

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Johnston Community Council held on 13th December 2021 online, using the Zoom video-conferencing platform.

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

1034 – Declarations of known Interests

None.

1035 – To receive the minutes from the November 2021 monthly meeting

The minutes were accepted as an accurate record, and retained for signature by the Chairman following the meeting (proposer C'lr Young, seconder C'lr Neil James).

Matters arising

1036 - Discussion of purchase of WW1 commemorative memorial seat

Sill in hand with C'lr Spilsbury following up with the fabricators.

1037 - Discussion of possible request for yellow lines in Hall Court

Members still awaiting a start to work on the junction.

1038 - Discussion of problems with lighting on footbridge, Langford Road

Members were informed that P.C.C. had repaired the defective light on the end of the bridge, but not with an LED light. Matter still on hold pending upgrading of the lighting to LED. C'lr Neil James reported that growth at the railway bridge had been cut back by Network Rail contractors.

1039 - Discussion of possible one-way system, Glebelands

On hold. Matter to be considered for possible agenda item in New Year.

1040 - Discussion of requirement to report on progress towards producing a plan to encourage biodiversity

Matter still on hold for review in the New Year / Spring 2022.

1041 - Discussion of Community Land Trusts

C'lr Rowlands had been in discussion regarding the matter, including with local residents interested in setting up a 'Man shed'. This could possibly attract grant funding, but would need a location for a building to be constructed. Matter to be tabled for discussion in January.

1042 - Discussion of situation at Silverdale, including possible changes of use.

No change in situation regarding submission of a planning application.

1043 – Work needed on Glebelands Field and adjacent land.

A start to work was still awaited. Members thought it likely that weather conditions might be preventing a commencement to work at the moment.

1044 - Discussion of any works needed as a result of the most recent playground inspection report for The Close Field Playpark

More glass had apparently been found in the Close Field, with P.C.C. understood to have been in attendance earlier that day. Clerk to ask P.C.C. if they could arrange to remove glass, after checking with them in case this had already been done.

1045 - Discussion of possible footpath provision between Bulford Road and new roundabout.

C'llr Rowlands had requested a site meeting with P.C.C. to try and progress this matter, but had not heard anything further. He undertook to chase the matter up.

1046 - Discussion of bench collection from Milford School.

C'llr Philpott to collect, probably in the New Year. The Clerk offered to pick it up if going down that way in the meantime with his trailer.

1047 - R.B.L. – Remembrance Day arrangements.

C'llr Philpott undertook to chase up a receipt for the donation sent out but not acknowledged by R.B.L. C'llr Neil James mentioned the much-appreciated assistance offered by Dyfed Powys Police on the day. Clerk to write to the Police to thank them for the help provided (proposer C'llr Philpott, seconder C'llr Fran. James).

1048 - Discussion of quotation for work on bus shelter, St. Peter's Road

A commencement of work was still awaited.

1049 - Discussion of request for zebra crossing outside school

Still in hand, with P.C.C. understood to be assessing the site for a possible crossing patrol. No feedback from this exercise had been received to date.

1050 - Discussion of W.G. proposals for new inland border post

Nothing further to date, with matter still in hand with the Welsh Government. Members noted that an independent local group of concerned residents had been very active in communicating with the W.G. over this matter.

1051 - Discussion of link footpath from Church Road to Hayston View

No change to date, with footpath still blocked.

1052 – Large van parked on pavement at the entrance to Hall Court.

Members reported that the van was still present. The Clerk mentioned that it had been reported to DVLA as an untaxed vehicle, and also to P.C.C. as an abandoned vehicle. C'llr Rowlands undertook to chase up its removal with P.C.C.

1053 - Potholes on junction of Langford Road / Main Road.

Members noted that the potholes had now been filled, but only temporarily.

1054 - Any necessary discussion of possible redevelopment of Vine Field

Members were informed that the Enhancing Pembrokeshire application had now been submitted, and a decision was expected early in the New Year.

1055 - Discussion of arrangements for future meeting venues

C'llr Jones reported that the headmaster was very happy for the community council to hold meetings in the school. A podcasting room there could potentially be suitable. C'llr Rowlands suggested arranging a trial run at the school. Due to current uncertainty over the pandemic, and the forthcoming holidays, Members agreed to leave the matter in abeyance until the New Year, with the January meeting to be arranged online. Matter to be tabled as an agenda item for discussion in January.

1056 - Discussion of Johnston Institute Committee letter concerning legal fees

Clerk to send a message to Johnston Institute Committee to inform them of the most recent bill received.

Clerk to table an agenda item to discuss forming a vexatious communication policy.

