

**Minutes of the monthly meeting of Johnston Community Council held on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022 online, in the Johnston Institute, Church Road, Johnston, and also online using the Zoom video-conferencing platform.**

**Present: Cllrs Fran. James, Neil James, Jones, Philpott, Jeffries, Spilsbury, Aled Thomas (County Councillor); Peter Horton (Clerk);  
Apologies : C'Ilr Wilkins.**

**1237 – Declarations of known Interests**

C'Ilr Louise Jones mentioned a potential interest in the request for a donation by the Heart of Johnston. The Clerk pointed out that, as an appointed representative of the Community Council, she would not need to leave the room during any discussion. C'Ilr Janet Jeffries declared a potential personal and prejudicial interest if any discussion should take place on the St. Peter's Road bus shelter.

**1238 – To receive the minutes from the April 2022 monthly meeting**

The minutes were accepted as an accurate record, and retained for signature by the Chairman following the meeting (proposer C'Ilr Spilsbury, seconder C'Ilr Jones).

**Matters arising**

**1239 - Discussion of purchase of WW1 commemorative memorial seat**

In hand with C'Ilr Spilsbury, who had sourced a possible alternative fabricator to make the bench.

**1240- Discussion of possible request for yellow lines in Hall Court**

No detailed information yet received from P.C.C. about scheduling of the work.

**1241 - Discussion of requirement to report on progress towards producing a plan to encourage biodiversity**

The Clerk had been informed that the Treeworks Survey was now expected to be completed during that week, and the report produced within a week or so. C'Ilr Neil James confirmed his willingness to attend a site meeting after that with the P.C.C. Biodiversity Officer. Clerk to contact the Biodiversity Officer to further arrangements for this to take place.

**1242 - Discussion of situation at Silverdale, including possible changes of use.**

No change in situation regarding submission of a planning application.

**1243 – Work needed on Glebelands Field and adjacent land.**

Nothing further had been heard from J.R.J. Garden Services regarding a definite start date for the proposed work. Clerk to chase Nathan Jones up again regarding this matter. It was confirmed that the fly-tipped rubbish had been removed from Glebelands Field by P.C.C.

**1244 - Discussion of footpath provision between Bulford Road & roundabout.**

A response had been received from Sustrans, confirming that any new pathway would come under the remit of the W.G. / T.R.A. Clerk to contact W.G. / T.R.A. to ask for consideration to a footpath in this location, emphasising the current unsatisfactory situation, whereby children had to walk along the grass verge to get to school.

**1245 - Discussion of 'Stop and Chat' bench grant application**

Members were informed that the 'Stop and Chat' bench application had been approved. Agenda item for June to discuss siting arrangements and preparations.

**1246 - Discussion of quotation for work on bus shelter, St. Peter's Road**

Members were informed that work was now expected to commence in mid-June. Clerk to make enquiries with P.C.C. about a recent request for ownership information for the bus shelter, to ensure that any work undertaken would not prove to be abortive.

**1247 - Discussion of request for zebra crossing outside school**

Members understood that the post remained vacant.

**1248 - Discussion of link footpath from Church Road to Hayston View**

Members reported that the path remained blocked. Clerk to contact P.C.C. Planning Dept. to request formal action to address the situation.

**1249 - Discussion of arrangements for future maintenance of defibrillators**

Members were informed that all the units were now fully functional. C'llr Neil James felt that the community provision of these defibrillators should be publicised, perhaps on the Community Facebook page. A system for monthly checks of the defibrillators was discussed, but no specific arrangements put in hand.

**1250 - Discussion of insurance for sound equipment**

Members were informed that this was now resolved, with the sound system now covered under the Community Council insurance policy.

**1251 - Discussion of establishment of vexatious communication policy**

Matter still in hand with Clerk establishing necessary prerequisites for a scheme to be set up.

**1252 - potholes.**

The Clerk had received a message from P.C.C. to advise that the worst potholes had been repaired.

**1253 - Discussion of damage to verge / bank in Langford Road**

Nothing further to report on this. C'llr Philpott to speak to the resident affected, to ask if the matter has been resolved.

**1254 – Recently retired Members.**

Agenda item to be tabled for June to discuss how to mark the years of service of Members who had stepped down at the election. Clerk to check on legality of spending the Chairman's allowance for previous years.

**1255 – rubble on bank alongside cycle path.**

The Clerk confirmed that this had been reported. Clerk to chase up again with P.C.C.

**1256 - Planning**

There were no plans for discussion this month.

## **Correspondence**

**1257** - P.C.C. – Notification of pothole repairs in Langford Road – dealt with in 1252 above.

**1258** - P.C.C. – Notification of approval of grant application for bench on Glebelands Field – dealt with in 1245 above.

**1259** - Heart of Johnston - Donation request – dealt with in agenda item below.

**1260** - Playground Repairs Ltd. – notification of glass on playpark at Close Field – Members were informed that the glass had now been removed.

**1261** - Johnston F.C. – Grass-cutting quotation for 2022 – dealt with in agenda item below.

**1262** - Internal auditor – internal Audit report for 2021/22 accounts – dealt with in 'Accounts' below.

**1263** - Playground Repairs Ltd. – Quotation for repairs at Vine Field and Close Field Playparks – dealt with in agenda item below.

