

PUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting Held at 7.30pm on Thursday July 2nd 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, Peter Penfold, Clayton Penfold.

In Attendance: Don Hill (Clerk)

Public Attendance: 12 prior to public session - 2 afterwards.

069/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Helen Riddell

070/26 DECLARATIONS: *(Dispensations apply to Cllrs re precept setting, and Village Hall matters)*

Cllrs C and P Penfold re planning application 26/P/1220/FUL for 3 Gypsy pitches below, due to their connections with Moreland Park and Heathfield Park sites off the A370.

071/26 PUBLIC SESSION *(15 minutes - contributions limited to 3 minutes: they should be concise and to the point)*

This related to planning application 26/P/1220/FUL below for 3 gypsy pitches off Maysgreen Lane. This lane is narrow, twisting and very busy (including with a lot of large industrial and agricultural vehicles which were not mentioned in the application's traffic analysis). The long splay to the property entrance that is claimed within the application is not a splay, but simply a narrow stretch of road. The whole lane is too narrow for its traffic load and as a consequence is collapsing at the edges through much of its length. The proposed site is completely surrounded by a rhyme - where is the outflow from the sewage system going? How are necessary mains services introduced and paid for? There is a public footpath on the site - running from the entrance and right across one edge of the site. From little acorns... it is almost a certainty that the site will grow unofficially well beyond 3 pitches and on land of small plots entirely surrounded by rhymes. There were many reasons brought forward for suggesting that Maysgreen Lane is simply not a community appropriate for the implanting of a gypsy/traveller community.

072/26 LAST MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the June 4th meeting were agreed and signed.

073/26 PLANNING Details at <https://planning.n-somerset.gov.uk/online-applications/>

i. New:

- a. **26/P/1234/TEN** Notification of intention to install fixed line broadband apparatus on a 10m wooden poles opposite Heathgate Farm, Bristol Road Hewish (*For information only - not a planning application*).
- b. **26/P/1220/FUL** for 3 gypsy pitches off Maysgreen Lane. The public session notes above with Key points being reiterated by Cllr Redding reflected the unanimous view of the meeting that this application should not be approved. **Clerk to so inform NSC Planning.**
- c. **26/P/1115/FUH** Spring Cottage re-modelling of a part built historic planning application. The meeting felt this project would provide a significant improvement to the site and unanimously supported it. **Clerk to so inform NSC Planning.**

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/2609/FULL** Manor Farm Solar Farm, Wick Lane, West Hewish.
- d. **26/P/0810/LDP** Cattle side extension (*for information*).
- e. **26/P/0944/FUL:** Palmers Elm Farm triple garage.

iii. Approved: 25/P/1098/FUL: Dolemoor L Solar Farm (*Congresbury PC*).

iv. Appeals: 23/P/2593/FUL - gypsy/traveller site opposite the Full Quart.

074/26 FINANCE

- i. **2026-27 Accounts:** were reconciled to this date with the Bank Statement.
- ii. **Payments to be Approved:** PCAA Membership £50.00. VisionICT SSL certificate - needed for loading of [.org.uk](https://www.org.uk) email addresses - £60.00

075/26 PARISH MATTERS

i. Matters re the NSC Highways Portal:

- a. **Fly-tipping:** Cllr Riddell provided more evidence of the reported rhine blocking problem in Dolemoor Lane. Cllr Redding has shared this with the Internal Drainage Board and pressed for urgent action by them to investigate.
- 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. **Safety outside the School:** Cllr McFie's contact is the Operations Manager for the school, who has yet to respond to her enquiries.
- f. **Highway Verges and potholes:** These are an ongoing and constant concern and are being reported via the NSC portal as they occur. (*Post-meeting note - Clerk noted the appalling and dangerous state of Maysgreen Lane outside the Cheese Factory after leaving the meeting*).

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

iii. St Anne's School Car Park Lease: In hand via our solicitor. **Clerk to check progress.**

- iv. **Assertion 10 and email addresses:** Now SSL certificate is in place [.org.uk](https://www.org.uk) Email addresses have been supplied and are being installed by Members.
- v. **Bristol Airport Expansion:** Parish Councils Airport Association (PCAA). Cllr MacFie was confirmed as the Council Representative on PCAA. **Clerk to add her being a Representative to this Outside Body to the website.**

076/26 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Ellis

There were 5 bin bags dumped on the A370 which she reported to NSC online.

Cllr MacFie

Attending online NSC Planning forum on Bristol Airport expansion - July 3rd

Attending PCAA AGM on July 9th.

Cllr C Penfold

The brick Village Entry boxes have been planted up and will be maintained during the season.

Cllr P Penfold

Although the A370 footpath has been cut, nothing has been done about the grass overgrowing the tarmac. There should be a clear 3 foot wide walkway along the whole path. There have been difficulties sourcing information on a possible machine that could do the job. If one could be found and the cost shared with Banwell and Congresbury the whole path between J21 and Congresbury could be kept clear. As earlier researches have indicated, it is difficult to find a way of progressing the adequate maintenance of the path in the clear absence of NSC's ability to do so under present circumstances.

077/26 NEXT MEETING: 3rd September 2026 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

As usual, there is no meeting in August

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.