

**Minutes of the monthly meeting of Johnston Community Council held on 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 in Johnston Institute.**

**Present:** Cllrs Jeffries, Neil James, Young, Wilkins, Pratt, F. James, Rowlands, Jones, Philpott; **Peter Horton (Clerk);**  
**Apologies :** C’llrs Warlow, Spilsbury, Morgan.

**9836 – Declarations of known Interests**

C’lr Rowlands declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the agenda item about the land opposite the Johnston Institute, due to an ongoing unrelated boundary dispute with the other party.

**9837 – To receive the minutes from the 2019 A.G.M.**

The minutes were accepted as an accurate record, and signed by the Chair (proposer C’lr Neil James, seconder C’lr Jeffries).

**9838 – To receive the minutes from the May 2019 monthly meeting**

The minutes were accepted as an accurate record, and signed by the Chair (proposer C’lr Jones, seconder C’lr Jeffries).

**9839 – To receive the minutes from the E.G.M. held on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

The minutes were accepted as an accurate record, and signed by the Chair (proposer C’lr Fran. James, seconder C’lr Jeffries).

**Matters Arising from the approved minutes**

**9840 – Highway safety issues in Langford Road.**

C’lr Rowlands informed Members that the matter was still in hand with P.C.C., who were looking at signage, alterations in speed limits, etc.

**9841 – Bus shelter / seat outside NISA Shop**

C’lr Rowlands informed Members that P.C.C. was still trying to contact the site owners to discuss the matter, but to date had been unsuccessful.

**9842- Close Field Skatepark**

C’lr Rowlands informed Members that he had discussed the matter further with P.C.C. officers, and was due to do so again. He felt that J.C.C. would probably need to consider contributing to measures such as CCTV. One possibility currently under consideration was submission of an application for National Lottery funding.

**9843 - Discussion of possible signage for businesses around railway bridge**

C’lr Rowlands had been in discussion with the site owners. He had pointed out to them that the increasing number of signs at the bridge could potentially become a Planning issue if left unresolved., They had undertaken to look at ways to resolve the situation, such as by submitting a scheme for collective signage.

**9844 - Discussion of overhanging tree, Church Road**

C’lr Rowlands had discussed the matter further with P.C.C. officers. They were keen to retain the tree if at all possible, and had commented that any action to remove it would need to come from the owner of the tree.

**9845 - Bolton Hill Quarry fence**

C'llr Rowlands had been in further discussion with the Quarry officers. They had said that any evening during the next week would be convenient for a group to meet on site to look at the fence requirements. If this was not possible, then it would need to be deferred until the second half of July.

**9846 – Fence, Cunnigar Lane**

C'llr Rowlands had obtained a quotation from P.C.C. of £80/metre for suitable fencing. However, the officers had said they didn't really think the fence was a good idea, as people would probably simply throw rubbish over it anyway.

C'llr Neil James commented that there was quite a bit of rubbish down there now, and was in favour of erecting the fence as a deterrent. C'llr Rowlands undertook to pass that on to P.C.C. for their further comments / action to remove it.

**9847 - Brambles on footpath to school.**

Members were reporting the problem as ongoing. C'llr Rowlands had raised the issue with the school Head. C'llr Jones commented that it was a P.C.C. issue, not a school one. However, C'llr Rowlands explained that he had raised it with the school Head as a means of gaining additional support for maintaining the 'Safe Route to School'. C'llr Rowlands undertook to chase the matter again with P.C.C.

**9848 - Narrow footpath outside Johnston Farm.**

Nothing new to report.

**9849 – Pothole, entrance of Hall Court.**

C'llr Fran. James reported that the pothole had now been repaired.

C'llr Rowlands mentioned that the sign for Hall Court was on order, but that no date had yet been given for it to be installed.

**9850 - Discussion of purchase of WW1 commemorative memorial seat**

The email address for the Email address had been obtained from the fabricator. Clerk to pass this to C'llr Spilsbury to supply pictures, dimensions, etc., to him.

