars exceeding the limit and that was by slightly over 40mph.

If the Council wants a Speedwatch group then it will need a Coordinator and Members. The police will await the Council decision

Following the report Mr. Jones who was one of the residents questioned the P.C analysis of the small amount of drivers over 40mph.  
It was decided to ask the Police Officer for clarification

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

PACT priorities will remain the same.

#### **1. Opening Of the Meeting** The meeting opened at 7-40pm

##### **1a, Apologies for Absence.**

Liaison Officer M Jones and the Police

#### **2. To accept the Resignation of Chairman Cllr Gilbody**

Cllr McKenzie proposed that a Councillor should go and speak to Cllr Gilbody to ascertain why he was leaving and at such short notice.

Cllr Dalley said he had already done so and he gave some of the reasons and he was sure he would not be swayed to return even as a Councillor. The Vice-Chairman felt it was still a good idea. Cllrs agreed that Cllr McKenzie see Councillor Gilbody in an official capacity representing the Council and report back.

In the meantime the Councillor Gilbody's resignation is on hold.

#### **3, To elect a new Chairman for the Quadrennial (optional)**

##### **3a, To elect a Vice –Chairman for the Quadrennial (optional)**

In view of the decision of Agenda Item 2, Agenda item 3 and 3a were deferred.

#### **4. Notification of Interests.**

Cllr Dally and Redding both declared a personal interest in Agenda item 10

Cllr Redding declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda item 9

**5. Adoption of Minutes** (already circulated) of The Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2011. The minutes were adopted with no changes.

Proposed by Cllr McKenzie seconded by Cllr Hamlin

All agreed

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

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

There was still some confusion on this issue as it was still a problem.

The Clerk raised the issue of the sign at the Weston end of the village still obscuring the planter. Cllr Porter confirmed it would be done eventually by NSDC

As far as filling them was concerned, Cllr Gilbody had offered to do so with compost and plants etc.

It was decided that as Network Rail had agreed some “community basis” money the way forward was for them to do it or pay for it. This was agreed

## **b, Notice Board**

The price of repair was virtually a price of a new notice board. Clerk will get quotes for a new board by the next meeting

## **c, Future service provision meeting 6<sup>th</sup> October feed back**

The Clerk gave a verbal report on his meeting with other Parishes and NSDC about the delegation of services to Parishes. His view was apart from hedgerow work and verges etc. he could not think of other services that could be delegated.

Some discussion took place about litter and Orderly's but the Parish discussed an Orderly at its precept meeting and decided against.

Issues would be reviewed if they came up.

## **7. Finance**

a Clerk Salary & exp September £163.20, £ 30.00 Expenses, £40.80 Inland Revenue

b, Village Hall Hire 3 meetings £30.00

c, Clerk Salary & exp October £163.20, £ 30.00 Expenses, £40.80 Inland Revenue

d, Tax Rebate C Hill £208.21

e, Webglu Yearly Fee £102.00

f, Webglue £18.00

g, New I.T Equipment £100.00

The Clerk explained that the £100.00 for New IT equipment was to use mainly at Planning as NSDC wanted to go over to a paperless system.

The £100.00 will pay for a laptop, projector and screen but valued at a £1000.00.

The payment was approved but will appear again when the goods arrive

Proposed Cllr Redding seconded Cllr McKenzie

## **8. Planning Issues**

### **a, Applications**

#### **11/P/1937/F Land adjacent (South West) to Moorland Park Caravan Park, Hewish, Puxton**

##### **Applicant Moorland Park Residents Association via Agent**

Change of use of land and engineering works to include alterations to the level of the land, to provide an equestrian center, to include ménage, jumping/training areas, and trap racing track, paddocks and lake

The following is the extract from the letter sent to NSDC.

The Parish Council has concerns over what is seen as a large and extensive application.

It wishes to consult its residents about this and will return with more extensive comments as soon as possible.

