

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Johnston Community Council held on 12th July 2021 online, using the Zoom video-conferencing platform.

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

Apologies : C'Ilrs Warlow, Morgan, Pratt, Rowlands.

0847 – Declarations of known Interests

None.

0848 – To receive the minutes from the June 2021 monthly meeting

The sentence 'C'Ilr Young undertook to make enquiries about getting this done' was removed from minute reference 0815. With this amendment, the minutes were accepted as an accurate record, and retained for signature by the Chairman following the meeting (proposer C'Ilr Philpott, seconder C'Ilr Neil James).

Matters arising

0849- Discussion of purchase of WW1 commemorative memorial seat

Sill in hand with C'Ilr Spilsbury to follow up with the fabricators.

0850 - Discussion of possible request for yellow lines in Hall Court

Two possible options for addressing the issues at the junction had been forwarded by Mr. Steve Benger of P.C.C. Members considered these, and favoured the second option, which included an element of pavement widening around the tree close to the corner. Members supported this, and also the proposal to incorporate bollards to prevent pavement parking on the widened section of footpath on Church Road, on safety grounds (proposer C'Ilr Philpott, seconder C'Ilr Spilsbury). Clerk to respond to P.C.C. accordingly.

0851 - Discussion of problems with lighting on footbridge, Langford Road

Work to replace bulbs still not complete.

0852 - Discussion of possible one-way system, Glebelands

Matter still on hold until after the lockdown was over, with a view to carrying out a survey of residents then.

0853 - Discussion of requirement to report on progress towards producing a plan to encourage biodiversity

Nothing further to report at present. Matter still in hand with C'Ilr Rowlands to arrange a site meeting with the Biodiversity Officer following the lifting of restrictions.

0854 - Discussion of Community Land Trusts

Matter in hand with C'Ilr Rowlands.

0855 - Discussion of situation at Silverdale, including possible changes of use.

The Clerk reported having heard of no change regarding the status of the planning enforcement investigation or awaited planning application to address possible unauthorised development at the site.

C'llr Philpott had heard of a possible plan to house some residents in Orchard Court. Clerk to make enquiries, and express concern if this proved to be the case, as this accommodation is needed for elderly people.

0856 – Work needed on Glebelands Field and adjacent land.

The Clerk had spoken to Nathan Jones about this following the last meeting, and he had said that a quotation was in the final stages of preparation. However, C'llr Neil James had not received a quotation to date.

NJ – Litter-picking has been going on around this area, and just round the corner. Members reported some fly-tipping around the area. Clerk to report to P.C.C. a mattress dumped on the cycle path just west of the Glebelands entrance heading towards Bolton Hill. Members were concerned at the general mess apparent in the area, which all ran counter to the efforts being made by the Community Council to improve the area.

0857 - Discussion of possible development of land adjacent to Johnston School

In hand with C'llr Young to find out the latest situation.

0858 - Discussion of any works needed as a result of the most recent playground inspection report for The Close Field Playpark

All required works currently in hand with C'llr Spilsbury, who was following up with the contractors.

0859 - Discussion of possible footpath provision between Bulford Road and new roundabout.

Matter still in hand with C'llr Rowlands to pursue with P.C.C.

0860 - The Close Field playpark.

C'llr Jeffries reported some broken glass on the concrete area close to the bench. Clerk to contact P.C.C. to ask for this to be removed.

0861 - Discussion of progress towards installation of new bus shelter on main road

P.C.C. had confirmed that J.C.C. had ownership of all bus shelters apart from the new one installed outside the NISA shop. Members were in agreement that this bus shelter should nonetheless be included in the schedule for bus shelter cleaning. Clerk to contact David Banfield to ask him to arrange this (proposer C'llr Neil James, seconder C'llr Philpott).

0862 - Discussion of possible need for additional litter bin provision at entrance to Glebelands

The Clerk had contacted Milford School to ask about the bench previously offered by them. They had undertaken to call back but had not done so. Clerk to chase them up further regarding this matter.

0863 - Discussion of purchase of litter-picking equipment

Eight sets of litter-picking equipment had been provided by P.C.C., and a further eight were currently awaited.

