

Puxton Parish Council

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**Minutes of the Puxton Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday
the 2nd February 2012 at Hewish Village Hall. The Meeting commenced at 7-30pm**

Present Councillors M Cunningham (Vice Chairman), M Hamlin, G Board, C Redding
and T Dalley
Clerk Colin Hill
Police P.C Church
Unitary Member I Porter
12.Members of the Public

Public Participation –

Mrs. Mead spoke to the Council about the campaign in relation to the Tropicana Building in WSM. She had trouble getting e-mail through on the Parish Website Address. The Clerk confirmed however he had received information from the group she represented. People were asked to sign up to the campaign.

Mr. K Glimstead enquired about site visits and their protocol within Councils. The Clerk explained the procedure he operates within the Councils he was involved with and the reasons for site visits particularly when dealing with large or possibly controversial applications

Mr. Glimstead enquired about the position of Cllr Gilbody. The Clerk explained the position of the Councillor and any future procedures if Cllr Gilbody cannot return to Membership of the Council.

P.C Church Report if available.

P.C Church reported that there had been 12 calls during the last period of which 2 were thefts. He reported that a flytipper had been prosecuted and it had resulted to have costed the guilty party £3000,00. Another prosecution was pending The Police Officer was still open to Councillors or members of the public to come out on the speed watch surveys.

Cllr Cunningham registered his interest

The Police Website now registered Puxton in the Blue which means it is a low crime area.

Several Councillors questioned this as in their opinion one of the reasons was that people do not bother to report crime as the police do not answer or attend. P.C Church resolved that when he is aware of issues on the beat he does follow them up.

A discussion took place with residents and Councillors relating to examples of some crimes and non-actions.

P.C Church will investigate where appropriate

New P.A.C.T Priorities

The PACT priorities remain the same

1. Opening of the Meeting and Apologies for Absence.

Cllr McKenzie and Cllr Gilbody
Liaison Officer M Jones

2. Notification of Interests.

Cllrs Redding and Board Prejudicial on Planning application 11/P/2316/F
Cllr Dally personal interest 11/P/2316/F
None of the above Cllrs spoke or voted on the application

3. Adoption of Minutes (already circulated) of The Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 5th January 2012. These were adopted with no changes

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

a, Mr. Glinstead Report

Cllr Dalley opened the debate by reminding all that it was decided at the last meeting to leave this item until Cllr Gilbody was available to comment.

Cllr Hamlin wanted the matter resolved as it had gone on long enough and he tabled a resolution that the report be accepted. He moved that the report be adopted Cllr Board seconded the motion

Cllr Dalley moved an amendment that the report stays on hold until Cllr Gilbody returns to the Council. There was no seconder to the amendment. Cllr Redding felt he was not aware of the detail to contribute to the debate and would abstain. The motion tabled by Cllr Hamlin and seconded by Cllr Board was put to the vote

The result was three votes for the motion, one against and one abstention.

The vote was carried and the report is now accepted

Cllr Dalley wished to register his objection to the decision. He contended the report was flawed.

b, Palmers Elm Road

The Clerk reported he had reported this road again and understood that it would be done in the next ten days

c, Puxton Road Resurfaced Road

It was understood that this had been rectified by the contractors

d, Rubbish in hedgerows

The area officer had reported to the Clerk that The Community Payback Team will be coming out to pick litter from the hedgerows. No date however has been given.

5. Finance

a, Clerk Salary & exp January £193.20

b, Village Hall Payment January to March £30.00

c, I.T Equipment £100.00

d, Inland Revenue £40.80

Accepted Proposed by Cllr T Dalley seconded by Cllr C Redding

The vote was unanimous

6. Planning Issues

a, Applications

11/P/2248/F Puxton Park, Cowslip Lane, Puxton

Applicant Mr. A Mead

Change of use from Delivery Yard/Car Park to outside Garden Products Retail Area

No Objections

11/P/2296/F Puxton Park, Cowslip Lane, Puxton

Applicant Mr. A Mead

Erection of new buildings to aid the extension of the restaurant, provide a larger gift shop and create a new garden center with a machinery repair center built over existing delivery yard

Site Visit notes included

No Objections

11/P/2316/F Land to the South of Wick Lane, West Hewish, Puxton

Applicant W.H.Redding and Sons

Creation of a new access track in field off A370

No Objections

12/P/0116/F The Round Pond, Bristol Road, Hewish, Puxton

Applicant Mr. G Williams

Erection of a single storey extension

No Objections

12/P/0149/F Land off Puxton Lane, Hewish, Puxton

Applicant Mr. R Ford

Erection of an agricultural building

The Council raises no objection to this application

b, Planning Approved/Rejected/Appeals etc.

11/P/1981/F Field 82 off Weston Road (A370) Hewish, Puxton, Somerset

Change of use from agricultural land to Touring/caravan site for 15 caravans.

Delegated Decision

Refused

Enforcement

Leaflet Flytipping (Cadbury House Weddings)

Letter confirming investigation

7. Planning Decision Guidance

The Clerk had received a letter back explaining the protocol which should be used to deal with planning applications. A copy was circulated to all Councillors. In the Clerks view this should be the protocol that should be used as it protects Councillors and shows the public that the process is fair and properly conducted. A short debate took place on the interpretation. No vote was taken

8. Network Rail Bridge Update

No Official report was available but Cllr Redding had sought unofficial information and was made aware it was on time

9 Web Site

The Clerk had talked to the Chairman about the site and as soon as time was available the Chairman and Clerk would address the issue

10. General Correspondences. (Not agenda items)

Southern Area Committee Papers for January

Tour of Castlewood

Local Access Forum Agenda/ Minutes January

All noted and accepted

11. Councillors Reports

Cllr Dalley raised the issue of the poor Broadband service in the area. Most people were getting a poor service

He brought to the attention of the Council a £50 million project which was one of three pilots operating nationally known as the Connecting Devon and Somerset Broadband programme

Residents and firms should register their interest on

www.connecting-devonandsomerset.co.uk

Cllr Hamlin wanted to record thanks to NSDC for their efforts in prosecuting flytippers and hoped they would continue to do so

12. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday March 1st 2012