

Puxton Parish Council

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Chairman: Cllr J Gilbody

Minutes of the Puxton Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday the 7th July 2011 at Hewish Village Hall. The Meeting commenced at 7-30pm

Present Councillors J Gilbody, (Chairman) M Cunningham, (Vice Chairman) M Hamlin, A McKenzie, G Board and C Redding
Clerk Colin Hill

Unitary Councillor I Porter (8-15pm)

Thirteen Members of the Public

Public participation – open house discussion (if required).

P.C Church Report if available.

No police report was available

New P.A.C.T Priorities

The PACT priorities remain the same but will be part of a future Village Appraisal exercise

1. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr T Dalley

Liaison Officer M Jones

PCSO Emma Wright

2. Notification of Interests.

None

3. Adoption of Minutes (already circulated) of The Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 2nd June 2011 were adopted.

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

The Clerk had received notification that the road signs would be resited in the planters within two weeks and advertising signs of 600mmx 400mm could be worded and available in three weeks when the wording is known.

b, Speed Limit A370

Not in place yet but the process is ongoing

c, Planning Procedure Update

NSDC have not withdrawn their paperwork to small parishes and the issue is still to be decided

d, Puxton Lane Bridge Repair

The bridge has been repaired and is back in operation. Recorded thanks to Glyn Evans the Officer for keeping everyone informed during the process

e. Letter from District Auditor

Following circulation of the Auditors reply Councillors felt that no more could be achieved and the matter would be shelved. The opinion was that the Council had highlighted what they felt were discrepancies in spending however the costs were born by Network Rail and not the tax payer and if there was any financial dispute it was between the NSDC and Network Rail

Proposed by A McKenzie seconded by G Board -Carried

5. Council Priorities for the New Quadrennial

There was a long detailed discussion about the benefits of a Village Appraisal highlighting and prioritising the issues facing the Council.

It was decided to recognise and advise the residents what was achievable in any plan and not have issues of which were not achievable.

It was decided in the first instance to allow the public to come to an open meeting to give their views and from that meeting form a steering or working group of residents and Councillors to take the process forward. That meeting will be held on the 4th August 2011

6. Finance for June 2011

- a Clerk Salary & exp April/May
- b £163.20
- c £ 30.00 Expenses
- d. £40.80 Inland Revenue
- e. £40.00 Village hall rent (March–June) 4 Meetings
- f. £48.00 Internal Audit Weston Business Services

All Agreed

6a. Letter Re: Expenses for Election

A detailed letter had been received from the NSDC and the final bill will be a lot less than anticipated. The matter was left. No further action was needed

6b Bank Signatories

The Clerk was left to sort out some changes

7. Planning Issues

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)

No comments

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

The Council had no objections to the changes of use but as with a previous application they would like to see an improved entrance to the site with a better road splay

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)

No comments

b. Applications Approved

None at Present

c. Appeals Registered

APP/DO121/X/11/2149917 Field 82, Field Opposite The Round Pond, Bristol Road

Applicant Mr. K Glinstead

Certificate of Lawful use for a change of use of agricultural land to the siting of 2.No static caravans for the use of 2.No separate dwellings.

No comments

APP/DO121/X/11/2149996 Field 82, Field Opposite The Round Pond, Bristol Road

Applicant Mr. K Glinstead

Certificate of Lawful Use for the existing use of land for the general storage (B8) of miscellaneous items of redundant machinery, buildings and maintenance equipment

No comments

d. Applications Refused

None at Present

8. General Correspondences. (Not agenda items)

Southern Area Committee Papers for June 2011

Tree Warden Service

All noted

9. Clerks Position

The Clerk had tendered his resignation after 5 years.

Cllr McKenzie wanted thanks by the Council to be recorded for the efforts the Clerk had made over the years. Councillors agreed with these sentiments

Cllr Gilbody also wanted thanks recorded to the past Chairman for his efforts over the last four years.

The Clerk will instigate a process to find a replacement Clerk.

10. Councillors Reports.

Cllr Redding reported that he had been on to Network rail to try and bring the BT cables away from the replacement bridge and via a culvert in a different area. Negotiations were on going.

It was also agreed to try and set up a follow up meeting with Network Rail to discuss the final plans for the replacement of the bridge

Cllr McKenzie raised the issue of the Travellers Rest site and to get a definitive update as to when the Enforcement Action would be taken.

This was further supported by **Cllr Hamlin** who had tried to get an update but felt he was being ignored

Cllr Gilbody reported that Puxton Lane on the Maysgreen side had some seriously deep pot holes. Clerk will report.

Cllr Cunningham reported that an old bridge sign was situated behind a new weight restriction bridge sign at the A370 entrance to Puxton Lane which could be interpreted as an access sign.

Clerk will get the Area Officer to investigate.

11. Date of Next Meeting Thursday September 1st 2011