

PUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

Puxton & Hewish: in the North Somerset Council Ward of Congresbury & Puxton

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Minutes of the Annual and Ordinary Meetings Held at 7.00pm on Thursday May 7th 2026

All meetings are held at 7.30pm in the Village Hall unless stated otherwise

Although under no obligation to, Dan Thomas, our NSC Ward Cllr, attends when possible

Present; Cllrs Lynda Redding (Chair), Jim Corbett, Mel Ellis, Christine MacFie, Clayton Penfold, Peter Penfold, Helen Riddle (Minute taker)

In Attendance: Ward Cllr Dan Thomas

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

042/26 APOLOGIES The Clerk due to illness (Cllr Riddle acted as minute taker)

043/26 ELECTION OF CHAIR & VICE CHAIR

- i. Cllr Redding was nominated to be Chair by Cllr Riddell and seconded by Cllr MacFie.
- ii. Cllr Corbett was nominated to be Vice Chair by Cllr Ellis and seconded by Cllr Riddell.
- iii. The positions at i. And ii. Above were unanimously carried by those present. Both accepted the posts for the forthcoming year. Cllr Redding completed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office (chair) and proceeded to chair the remainder of the evening's proceedings. There is no requirement for the Vice Chair to renew his Declaration of Acceptance of Office (Vice Chair).

044/26 REVIEW AND UPDATING OF MEMBERS DOCUMENTATION

This was recently updated and remains current.

045/26 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES:

Ad hoc Representative to NSC Standards Sub-Committee: Cllr MacFie volunteered to take on this role from Cllr Redding and her appointment was agreed. **Clerk to so inform the sub-committee.**

046/26 AGREEMENT TO RE-CONFIRM RECENTLY APPROVED GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK

This documentation was unanimously approved as the Council's operating reference for the coming year.

047/26 CHAIR'S REPORT

This was presented via the Annual Residents' Meeting, immediately following and is attached here as an annexe to these minutes.

ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

048/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Clerk due to illness (Cllr Riddle acted as minute taker)

049/26 DECLARATIONS (*Dispensations apply to Cllrs re percept setting, and Village Hall matters*)

None

050/26 PUBLIC SESSION *15 minutes - contributions limited to 3 minutes: they should be concise and to the point*

2 members of the public raised their concerns about a HGV repair centre that has opened is a premises along Puxton Lane in what they believe is a breach or absence of planning permission. They believe a similar project was refused by NSC in Box Bush Lane for the reasons they believe are also identical for this one namely the volume of huge vehicles on a very small lane with few passing spaces. They state that the lane, which is already in a terrible state of disrepair is being further damaged and eroded by vehicles being forced onto the verges and edges of the rhynes to avoid collisions with these HGVs. Cllr Thomas offered to speak further with the complainants outside this session and to make enquiries.

051/26 LAST MEETING MINUTES

April 9th 2026 minutes were agreed and signed.

052/26 PLANNING *Details at <https://planning.n-somerset.gov.uk/online-applications/>*

i. New:

- a. **26/P/0810/LDP** Caffle side extension (*for information*). This appears to be a challenge to the validity of an earlier decision. Noted.

ii. Decisions Due:

- a. **22/P/3067/OUT:** Haybow Village (*Banwell PC*).
- b. **25/P/1418/FUL:** (*Kingston Seymour PC*) Solar Farm at Yew Tree Farm.
- c. **25/P/1098/FUL: Dolemoor L Solar Farm** (*Congresbury PC*).
- d. **25/P/2609/FULL** Manor Farm Solar Farm, Wick Lane, West Hewish. A drainage board challenge has been lodged with planners.

iii. Approved:

- a. **26/P/0368/AOC** Villa Farm approval of condition 7 of 22/P/1414/CQA

iv. Appeals:

- a. **24/P/0143/FUL** - gypsy/traveller site adjacent to Heathfield Park.
- b. **23/P/2593/FUL** - gypsy/traveller site opposite the Full Quart.

053/26 FINANCE

i. **2025-26 Accounts:** Accounts for year with internal auditor.

ii. **2026-27 Accounts:** were reconciled with Bank Statement.

iii. **AGAR Part 2** Certificate of Exemption agreed and signed, and confirmed as received by the external auditor.

iv. **Payments to be Approved:** no payments for approval this month.

