

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Johnston Community Council held on 14th September 2020 online, using the Zoom video-conferencing platform.

Present: Cllrs Wilkins, Neil James, Jeffries, F. James, Young, Jones, Philpott; Peter Horton (Clerk);

Apologies : None.

0367 – Declarations of known Interests

C'llr Philpott declared a personal but non-prejudicial interest in the matter concerning parking issues at Hillcroft (ref. 0386 below).

0368 – To receive the minutes from the July 2020 monthly meeting

The minutes were accepted as an accurate record, and retained by the Clerk for signature by the Chairman following the meeting (proposer C'llr Fran. James, seconder C'llr Wilkins).

Matters arising

0369 – Discussion of biodiversity-related issues

Nothing further at present. In hand with C'llr Rowlands.

0370 – Bus shelter / seat outside NISA Shop

Still in hand with C'llr Rowlands. Clerk to make enquiries with P.C.C. over the matter.

0371- Close Field Skatepark

Still in hand with C'llr Rowlands.

0372 - Discussion of purchase of WW1 commemorative memorial seat

Matter in hand with C'llr Spilsbury

0373 - Discussion of action to discourage badger activity on sports field

Matter still in hand with C'llr Pratt, who was due to speak further with Sean Tilling of P.C.C. to seek a quotation for altering the gates.

0374 - Discussion of possible unauthorised scrap merchants in Village

The Clerk had not heard anything further regarding the proposed move. C'llr Neil James understood that they were opening up a new site in Steynton.

0375 - Discussion of problems due to closure of cycleway boardwalk

Members were informed that work was complete, and it was understood that the affected section was due to be re-opened the following day.

0376 - Discussion of Highway safety issues, Langford Road

Matter still in hand with C'llr Rowlands, and on hold at present.

0377 - Discussion of possible request for yellow lines in Hall Court

Matter still in hand with C'llr Rowlands / P.C.C.

0378 - Discussion of problems with lighting on footbridge, Langford Road

Matter still in hand with C'llr Rowlands / P.C.C. Highways.

0379 - Discussion of possible one-way system, Glebelands

The Clerk had heard nothing further from Ben Blake of P.C.C. following the request for a clockwise system to be implemented. Clerk to chase up P.C.C regarding the matter.

0380 - Discussion of requirement to report on progress towards producing a plan to encourage biodiversity

Nothing further to report at present.

0381 - Discussion of Vine Field play equipment, etc.

Matter in hand with C'llr Rowlands.

0382 - Discussion of Community Land Trusts

Matter still on hold with C'llr Rowlands for possible discussion with the Biodiversity Implementation Officer during the planned site meeting after the Coronavirus restrictions had been lifted.

0383 - Review of mole control contract and bus shelter-cleaning contracts.

To be placed on next physical meeting agenda for discussion.

0384 - Discussion of link footpath between Hayston View and Church Road.

The Clerk informed Members that he had been notified by the Planning Enforcement Officer that the footpath was definitely expected to be adopted, as previously advised. Members reported that the footpath was still almost completely blocked, and barely passable. Clerk to report this to the Planning Enforcement Officer.

0385 Discussion of situation regarding land opposite Johnston Institute

The most recent message from Price and Kelway was considered by Members. Clerk to respond to solicitor with the information requested.

0386 - Request for help in addressing perceived parking problems in Hillcroft.

The Clerk had received a response from P.C.C. They had visited the site, and not observed any particular problems. They asked what specific measures the Community Council would like to see. C'llr Philpott had forwarded some photographs to the Clerk illustrating the problem. Clerk to respond to P.C.C., sending the photographs, asking for their comments on these, and asking if any additional parking provision could be considered.

0387 - Discussion of problems with illegal parking outside chip shop

Members reported this as an ongoing problem. Clerk to chase up P.C.C. regarding the matter, specifically with regard to the report promised from their Parking Services Department.

0388 - Discussion of issues surrounding current usage of Silverdale Hotel

Members commented that the situation seemed to have improved considerably. No further actions considered necessary at present.

0389 – Street lighting, Moors Road.

Clerk to forward to C'llr Philpott contact details for the Dawnus administrators.

Planning

0390 - Applications

20/0394/PA - Ground Floor extension giving new lounge; Site Address: 13 , Bulford Close, Johnston, SA62 3EX – No comments.

20/0415/PA - Variation of condition 2 (amended design) of planning permission 18/1136/PA (erection of a dwelling); Site Address: Land adjacent to Highwinds, 38, Brickhurst Park, Johnston, SA62 3PA – No comments.