0864 - Hedges down Church Road.

Members asked the Clerk to contact P.C.C. about the overhanging hedges, and request action to address this.

0865 – Ash trees, Langford Road.

P.C.C. Streetcare had acknowledged the request for an inspection to be carried out. Nothing further had been heard since then. Clerk to chase up with P.C.C.

0866 – Grass-cutting.

Clerk to report non-cutting of the grassed area to the left of the entrance to The Close to P.C.C., with a request for this to be addressed.

[NOTE – C’lIr Wilkins entered the meeting at this point]

Planning

0867 - Applications

21/0230/PA - Demolition of existing dwelling & proposed replacement dwelling with detached garage; Site Address: Fair Lawns, JOHNSTON, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3HJ – Clerk to respond stating that there was no objection in principle to the replacement of the dwelling. However, response to state that the proposed design of the replacement dwelling was considered to be out of keeping with the area, and unsuitable (proposer C’lIr Neil James, seconder C’lIr Jeffries).

21/0300/PA - Proposed two-storey side extension and replacement of flat roof. Site Address: THE OLD FARMHOUSE, Popehill Bridge, POPE HILL, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3NX – No comment.

Correspondence

0868 - Rainbow Daycare – Request for assistance with defibrillator purchase – Members felt generally favourably disposed towards the idea of defibrillator provision in this area of the Village. However, it was felt that a number of aspects needed more detailed consideration, including ascertaining the best location, ensuring that the site owner was on board, funding of the unit, etc. Agenda item to be tabled for September to discuss the matter in detail, and to include a general discussion of care / maintenance of the existing defibrillators, as Cariad appeared to have gone defunct. Clerk to contact Rainbow Daycare to say that the matter was under active consideration, and also pointing out to them the locations of the other defibrillators in that part of the Village.

0869 - P.C.C. – Confirmation of ownership of bus shelters – dealt with in 0861 above.

0870 - P.C.C. – Confirmation of arrangements to inspect Ash trees along Langford Road – dealt with in 0865 above.

0871 - O.V.W. – Notification of appointment of ‘Local Places for Nature’ officer – noted.

0872 - P.C.C. – Invitations for nominations for community governor, Mary Immaculate School – Clerk to contact Anne Harvey to ask if she is wanting to stand for a further term. If so, letter to be sent to P.C.C. supporting her nomination. If she is not intending to stand again, Clerk to send her a letter of thanks for her work over the years (proposer C’Ilr Philpott, seconder C’Ilr Wilkins).

0873 - Dragon Play (via C’Ilr Spilsbury) – revised quotation for playground equipment – dealt with in agenda item below.

0874 - W.G. – Consultation on Clerk qualifications for councils wishing to obtain General Power of Competence status – Members were agreed that a five year period of experience in the job should negate any requirement for a formal qualification. Clerk to respond to the consultation accordingly.

0875 - R.B.L. – Arrangements for ordering Remembrance Day wreaths – noted.

0876 - P.C.C. – Consultation on waste collection arrangements – noted.

0877 - O.V.W. – Document about arrangements in the event of the death of the Queen – Clerk to retain on file.

0878 - Steve Bengier, P.C.C. – Options for addressing highway problems at junction of Church Road and Hall Court - dealt with in 0850 above.

0879 - Neville Davies – Comments regarding need for footpath / cycle track link to Milford Haven – Clerk to respond thanking him for the message, but stating that, as there was no impact on J.C.C. or its residents, Members did not feel qualified to comment.

0880 – Western Telegraph – Message inviting comment on the contractor for the development at the old school site in Cranham Park going into administration – Members were agreed that it would not be appropriate to make any comment to the press. However, Clerk to contact P.C.C. over safety concerns surrounding the inactivity at the site, and asking for their plans to deal with the situation.

Accounts

0881 - Quarterly budget review

Members considered and noted the quarterly budget review circulated by the Clerk.