054/26 PARISH MATTERS

i. Matters re the NSC Highways Portal:

- a. **Fly-tipping:** HR has photographed the rhyne blocking at this location and circulated the photographs to Cllr Thomas and LR. It appears that those occupying the field are seeking to make a new entrance onto the track by filling in the rhyne. LR and Cllr Thomas will speak with the Drainage Board to report this and gain an understanding of what the legal position is. What3Words location of gateway stone blockage was not available.
- b. **Request for 30mph Limit:** Cllr Redding has submitted a Highways Improvement form for the complete length of Maysgreen Lane and Puxton Road. Response awaited.
- c. **Wick Road 30 mph request:** This is proceeding to stage 3 of the NSC online system.
- d. **A370 Central Refuges:** at The Full Quart, Moorland Park (refused): awaiting clarification re Full Quart and Garden Park proposed crossings. Cllr Thomas will chase.
- e. **Old Post Office Lay-By:** 'To Bristol' bus stop crashed into verge. Repairs completed.
- f. **Safety outside the School:** Cllr McFie has tried to speak with the Operations Manager for the school and has left messages but she is still waiting to hear back.
- g. **Highway Verges and potholes:** These are an ongoing and constant concern for this Parish. Reporting continues via the NSC portal.

ii. **Wick St Lawrence PC SID Hire:** No communications have been received.

iii. **Assertion 10 and email addresses for Councillors:** All councillors have now attended this training. Email addresses are still awaited.

055/26 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

- i. **Cllr Corbett:** reiterated his concerns about the state of the roads in the Parish.
- ii. **Cllr MacFie:** raised concerns about the airport expansion (to be dealt with in more detail in the residents meeting – consultation document ends 28/6/26 so not much time to comment.
- iii. **Cllr Riddell:** her concern was dealt with earlier in the agenda (rhyne blocking).

056/26 **NEXT MEETING:** 4th June 2026 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm

Annexe to the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Puxton Parish Council held on May 7th 2026

Puxton Parish Council

Report of the Chair to the Annual Meeting, 7th May 2026 at 7:00pm

(Minuted in both the Annual Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting minutes)

Meetings

The Parish Council held meetings on the first Thursday of each month except August, as usual, and the April meeting had to be delayed a week due to a website problem caused by all parish councils conforming their websites and email addresses to Assertion 10.

Agendas

We are complying with the new Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) requirement, Assertion 10, which among other things mean we will be using dedicated Parish

Council email addresses for PPC business when these become available.

We have had a steady stream of planning applications, mostly fairly routine. The application for a solar park across the fields of Manor Farm, The Grange and The Elms is with North Somerset for consideration.

The speeds of vehicles along our lanes are always a concern and we continue to urge North Somerset Council to consider reducing the speed limits. Highway improvement forms have been submitted giving reasons why the speed limit should be reduced to 30 mph along Wick Lane, Puxton Road and Maysgreen Lane, we await a response to the last two but Wick Lane has reached stage 3. Online forms have been submitted explaining the difficulty of crossing the A370 to reach the bus stops, online forms are the only way we can communicate with NSC. The opening of the adult learning centre, Burley Inclusive on the Full Quart site may help our cause in requesting a central refuge there. Damage to the roads caused by heavy traffic continues to be reported but there seems to be little in the budget for any more than temporary filling of all but the largest potholes that are on the central part of the highway.

Data from the Speed Indicator Device has helped inform our requests for highway improvement. A precis of the most recent data is published on the Parish Council website.

The damage to the central refuge installed by the Wick Lane bus stops was repaired within weeks but we have no date for the repair to the bus stop post on the to-Congresbury side of the A370.

Fly tipping is an ongoing problem. Dolemoor lane has been cleaned up and gated at the Puxton end, we are talking with Congresbury PC about gating the Congresbury end.

Finance

Another uneventful year, the precept is £12,352. The online banking continues to facilitate payments. We are grateful to our Clerk for managing our finances, accounts and audits efficiently.

Lynda Redding - Chair
May 2026