Correspondence

0391 - O.V.W. – Information on income compensation scheme – noted, and not applicable to the community council.

0392 - P.C.C. – Invitation for nominations to Standards Committee – Noted, and any interested Members to notify Clerk.

0393 - P.C.C. – Request for any applications for road closures on Remembrance Day – Clerk to reply requesting that a provision be included in the Order for Church Road. Members were unsure if events would be able to go ahead in any case, but it was felt prudent to make provision for this. Matter to be further reviewed in October.

0394 - Amanda Lewis – Complaint about broken fencing between Close Field and Moors Road – dealt with in agenda item 0402 below.

0395 - P.C.C. – Formal notification of intention to remove 6th Form provision from Milford Comprehensive School – No comments.

0396 - Price and Kelway – Update on current status of legal actions – covered in 0385 above.

0397 - Wayne Hope (copy of message to P.C.C.) – concerns over vehicular use of bridleway near Brickhurst Park - Members were in agreement that nothing could be done, and that signage was up to notify bridleway users of the fact that vehicles may be using that section of the route. Clerk to reply to Mr. Hope accordingly, and pass him contact details for Sustrans.

0398 - P.C.C. – Response re. parking, Hillcroft – covered in 0386 above.

0399 - Asbri Planning Ltd. – Message seeking confirmation that Dawnus had provided playpark as per the Sec. 106 agreement – Members confirmed that the obligations of this agreement had been discharged. Clerk to respond accordingly.

Accounts

0400 - Income

P.C.C. (2nd instalment of precept) : £11,666

0401 - Payments

David Banfield (bus shelter cleaning, July and August) : £120-00

Clerk (salary and fixed expenses, July – September 2020) : As per contract

H.M.R.C. (P.A.Y.E. tax for Clerk) : £275-29

P.C.C. (flowers for community flower beds) : £305-00

The above payments were approved by Members (proposer C’Ilr Philpott, seconder C’Ilr Jeffries).

0402 - Discussion of hedges / fenceline behind Moors Road

Members considered the message from Mrs. Lewis saying that the fence bounding the Moors Road development and the Playpark was deteriorating. Clerk to write to the Dawnus administrators asking them to fix it (proposer C’Ilr Philpott, seconder C’Ilr Wilkins).

0403 - Consideration of any necessary actions from asset risk assessment

C’Ilr Neil James mentioned the need for a barrier around the St. Peter’s Road bus shelter. The Clerk confirmed that the company responsible for designing and delivering the ramp into the field had not yet been in touch to confirm arrangements for a site meeting.

Any Other Business

0404 – Path alongside Howlin’s Motors. Members were informed that P.C.C. had plans to tarmac the route, which would tidy it up considerably.

0405 – Brick pavilion, Glebelands Field. C’Ilr Neil James had been contacted by Glenn Murray regarding the pavilion, seeking to confirm ownership of it. He understood it to belong to J.C.C. However, Members thought it belonged to the Sports Association. This information was needed to progress possible grant applications for needed improvements to the building. Clerk to check over the records for 1999 to try and find out the situation. Matter to be tabled as an agenda item for October. Clerk to also contact C’Ilr Pratt to ask him for any relevant information in his possession.

0406 – Cycle path adjacent to Glebelands Field. C’Ilr Fran. James reported this as very overgrown. Clerk to report this to P.C.C. with a request for it to be cut back.

0407 – Hedge along Church Road. Members reported that the hedge alongside the path on the left hand side going down from the main road was very overgrown, with some footpath users being forced into the road. Clerk to report to P.C.C.

0408 – Flowers displays. C’Ilr Fran. James wanted to know if it would be ok to plant winter flowers in the displays at the Village entrances. Members were happy for this to be done, thanked her for being willing to undertake this, and agreed that the Community Council should pay for any expenditure on production of receipts.

0409 – Village Institute. C’Ilr Neil James felt it unlikely that the Community Council would be able to meet in the Village Institute in October, due to tightened restrictions. Matter to be kept under review.

0410 – Meat van. C’Ilr Philpott reported that the owner of the mobile meat van was in need of a new site, as there was some issue with his use of the garden centre site. Members suggested that he be directed to Mr. Stephen Jones, owner of the business park. It was not felt appropriate for the Community Council to involve itself directly in this matter.

0411 – Silverdale. Members reported that apparently the Silverdale was being changed into a tea-room / farm produce outlet. Members questioned if this would need planning consent. Matter to be tabled for discussion in October. In the meantime the Clerk undertook to research any recent relevant available information.

The meeting concluded at 8-25pm.

Next scheduled meeting – Monday 12th October 2020.

Signed.....Chairman
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