**9851 - Discussion of siting for defibrillator recently purchased for Sports Field.**

C'llr Jeffries was now in possession of the defibrillator. C'llr Pratt had put up the cabinet at the pavilion. It was being left for a week to see if there would be any vandalism. It was mentioned that the cabinet was equipped with an alarm and entry code. People would need to ring 999 to obtain the code. C'llr Neil James also mentioned that the defibrillators were equipped with GPS tracking.

**9852 - Discussion of purchase of new defibrillator for Village Institute.**

Members were informed that the defibrillator had been delivered, and was currently at C'llr Warlow's home. Arrangements in hand for it to be sited on the Village Hall.

**9853 - Discussion of any community Christmas lighting arrangements**

Matter to be placed on agenda for further discussion in July.

**9854 - Discussion of lighting requirements in public / recreational areas**

Linked to item 9842 above. C'llr Rowlands pointed out that Members now needed to assess exactly what is required, and how much the Council is prepared to pay to achieve this. Matter to be tabled for discussion as an agenda item in July.

**9855 - Discussion of possible action to retain Community Police Forum**

C'llr Rowlands was keen to progress this, but was still without necessary contact details for the individuals concerned in other communities. C'llr Philpott undertook to try and locate some of these and pass to C'llr Rowlands.

**9856 - Discussion of renewal of grass-cutting contract for 2019 season**

Members were informed that the contract was now active, and insurance details had been received from the contractor.

**9857 - Discussion of action to discourage badger activity on sports field**

The P.C.C. Access Officer had replied to the message sent to say they were happy for a new gate to be put up. However, the message had mentioned nothing about funding. Clerk to contact the Access Officer further, to ask if they could provide a quotation for the work, and possibly carry it out on a cost share basis.

Members also mentioned the gates further up the path, at the end of the cycle path leading onto the Bolton Hill Quarry section, where it turns south towards Bulford Road. The gates were reported to be off, and the adjacent fence damaged. Clerk to report this, and request repairs to be carried out.

**9858 - Discussion of request to P.C.C. for disabled access to 1st floor of Orchard Court**

Members were informed that P.C.C. was planning a review shortly of disabled access arrangements to all sheltered housing facilities, to include Orchard Court.

**9859 - Discussion of possible use of Vine Field as playing field**

Following previous discussions, C'llr Neil James suggested that J.C.C. should look at removing the existing swings, and replacing them with new equipment. C'llr Rowlands raised the possibility of including this in funding applications for other works around the Village. C'llr Rowlands undertook to pursue this as possible.

**9860 - Fly tipping, land adjacent to Glebelands Field.**

It was clarified that this was actually in the field, next to the tennis courts. Members thought the dumped items might possibly have been moved, as no-one had noticed them in recent days. Members undertook to monitor the situation.

**Planning**

**9861 - Applications**

None this month.

**9862 - Decisions**

**19/0048/PA** - Proposed residential development of 33 affordable units including parking, open space and associated works, Former Johnston Primary School, Cranham Park, Johnston, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3PU

## **Correspondence**

**9863** - O.V.W. – Notification of O.V.W. Innovation conference, to be held at Builtth Wells, 10th July 2019 – noted.

**9864** - Paul Davies, A.M. – Newsletter – noted.

**9865** - Citizens' Advice Bureau – Notification of A.G.M. to be held on 26th June 2019 in Picton Centre, Haverfordwest – noted.

**9866** - W.S. Atkins – Consultation on proposed route of playground access off Vine Road to the Close Field. Members were happy with the proposals. Clerk to respond accordingly, and enquire with Atkins as to for whom they are working on the scheme.

**9867** - P.C.C. – Response to letter regarding disabled access at Orchard Court – covered in 9858 above.

**9868** - Planed – Notification of A.G.M. to be held on 9th July 2019 - noted.

**9869** - Kathy Spurling – message relating to parking problems around the entrance to The Windsor, and issues concerning land opposite Johnston Institute – C'llr Neil James mentioned that the Institute Committee had not yet met, so had been unable to discuss the matter further. However, it was his intention to prepare a presentation for the Committee about the issue. He intended to propose amendments to the guidance notes for people hiring the hall, to beef up the directions on avoiding illegal / inconsiderate parking at The Windsor, around the entrance to Johnston Hall, etc. As well as this, the amendments would remind hirers of the need to keep their children under control, and prevent them from running around outside the Hall, etc. Thanks were expressed to Kathy Spurling for her actions in reporting occasions when the windows had been left open, etc.