It however wishes to make the following broad observations for consideration

1. Access to the A370 for traffic. The Council considers there will be problems with Lorries etc. entering and leaving the site.
2. By nature of the work the visual amenity will be largely effected in an area of rural landscape and the area is seen as a barrier between the villages of Congresbury and Puxton
3. The area is on a flood plain and habitat area

4. The Parish is aware there are still caravan type buildings at the entrance and are still under enforcement or awaiting action and that should be dealt with within this application.
5. The Parish is concerned should NSDC deem to approve this application then clear time controls should be placed on the usage and they would want to know how it would be policed

## **8b**

### **Mr. Glimstead**

#### **Issue Relating to Planning and Minutes**

Cllr McKenzie proposed and seconded by the Vice-chairman that the issue be taken onto the agenda. It was agreed.

Cllrs had received an e-mail from Cllr Dalley highlighting the issue and suggesting his solution. Not all Councillors are on Email.

Cllr Hamlin was of the opinion that it was or could be complicated and he proposed a Councilor in conjunction with the Clerk investigate the issue and report back.

Cllr McKenzie was asked if he would take on the role and he agreed.

Cllr Hamlin then formally proposed that Cllr McKenzie investigate the issues with the Clerk, it was seconded by Cllr Redding. It was put to the vote and it was carried by 4 votes to 1

#### **8c, Planning Approved/Rejected/Appeals etc.**

None at present.

## **9. Meeting with Network Rail**

Report from meeting of the 14th October.

The Clerk had already circulated his report on the meeting of a group of Puxton Councillors and Wick St Lawrence Councillor held on the 14<sup>th</sup> October. It has been widely circulated and put on the website.

There were still concerns, such as signage issues, gritting of the road in case of bad weather and people looking to park cars either side of bridge. It was stressed that there was only a set down area for vehicles either side. It was hoped that a community fund that Network Rail are trying to put together would pay in relation to salting of roads and other issues such as extra signs. There was concern for businesses such as the Brewery who did major trade at Christmas and to make sure access and a sign showing access was in position at the Bourton Lane T junction as there may be confusion about which bridge is closed.

The bridge has to be replaced as it is 140years old and Councillors would deal with issues if and when they came up.

It was felt that after a week things should settle down.

## **10. National Grid Issues**

Cllr Redding moved to the back benches and only raised the issue of a Community Fund for the area that may benefit Hewish and Puxton

It was decided that the position of Puxton Parish Council would remain the same, i.e. that it would await a planning application before a Council position on the final detail was

known however it was important that consideration for an application for a grant was processed.

A new Village Hall was the most prominent idea. This would need to be eventually put to the Village Hall Committee

**11. General Correspondences.** (Not agenda items)

Southern Area Committee Minutes October 2011

**12. Village Plan.**

It was decided to defer this item until the Council Chairman issue was resolved.

**13. Councillors Reports.**

Cllr Hamlin asked if there was any likelihood that the potholes of Palmers End would be filled. Clerk had reported but would report again.

**Cllr McKenzie** asked about the Enforcement issues of the Travellers Rest Site.

Cllr Porter reported that it was being attended to at this time.

**Cllr Dalley** was concerned about who was operating and in control of the website. It was an issue that would be raised with Cllr Gilbody.

**Cllr Dalley** suggested that 4 grit bins were needed on the Network Rail Bridge.

It was decided to put these forward for purchase at the January Precept meeting.

**Cllr Dalley** raised the issue of the Clerks position. The Clerk reported that it was stalled because of the potential resignation of the Chairman.

Cllr McKenzie will review the issue and report back as part of his brief.

**Cllr Dalley** reported that flu jabs were available at the Congresbury Surgery.

**14. Date of Next Meeting January 5<sup>th</sup> 2012.**

Planning issues would be delegated to Cllr Board and Redding

Other necessary business to Vice-Chairman and Clerk

Meeting Closed 9-06pm