1057 - Discussion of arrangements for future maintenance of defibrillators

The Clerk confirmed that details of all the defibrillators had been sent to Calon Hearts, who had agreed to inspect them and report on maintenance requirements. Matter therefore in hand with them at present.

Planning

1058 - Applications

None this month.

1059 - Decisions issued

21/0545/PA - Extension of existing drop kerb and creation of access and driveway; The Chalet, 36, St Peters Road, JOHNSTON, Haverfordwest, SA62 3PJ.

Correspondence

1060 - P.C.C. – Notification that landowner had been asked to remove the 'no dogs' signage from Cunnigar Lane – Members were informed that the sign had now gone.

1061 - P.C.C. – Confirmation of arrangements for cleaning out ditch around Glebelands Field – work was now reported as having been completed.

1062 - B.H.I.B. – Insurance quotation – As the quotation was more expensive than renewal with the existing provider, the quotation was not accepted.

1063 - Local resident – Freedom of Information request – in hand with Clerk.

1064 - Zurich Municipal – Insurance renewal quotation – Approval dealt with in 'Accounts'. Sound system insurance to be tabled for discussion in January.

1065 - Local resident – Request for clearance of growth from around Vine Road bus shelter – Clerk to contact P.C.C. / T.R.A. to ask for this to be actioned.

Accounts

1066 - Payments for approval

David Banfield (bus shelter cleaning for November)	: £ 72-00
Clerk (salary October – December 2021)	: As per contract
H.M.R.C. (P.A.Y.E. tax on Clerk's salary above)	: As per contract
Clerk (incidental expenses incurred, June – November)	: £117-89
Johnston Football Club (post season grass-cutting)	: £150-00
Neil James (reimbursement for Remembrance Day expenditure)	: £ 16-99
J.R.J.'s Garden Services (clearance around Cocky's Pond)	: £337-50
Zurich Municipal (Insurance renewal)	: £835-41

The above payments were approved by Members (proposer C'llr Rowlands, seconder C'llr Philpott).

1067 - Discussion of work on Close Field towards eventual CCTV installation

C’Ilr Neil James had met someone from the Walters Group at the site. The two basic options were (a) a stand-alone system, with data storage on site, or (b) a remote system, with data transferred to a third party site. Option (a) was not a preferred option, as it would need a solid concrete base, vandal-proof box, electrical supply and heater for recording equipment, and regular inspections. Option (b) would need a co-operative neighbour with line of sight from the playpark, and prepared to facilitate use of their wi-fi. Other than that, a separate BT line would need to be installed to the pole, with a stand-alone router, and cloud storage arranged. C’Ilr Neil James also mentioned potential legal safeguarding issues with video monitoring of the site. He suggested looking into the possibility of seeking to tap into the P.C.C. network of cameras. Members agreed for C’Ilr Rowlands to pursue this with officers in P.C.C. (proposer C’Ilr Philpott, seconder C’Ilr Fran. James).

1068 - Discussion of arrangements to celebrate Queen’s Platinum Jubilee

Members discussed various possibilities to commemorate the event. Members were generally in agreement that as far as arranging events was concerned, the community council would be very open to funding groups interested in arranging suitable events, but would be unlikely to arrange something itself. C’Ilr Jones said that the Johnston Community Spirit group were open to the idea of arranging something in principle, subject to input on what kind of event was being suggested. The possible idea of planting a circle of seven trees to commemorate the event was discussed. Various possible locations were mentioned. It was agreed that any areas on P.C.C. highway land would be unlikely to gain consent. It would be better to focus attention on J.C.C.-owned sites. One potentially suitable site mentioned was on the Glebelands Field, possibly in the location where Nathan Jones was due to commence work. Members agreed for C’Ilr Rowlands to ask officers in P.C.C. if they would be willing to attend a site meeting to discuss possibilities, and assist with designing a suitable scheme. Any interested Members could attend as they wished. C’Ilr Philpott also suggested asking C’Ilr Spilsbury for his input, as he was known to have experience in landscaping, etc. Clerk to investigate potentially suitable grant schemes for any such project. In terms of memorabilia, Members were agreed that commemorative, mugs, etc., would not be appropriate. However, the idea of something more up to date and useful, such as pen and pencil sets, were of more interest to Members. This left for Members to research what was available that might be suitable.

Any other business

1069 - Forthcoming elections. C’Ilr Rowlands reminded Members of the importance of encouraging genuinely community-minded individuals to stand for the elections.

The meeting concluded at 8-40pm.

Next scheduled meeting – Monday 10th January 2022.

Signed.....Chairman

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