**9870** - Mr. Robert Dickie – Flower planting arrangements – Clerk to send letter of thanks, and support for his proposals. Letter to also express thanks for the weeding / cleaning up, etc. carried out by them around the area, which was viewed by Members as a valuable community enterprise. Members left the matter of possible re-planting of the daffodils lost during construction of the footpath outside the Church for consideration at a future date.

## **Accounts**

### **9871 - Payments**

H.M.R.C. (P.A.Y.E. tax) : £ 149-27

Clerk (salary and fixed expenses April – June 2019) : £1355-54

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

The Clerk mentioned that he had enquired with Mr. Banfield about the cost of the detergent. It would cost around £20. It had been left that Mr. Banfield would proceed with obtaining this, and add it to the next monthly invoice thereafter.

### **9872 - Charitable donations**

Members approved the following charitable donations :

Sunshine Club : £500

Johnston Chapel (for grass-cutting) : £300

Milford Haven Junior Town Band : £250

Paul Sartori Foundation : £75

Wales Air Ambulance : £75

Cruse Bereavement Care : £75

Sandy Bear : £75

Get the boys a lift : £75

D.P.J. Foundation : £75

The above items were approved (proposer C'llr N. James, seconder C'llr Rowlands).

**9873 - Discussion of Risk assessment actions**

Members considered the need for protective measures to the rear of the St. Peter’s Road bus shelter. C’Ilr Rowlands had been in discussion with P.C.C. officers about the matter. There was at least some possibility that the necessary work might be funded by P.C.C. There was also an avenue being explored to obtain funding from the Trunk Road Agency. It was left with C’Ilr Rowlands to pursue these avenues. As a separate matter from the above, it was also mentioned that other maintenance work was needed to the interior, roofing, etc. of the shelter. No further discussion was entered into on this aspect.

**9874 - Discussion of date for Chairman’s Dinner**

Deferred for consideration in July.

**Any other business**

**9875 – Scrap metal merchants.** C’Ilr Jeffries had noted problems with noise from the yard late one evening, as witnessed from the adjacent footpath. The Clerk had carried out some investigations, and it seemed that there may be no planning consent in place for the business. Matter to be placed on July agenda for discussion.

**9876 - Car in car park opposite the Institute.** C’Ilr Fran. James reported that a grey / silver car had been parked in the car park for a number of weeks. C’Ilr Rowlands mentioned that anyone could report this to P.C.C., who had a procedure in place for dealing with such incidents. For the avoidance of confusion, it was also mentioned that another vehicle, a van, was currently in the car park, and likely to be there for some time, as it belonged to someone who had recently been involved in an incident in the Village in which he had lost an eye.

**9877 – Footpath off cycle path going up towards Bolton Hill.** C’Ilr Jones asked about responsibility for this footpath, which was very overgrown. It was confirmed that it was the path leading around the spoil heaps for the quarry, and was the responsibility of P.C.C.

**9878 – School concert.** Members were informed that a concert was being planned for July 5<sup>th</sup>, in the Institute, to help foster community / school links.

**9879 - Discussion of situation regarding land opposite Johnston Institute**

[NOTE – C’Ilr Rowlands left the room prior to discussion of this item].

Members were provided with an update on the current situation. The Court had awarded an interim injunction for removal of the obstacles blocking the bottom entrance to the car park, and these had now been removed. Costs had been awarded against Mr. Bishop, and it was understood that these had now been paid to the J.C.C. / Village Institute Committee solicitor, with the possible exception of an outstanding issue relating to non-payment of the applicable VAT element.

The meeting ended at 8-40pm.  
Next scheduled meeting to be held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2019.

Signed.....Chairman  
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