0882 - Charitable donations

Members approved the following donations, to mirror those made in 2020 :

Sunshine Club	:	£500
Johnston Chapel (for grass-cutting)	:	£300
St. Peter’s Church (for grass-cutting)	:	£300
Milford Haven Junior Town Band	:	£100
Paul Sartori Foundation	:	£100
Wales Air Ambulance	:	£100
Cruse Bereavement Care	:	£100
Get the boys a lift	:	£100
D.P.J. Foundation	:	£100

The above donations were approved (proposer C’Ilr Jeffries, seconder C’Ilr Spilsbury).

[NOTE – at this point C’Ilr Philpott declared a personal and prejudicial interest and left the meeting, during consideration of a donation to Sandy Bear, as she was a trustee of the charity, during her absence, the meeting was chaired by the vice-Chairman C’Ilr Spilsbury].

Members approved the following donation :

Sandy Bear : £100

The above donation was approved (proposer C'llr Wilkins, seconder C'llr Jeffries).

[NOTE – at this point C'llr Philpott re-entered the meeting, and took over chairmanship for the remainder of the meeting]

0883 – Other payments for approval

David Banfield (bus shelter cleaning) : £60-00

The above payment was approved by Members (proposer C'llr Philpott, seconder C'llr Spilsbury).

0884 - Discussion of possible purchase of playground equipment for Vine Field

C'llr Spilsbury confirmed that he had met with Sovereign Play, who were currently preparing a quotation, which was awaited. The paperwork for the Enhancing Pembrokeshire grant application was more or less ready for submission.

Members were in agreement for a public consultation on proposals to be carried out. Clerk to finish preparing a letter for this purpose, based on the draft circulated by C'llr Spilsbury, and in conjunction with him. Once the draft had been agreed, Clerk to print and deliver these to C'llr Spilsbury, for distribution in Brickhurst Park, Brickhurst Close, Kiln Road, and the Main Road as far down as Arnold's Yard. C'llr Spilsbury to make plans to accompany the latter available to the Clerk for printing off. Letter to provide for responses to be emailed to the Clerk, collected by C'llr Wilkins (with her telephone number being provided for contact), to be dropped off at C'llr Wilkins' home, or posted to Clerk.

Clerk to provide email addresses for contacts in P.C.C. to C'llr Spilsbury, for use in requesting quotations for obtaining picnic benches for the site.

0885 - Discussion of work on Close Field towards eventual CCTV installation

Members considered the quotations provided by P.C.C. for electricity supply and poles in readiness for a CCTV installation. Members felt that more information was needed regarding responsibility for the electricity cost, additional cost of cameras, and arrangements for recording / monitoring of the camera feed.

Clerk to contact P.C.C. to ask about the electricity supply arrangements that would be in place if the scheme was to go ahead, and for details of any potential cost to the Community Council. Clerk to contact Ocon to ask for advice on how to proceed regarding installation of security cameras, and for information on what recording / monitoring arrangements they could offer. Agenda item to be tabled for September to discuss in further detail.

0886 - Discussion of quotation for work on bus shelter, St. Peter's Road

[NOTE – C’lir Jeffries declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this discussion, as the person providing the quotation was her nephew. She left the room during discussion of this item].

Members were agreed that the quotation from DecoTec in the sum of £2054-22 was reasonable, and the level of detail provided was good. Members resolved to accept the quotation, subject to evidence of public liability insurance cover for the work (proposer C’lir Neil James, seconder C’lir Philpott). Clerk to contact DecoTec to confirm arrangements and ask for sight of the public liability insurance cover.

0887 - Discussion of request for zebra crossing at crossing point outside school

C’lir Jones mentioned that parents of children attending the school had started a petition to request a proper zebra crossing, so that their children could cross the road safely. They were seeking support from J.C.C. for their request. Clerk to contact Mr. Steve Benger of P.C.C. to request a site meeting to discuss the matter further. Arrangements for any meeting to be co-ordinated in the same was as for the recent site meeting at Hall Court. C’lir Philpott commented that the Community Council might need to be willing to consider contributing to any scheme agreed. It was agreed that the petition signatures currently held by C’lir Jones should be kept to be handed over to P.C.C. in conjunction with any site meeting held.

Any other business

There was no other business reported.

The meeting concluded at 9-05pm.

Next scheduled meeting – Monday 13th September 2021.

Signed.....Chairman

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