

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Johnston Community Council held on 9th December 2024 in the Johnston Institute, and also online using the Zoom video-conferencing platform.

Present: Cllrs Yvonne Llewellyn, Neil James, Nina Philpott, Janet Jeffries, Grayham Passmore; Peter Horton (Clerk).

Apologies : C'llrs. Louise Jones, Aled Thomas, Martyn Spilsbury, Tracey Young

2260 - Declarations of known Interests

None.

2261 – To receive the minutes from the November 2024 monthly meeting

The minutes were approved as written (proposer C'Ilr Janet Jeffries, seconder C'Ilr Yvonne Llewellyn).

Matters arising

2262 – request for path along main road from Bulford Road to roundabout.

No change.

2263 - Discussion of speeding problems and pavement provision, Hayston Road and Church Road

C'Ilr Neil James reported that problems had not been as bad as anticipated during the recent roadworks, due in part to the use of three-way traffic control at the junction of Church Road and the main road.

2264 - Discussion of arrangements for repair of bus shelter broken panes

In hand with C'Ilr Aled Thomas to seek additional information from P.C.C. officers. The Clerk had contacted David Banfield to ask for any recommendations on possible contractors to carry out the work, but none had been forthcoming.

2265 - Discussion of possible litter bin provision, Hillcroft field

The Clerk had spoken with Neil McCarthy in P.C.C., who had indicated that his team were not aware of any particular littering problem at this location. Members confirmed that it was mainly a dog fouling problem, and also a problem of littering during football matches. Members commented that, as the litter left during football matches was largely collected by residents / volunteers afterwards, this aspect of the ongoing problem may not necessarily be apparent to P.C.C. litter-picking teams. Clerk to pass this information to P.C.C., and pursue the installation of a new bin as possible.

2266 - Discussion of arrangements for completion of license application for memorial bench installation at Church Road

The Clerk reported that the Highways license had not yet been issued, and nothing further had been heard from Andrew Gray. Clerk to chase up Andrew Gray and Streetcare.

2267 - Discussion of arrangements to mark recent efforts of local schoolchildren in litter-picking

In hand with C'Ilr Aled Thomas.

2268 - Discussion of replacement website arrangements

The Clerk reported that development of the website, and uploading of documentation to it, was well advanced. It was expected that the new website would be ready in early January. There would be a three month overlap with the existing webpage, which was expected to go offline permanently in late March 2025.

2269 - Planning

Planning consents notified

24/0450/PA - Expansion of holiday let business with indoor swimming pool for personal & on-site holidaymakers use only with ecological enhancements.

Site Address: Johnston Hall, Church Road, JOHNSTON, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3HD

24/0630/PA - Alterations & Extension; 10, Cranham Park, JOHNSTON, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3PU

2270 - Correspondence

01) P.C.C. – Response to message about possible P.S.P.O. for Glebelands Field – dealt with in agenda item below.

02) Local resident – Application to join council – dealt with in agenda item below.

03) Sports Association – Message confirming that issues on footbridge on Langford Road had been resolved – noted.

04) Wales Audit Office – Confirmation of completion of external audit of 2023/24 accounts – dealt with in ‘Accounts’ below.

05) David Rees Fencing – Quotation for fencing works, Vine Field – dealt with in agenda item below.

06) Price and Kelway – Notification of surplus funds held in their accounts, and seeking account details for these to be transferred back to the community council – dealt with in ‘Accounts’ below.

2271 - Accounts

Payments for approval

David Banfield (bus shelter cleaning, November 2024)	:	£ 72-00
Clerk (Salary and fixed expenses, September – December)	:	As per contract
H.M.R.C. (P.A.Y.E. tax)	:	As per contract
Elder Meadows Nursery (Christmas tree supply)	:	£750-00
Johnston Sports Association (grass-cutting)	:	£200-00
Infinity Play (surfacing repairs)	:	£816-86
P.C.C. (collection & erection of community Christmas trees)	:	£223-15

The above payments were approved by Members (proposer C’lir Nina Philpott, seconder C’lir Yvonne Llewellyn).

Income

Price & Kelway (anticipated refund of client funds held)	:	£380-82
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Audit of 2023/24 accounts.

Members were informed that the external audit had been completed, and an unqualified approval received. The Clerk confirmed that all the requisite public notices advertising the audit completion had been posted.

2272 - Any necessary discussion of school transport arrangements

Deferred for discussion in January.

2273 - Discussion of co-option of new council member

One application had been received. Due to limited numbers of Members present, it was decided to defer further discussion on the co-option until January.

2274 - Any necessary discussion of issues connected with Vine Field (including discussion of close-boarding gap at end of chainlink fencing)

Wooden fence. A quotation had been received from David Rees Fencing to close the gap with a wooden fence. Members voted to accept the quotation (proposer C’Ilr Nina Philpott, seconder C’Ilr Janet Jeffries). Clerk to contact David Rees Fencing to accept the quotation, and make arrangements accordingly.

Chainlink fencing. The most recent routine inspection report had noted damage done to the chainlink fencing at the rear of 13, Brickhurst Park, as a result of a tree in their garden having blown over onto it. Clerk to write to the owner to ask if he wished to settle the bill for repair directly, or via his insurance company.

2275 - Discussion of issues in Close Field (including possible consideration of CCTV coverage)

Members commented that matters seemed to have settled down in the playpark over recent weeks, which was a welcome development.

Discussion of possible CCTV provision deferred until January, when it was hoped that C’Ilr Aled Thomas would be present.

2276 - Discussion of provision of roller-skating rink in Close Field Playpark

Deferred until January, when it was hoped that C’Ilr Aled Thomas would be in attendance to provide details on the responses received from the recent community survey carried out. Members briefly commented that other project options might be worth consideration, such as outdoor gym equipment, maybe in Glebelands Field, and further fruit tree planting in Vine Field. However, it was felt important to await the analysis of survey responses before discussing in detail.

2277 - Discussion of progress towards replacement of wooden pavilion

In hand with C’Ilr Aled Thomas. Further discussion deferred until January.

2278 - Any necessary discussion of progress on project to develop land at Glebelands Field

Senedd Places for Nature event. C’Ilr Neil James reported that the event had been a success, with the display of the J.C.C. projects at Glebelands Field being a good showcase for the community, as well as for the scheme. It was hoped that the Places for Nature funding stream would continue, and allow further development of the Glebelands Field area. Aethne Cooke of P.C.C. had asked for a site meeting with C’Ilr Neil James to discuss future further plans.

Tree-felling. Arrangements for necessary tree-felling in hand with C’Ilr Neil James. He planned to discuss with Aethne Cooke possible ways to overcome practical obstacles to enable use of the felled trees to promote biodiversity enhancement.

2279 - Any other business

There was no other business to report.

The meeting ended at 7-50pm. Next scheduled meeting – Monday 13th January 2025.

Signed.....Chairman

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