

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Johnston Community Council held on 13th October 2025 in the Johnston Institute, and also online using the Zoom video-conferencing platform.

Present: Cllrs Yvonne Llewellyn, Nina Philpott, Rikki Schroeder, Neil James, Janet Jeffries, Tracey Young, Louise Jones, Grayham Passmore, Len Gale; Peter Horton (Clerk).

Apologies

C’llrs. Christine Wilkins, Aled Thomas.

2471 - Declaration of known interests

None.

2472 - Approval of minutes of September 2025 monthly meeting

The minutes were approved as written (proposer C’llr Yvonne Llewellyn, seconder C’llr Rikki Schroeder).

2473 - Opportunity for public representations on tabled agenda items

None

Matters Arising

2474 - Discussion of speeding problems / pavement provision, Church Road / Hayston Road

P.C.C. had reported that the overhanging growth had been removed. C’llr Neil James commented that it was difficult to assess the situation in detail, as there were many more leaves dropping at present. Item to be kept on the monthly agenda for the time being. Clerk to liaise with C’llr Aled Thomas about the P.C.C. officers attending a meeting to discuss options on future highway / pavement improvements.

2475 - Discussion of arrangements to mark recent efforts of local schoolchildren in litter-picking

No update currently available.

2476 - Discussion of badger activity in Glebelands estate

In hand with C’llr Aled Thomas. It was noted that fly-tipping by the gap in the fence was bad at present. Clerk to contact P.C.C. about this, and draw attention to the problems being caused by the ongoing presence of the gap in the fencing.

2477 - Discussion of problem with illegal parking around junction of Langford Road and Main Road

In hand with C’llr Aled Thomas.

2478 - Discussion of problems with motor cycle use on cycle path

In hand with C’llr Aled Thomas.

2479 - Discussion of repairs to Milford Road bus shelter

The growth had been removed, and the Perspex panel repairs were in hand.

2480 - Discussion of potential request for re-naming of The Close

In hand with C’llr Aled Thomas.

2481 - Planning

Planning application consultations received

25/0403/PA - Proposed division of store into 2 retail units class A1, including provision of new shop front and door to south elevation; Site Address: 20, St Peters Road, JOHNSTON, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3PR – Request to be

made for a planning condition limiting opening hours to those listed on the application, due to a residential unit being situated directly overhead.

Planning refusals issued

25/0376/PA - Replacement outbuilding to create welfare space as an extension for disabled son with new screening hedge bank and ecological enhancements; Site Address: Upper Sandy Wells, MERLINS BRIDGE, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA61 1XL

Planning consents received

25/0553/NM – Non-material amendment to planning permission 19/0048/PA (Proposed residential development of 33 affordable units including parking, open space and associated works); Former Johnston Cp School, Cranham Park, Johnston

2482 - Correspondence

- 01) Local residents – Comments opposing proposals for solar farm at Great Harmeston Farm – dealt with in agenda item below.
- 02) Hubberston Nursery – Request for confirmation of order for Christmas trees, 2025 season – the order had been placed as for the previous year.
- 03) Rainbow Daycare – Holding message regarding Bronwen Scale's availability for Remembrance Day service – dealt with in agenda item below.
- 04) P.C.C. Streetcare – Response to message about unacceptable condition of pavement in Church Road – dealt with in 2474 above.
- 05) P.P.S. Pembrokeshire – Inspection reports for Vine Field and Close Field Playparks – dealt with in agenda item below.
- 06) Celtic Windows – Confirmation that work in hand for repairs to Milford Road bus shelter – dealt with in 2479 above.
- 07) Democracy & Boundary Commission – Draft 2026/27 remuneration report – noted.
- 08) Local resident – Concerns over anti-social behaviour associated with The Silverdale – Clerk to pass this on to P.C.C. for information.
- 09) Arise – Informal consultation on proposals for solar farm at Great Harmeston Farm – dealt with in agenda item below.
- 10) P.C.C. – Invitations for 'Pembrokeshire Spotlight' nominations – noted.

2483 - Accounts

Payments for approval

David Banfield (bus shelter cleaning, September 2025)	: £ 72-00
Easy Websites (direct debit for website / email provision)	: £ 36-96
Clerk (incidental expenses April – September 2025)	: £ 122-04
Johnston Football Club (grass-cutting)	: £ 5023-00
P.P.S. Pembrokeshire (play equipment repairs)	: £ 280-00

The above payments were approved by Members (proposer C'llr Louise Jones, seconder C'llr Len Gale).

Quarterly budget review

Members considered the quarterly budget review prepared by the Clerk. The accounts appeared on track for the year, and there were no comments or questions.

2484 - Any necessary discussion of issues connected with Vine Field

Multiplay unit. Some damage to plastic domed inserts on the multi-play unit. The damaged domes had been removed for safety reasons. Clerk to ask P.P.S. Pembrokeshire to arrange for necessary repairs / replacements.