**1264** - Aled Thomas – Application to join Community Council – dealt with in agenda item below.

**1265** - Kaidan Alenko – Application to join Community Council – dealt with in agenda item below.

## **Accounts**

### **1266 - Payments for approval / ratification**

P.C.C. (Removal of fly-tipped rubbish) : £ 51-60

David Banfield (bus shelter cleaning) : £ 63-00

Denise Mayr (internal audit of 2021/22 accounts) : £160-00

Heart of Johnston (donation) : £500-00

The above payments were approved by Members (proposer C'llr Philpott, seconder C'llr Neil James).

### **1267 - Internal audit of 2021/22 accounts**

Members considered the internal audit report provided, and formally accepted this (proposer C'llr Philpott, seconder C'llr Jeffries).

### **1268 - Annual Governance Statement**

Members completed the Annual Governance Statement for the 2021/22 year, and approved this (proposer C'llr Neil James, seconder C'llr Jeffries). The statement was then signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

### **1269 - Independent Remuneration Panel Determinations**

To be tabled for discussion in June.

### **1270 - Discussion of work on Close Field towards eventual CCTV installation**

To be tabled for discussion in June.

### **1271 - Approval of annual report for 2021/22**

The report was approved as drafted (proposer C'llr Spilsbury, seconder C'llr Philpott). Clerk to arrange publication on the Community webpage.

### **1272 - Discussion of co-options onto Council**

Deferred for consideration in June, to allow the minimum 14-day period of advertisement to elapse.

### **1273 - Discussion of donation request from Heart of Johnston**

Members approved a £500 donation to Heart of Johnston, towards the cost of obtaining a new sound system for use during the forthcoming Jubilee events, and also for future community events (proposer C'llr Neil James, seconder C'llr Jeffries).

### **1274 - Discussion of arrangements to commence grant project for Vine Field**

Arrangements for the playground installation to be held in abeyance until access arrangements had been confirmed. Clerk to obtain a copy of the conveyance, to confirm access arrangements.

### **1275 - Discussion of needed boundary repairs to Vine Field**

C'llr Neil James mentioned that remedial work needed carrying out along the northern boundary. It was hoped that Nathan Jones might be able to be contracted to carry that out. The other area of concern was along the western / south-western site boundary, on land currently in the ownership of the old Arnold's Yard. Clerk to write to the owners to explore a possible transfer of this area of land to the Community (proposer C'llr Neil James, seconder C'llr Spilsbury).

### **1276 - Discussion of work needed on Close Field Playpark following recent playground inspection reports**

Members approved the quotation from Playground Repairs Ltd. for repair works on the Close Field and Vine Field play equipment (proposer C'llr Neil James, seconder C'llr Spilsbury).

### **1277 - Discussion of possible replacement of wooden pavilion**

C'llr Neil James was still awaiting indicative costings for a new steel-framed building. NJ not heard back from Honeyborough Construction. Agenda item to be tabled for June to discuss further. C'llr Aled Thomas mentioned possible National Lottery funding for viability studies and scheme preparation. He undertook to try and obtain a named contact for more information on this aspect.

### **1278 - Discussion of possible donation towards cost of needed alterations in Village Institute to enable multi-locational meetings to be held**

Deferred for further consideration in June.

### **1279 - Discussion of potentially unsafe tree at junction of The Close / Langford Road**

Clerk to report to P.C.C. Highways, with a request for the tree to be investigated. Also, Clerk to contact Neil McCarthy concerning the non-cutting of the grass area at the junction of Langford Road and The Close once again.

### **1280 - Discussion of unsafe parking on St. Peter's Road**

Concerns were expressed about pavement parking in the vicinity of the crossing point near Orchard Court, which was obstructing pedestrian visibility when using the crossing point. Clerk to report to P.C.C.

### **1281 - Discussion of possible one-way system in Glebelands**

Matter to be tabled for further discussion in June. C'llrs Philpott and Fran. James to undertake the letter drop / discussions with residents of Glebelands concerning the proposals.

**1282 - Consideration of grass-cutting contract for 2022 season**

Members approved the grass-cutting contract with the Johnston Football Club as quoted (proposer C'llr Neil James, seconder C'llr Philpott). Clerk to make arrangements with Johnston F.C. accordingly.

**Any other business**

**1283 – Bushes behind the Vine Road bus shelter.** C'llr Fran. James had received complaints about difficulty in visibility for pedestrians waiting inside the bus shelter, due to encroaching growth. Clerk to report to the W.G., with a request for action to address the matter. .

**1284 – Pedestrian crossing, Main Road close to junction with Langford Road.** C'llr Jones had received complaints about the lights not staying on green for long enough to allow pedestrians to cross the road safely. Clerk to report this to the W.G. with a request for action to address it.

**1285 – Johnston in Bloom.** To be tabled for discussion in June.

**1286 – Tree partially blocking cycle path.** C'llr Spilsbury reported this. Details of exact location to be forwarded to Clerk, for a request for action to be forwarded to P.C.C.

The meeting ended at 8-55pm. Next scheduled meeting – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

Signed.....Chairman

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