

Puxton Parish Council

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Minutes of the Puxton Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday the 2nd June 2011 at Hewish Village Hall. The Meeting commenced at 7-45pm

Present- Councillors J Gilbody, (Chairman), M Cunningham, (Vice-Chairman) and T Dalley
PCSO Emma Wright
Unitary Councillor I Porter
Clerk Colin Hill
Five Members of the Public

Public participation – open house discussion (if required).

P.C Emma Wright gave the Police Report.

During the month there had been two thefts both of which were solved.

There had been less flytipping during the period

The police were now ready to do a speed hot spot check with volunteers.

PSCO Wright asked for any details of vulnerable people who might need security checks at their homes or at least make sure as much as possible to get the information to residents

PSCO Wright raised the issue of the various “watches” and suggested that Puxton should come under Rural Watch. More coordinators are wanted but at least some information is getting through.

A discussion took place about speeding and the way it is monitored. The Police and Councils had to use high profile “Viz” Jackets.

Mr. Glimstead (Junior) asked if it was real speeding or perceived speeding. The Clerk gave evidence that speeding had been recorded in the village by the Police in the past.

Issues were raised about the Bus Lane approaching the A370/M5 Junction relating to usage and accident rates. Some statistics were provided and other references were offered to be checked. The Officer agreed to take this back to the police for investigation.

Mr. Jones raised the issue of a proper road crossing of the A370. The Clerk had raised this with NSDC before and was told the resources would be unlikely to be available.

Cllr Cunningham raised the issue of a bus shelter for the village. This would be raised under Quadrennial Priorities

New P.A.C.T Priorities

These would remain the same but be re-considered under Item 5

1. Apologies for Absence.

M Hamlin, A McKenzie, G Board, C Redding

Liaison Officer M Jones,

2. Notification of Interests.

Cllr Gilbody Agenda item 7 Planning Item 4 -11/P/0878/F Personal

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

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

a, Planters

Cllr Dalley would measure and draw up some sketches/drawings and forward to Cllr Porter to avoid planning issues relating to advertising sponsorship. The issue of the position of the signs was raised. NSDC were aware of the Parish concerns.

b, Speed Limit A370

The speed limit had been signed off and the process of implementation was under way.

c, Planning Procedure Update

NSDC had confirmed that for the present no papers would be withdrawn to the Parishes who had no alternative methods of viewing plans

d, Puxton Lane Bridge Repair

The situation was that a foundation report was pending and provided that they were ok then it would take a further two months to repair the bridge. There may well be further considerations as the costs are to be met via the lorry owners insurance.

5. Council Priorities for the New Quadrennial

Because of the low turnout for the meeting it was decided to defer this item along with the confirmation of any changes to the PACT Priorities to the July Meeting.

The PACT Priorities of flytipping and speeding will stay in place

6. Finance for June 2011

- a Clerk Salary & exp April/May
- b £326.40
- c £ 60.00 Expenses
- d. £81.60 Inland Revenue

All Agreed

7. Planning Issues

a. New Planning Applications

11/P/0706/ADV Full Quart, Bristol Road, Hewish.

Applicant HLT Hospitality Ltd

Retrospective application for 2 no.free standing illuminated signs

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

Retention of free standing non-illuminated sign

The Councils position on the two applications above was that providing they met the advertising planning regulations there was no objection

Cllr Dalley wanted it recorded that the whole issue of these signs was by a method of “cherry picking” and he felt strongly that NSDC should be far more even handed.

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

Applicant Mr. Janes

Erection of a replacement dwelling

The Council has no objections or comments to make about the plans themselves.

Other issues such as possible Agricultural Ties, present planning permissions etc. they refer to the Planning Department

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

No Comments were made on the plans

**Highway Act1980-Section 119-Proposed Public Footpath Diversion Order
Footpath AX 16/44 Pilhay Sluice, off A 370 Puxton Parish**

The Council raised no objections

b. Applications Approved

c. Appeals Registered

d. Applications Refused

11/P/0242/LUP Mendip Caravan Centre Bristol Road Hewish

Certificate of Lawful use for proposed change for full retail use with specific trading hours

Refused

8. General Correspondences. (Not agenda items)

North Somerset Access Forum April Agenda and Minutes

Cultural service Changes

Some other minor correspondence was introduced and accepted

9. Councillors Reports.

Cllr Dalley reported on an invitation to a diabetics open meeting to be held at Cadbury House on the 16th June 7pm

Cllr Dally raised the issue of the Network Rail Audit report and any feedback.

The Clerk will follow up

Cllr Gilbody raised the issue of the cost of the Election, possibly £1500.00 and wanted to know why it was so much bearing in mind all the facilities had to be used for the other elections on the day.

A discussion took place and it was decided to investigate the issue and ask for a breakdown of the costs prior to getting the bill

11. Date of Next Meeting Thursday July 7th 2011