2485 - Any necessary discussion of issues in Close Field

Litter bin. Clerk to chase up F.J. Groundworks about bin replacement.

Broken glass. This had been cleared up on multiple occasions. Members thought it likely to be mainly empty alcohol bottles.

2486 - Discussion of possible provision of BMX ramps in Close Field Playpark

In hand with C'llr Aled Thomas.

2487 - Discussion of progress towards possible replacement of wooden pavilion

Members wanted to record particular thanks to C'llr Louise Jones, for her work in the clearance of the pavilion, which had been carried out successfully, but with much evidence of rat infestation, etc., which had made the job difficult and unpleasant. Thanks were also noted for the work carried out by volunteers from the Football and Cricket Clubs. Apart from items currently in regular use, the clearance had been completed.

Regarding the condition of the building, one end was in poor condition, and was in need of removal. The other end was in good condition. Members agreed that removal of the deteriorating half of the building needed to be completed as soon as possible, on health and safety grounds. The quotation for this from the Sports Association was noted as exceeding the £5000 expenditure limit, beyond which further quotations would be needed. However, it was felt important to proceed with the work as soon as possible, given the poor condition of the building. Accordingly, Members resolved to suspend Standing Order clause 24.1 for the duration of the meeting (proposer C'llr Neil James, seconder C'llr Louise Jones). This was on health and safety grounds, and also because, as a large proportion of the cost involved fixed disposal charges for the asbestos roof, it was considered that alternative quotations were unlikely to be significantly different.

Members proceeded to approve the quotation from Johnston Sports Association for removal and disposal of half of the pavilion building (proposer C'llr Neil James, seconder C'llr Grayham Passmore). C'llr Neil James to contact the contractors to make arrangements accordingly.

2488 - Any necessary discussion of land development at Glebelands Field

The Clerk reported that Aled Bowen had made contact to say he had attended, but that no invoice had yet been received.

C'llr Neil James had had no further contact with Aethne Cooke of P.C.C. concerning grant works.

C'llr Neil James had passed draft signs to the Clerk for action, and this was in hand.

C'llr Neil James mentioned the importance of developing a maintenance contract arrangement for forthcoming years, to ensure that necessary upkeep and maintenance of the area was dealt with as needed. C'llr Neil James undertook to prepare some notes over the next few months on the scope of work needed, in advance of further discussions and a formal tendering process.

2489 - Progress report on arrangements for renewal of Biodiversity Enhancement report

In hand with C'llr Aled Thomas.

2490 - Discussion of proposals for solar farm at Great Harmeston Farm

A public meeting organised by the planning consultants for the applicant had been scheduled for the following day in Johnston Chapel, from 1-5pm. Members noted that there was expected to be further consultation in the future.

A letter of objection from a local resident to Arise, copied to the community council, was read out in the meeting. Members felt that the points made in the letter were valid and important.

C’lir Neil James mentioned that Arise had been asked by the Welsh Government to provide a more detailed environmental statement as part of the proposals.

2491 - Discussion of needed repairs to St. Peter’s Road bus shelter

Members commented on the plaster on the inside of the rear wall of the bus shelter. This had mostly detached from the wall. Clerk to contact P.C.C. to enquire about the possibility of renewing the bus shelter, with the aim of reducing anti-social behaviour. Matter to be placed on November agenda for further discussion.

2492 - Discussion of traffic problems at Old School Lane / Cranham Park

Matter ongoing, with work planned by P.C.C. awaited. In hand with C’lir Aled Thomas to liaise with P.C.C. over the matter.

2493 - Discussion of Remembrance Day service arrangements

Road closure. This had been requested, and arrangements made.

Remembrance Day Service. C’lir Neil James confirmed that Bishop John Saxbee had kindly agreed to officiate at the service.

Band / bugler. C’lir Louise Jones undertook to speak to Bronwen Scale to check on her availability for the service.

Wreath. In hand with the Clerk to arrange. Clerk to inform C’lir Neil James when the wreath could be collected.

Public address system. C’lir Neil James mentioned that the P.A. system was currently broken. It was thought that it probably simply needed new batteries, which he would arrange as necessary.

Music / reading. It was thought that C’lir Aled Thomas would care for the music arrangements in the event that the band was unavailable. C’lir Tracey Young undertook to check this with him. In the event that he was unavailable, C’lir Nina Philpott undertook to care for this on the day. C’lir Neil James to do the Reading.

2494 - Any other business

Horses on cycle path. It was reported that two horses had been seen on the cycle path on recent occasions, raising concerns over safety, and the need for additional signage. Clerk to report this to C’lir Aled Thomas.

Langford Road footbridge. Agenda item to be tabled for discussion in November, to consider needed measures to address poor road drainage in the area.

Attack on school pupil on public service bus. Agenda item to be tabled for November over concerns for safety of local children after a recent occurrence.

The meeting ended at 8-15pm. Next scheduled meeting – 10th November 2025.

Signed.....Chairman

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