

**Minutes of the monthly meeting of Johnston Community Council held on 16th February 2026 in the Johnston Institute, and also online using the Zoom video-conferencing platform.**

**Present: Cllrs Yvonne Llewellyn, Rikki Schroeder, Neil James, Janet Jeffries, Len Gale, Christine Wilkins, Grayham Passmore, Aled Thomas; Peter Horton (Clerk).**

**Apologies**

Cllrs. Louise Jones, Nina Philpott.

**2561 - Declaration of known interests**

None.

**2562 - Approval of minutes of January 2026 monthly meeting**

The minutes were approved as written (proposer Cllr Aled Thomas, seconder Cllr Grayham Passmore).

**2563 - Opportunity for public representations on tabled agenda items**

There were no members of the public present who wished to make representations.

**2564 - Discussion with NaCRO officials regarding The Silverdale**

Deferred until March meeting.

**Matters Arising**

**2565 - Discussion of problem with illegal parking around junction of Langford Road and Main Road**

No update to report.

**2566 - Discussion of traffic problems at Old School Lane / Cranham Park**

No change in situation on the ground. Cllr Aled Thomas undertook to seek an update from the P.C.C. lining team on likely timescale to complete the work.

**2567 - Discussion of measures needed to address poor drainage around footbridge, Langford Road**

Cllr Aled Thomas mentioned that the officer in P.C.C. that had been the point of contact for this matter was no longer available, and he would need to establish a new point of contact. Cllr Neil James had noted 'flooding' warning signs on the bridge in recent days, and also the nearby road drain cover had been propped open. This seemed to indicate at least some movement on the part of P.C.C. to address the problem, as well as acknowledgement of its existence.

**2568 - Potholes / pavement cracks around The Close.**

No change, with pothole repairs still awaited.

**2569 - Discussion of needed repairs to St. Peter's Road bus shelter**

Members noted the non-specific response received from P.C.C., to the effect that replacement of the bus shelter was planned, but only when funding and scheduling had become possible, with no timescale provided.

## **2570 - Planning**

### **Planning consultations received**

**25/0855/PA** - Temporary cabin for children's ministry; Site Address: Johnston Baptist Church, St Peters Road, Johnston, Pembrokeshire – No comments.

### **Planning consents notified**

**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

### **Planning refusals notified**

**25/0437/PA** - Single storey double garage; Site Address: Alyndale, 24, Bulford Road, JOHNSTON, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3EU

## **2571 - Correspondence**

- 01) F.J. Fencing – Quotation for fencing work at Glebelands – dealt with in agenda item 2578 below.
- 02) P.C.C. – Active Travel consultation – noted.
- 03) P.P.S. Pembrokeshire – Playpark inspection reports – dealt with in agenda items 2574 and 2575 below.
- 04) W.J.G. Evans – Quotations for work at wooden pavilion – dealt with in agenda item 2577 below.
- 05) Local resident – Query about potholes on Brickhurst Park – Clerk to carry out necessary Land Registry searches to establish ownership, and then write to both registered owners of the trackway, informing them of the complaint received, and inviting them to consider actions that may be possible to improve the situation, while avoiding any impression of putting them under pressure to do so. Clerk to also write to the local resident who had raised the matter, to let them know of the actions taken.
- 06) P.C.C. – Response to query about potential replacement of St. Peter's Road bus shelter – dealt with in 2569 above.
- 07) Neyland Health Centre – Notification of forthcoming patients' group meeting – noted.
- 08) Amey Consulting – consultation on proposed change to 30mph in Johnston along main road – Members resolved to support the proposals, but with a request that the route identified to be extended to the entire length of the A4076 through the village (proposer C'Ilr Neil James, seconder C'Ilr Christine Wilkins). The support from those present was unanimous.

## **2572 - Accounts**

### **Payments for approval**

David Banfield (bus shelter cleaning, January 2026 )	: £	72-00
Easy Websites (direct debit for website / email provision)	: £	36-96
Clerk (reimbursement for 1/3 cost of new laptop, extended		
Warranty and necessary software)	: £	247-46
Heavyside Landscaping (INV-0014 for treeworks, Glebelands)	: £	4080-00
F.J. Groundworks (INV-1037)	: £	480-00
I.C.O. (data registration fee)	: £	52-00

The above payments were approved by Members (proposer C'Ilr Grayham Passmore, seconder C'Ilr Rikki Schroeder).

### **Internal auditor.**

Members approved the re-appointment of the internal auditor from the previous year.

**2573 - Any necessary discussion of solar farm proposals on land outside Johnston and Freystrop**

No updates. Clerk to contact Powis Communications to request an update on the current situation, and then to circulate anything received.

**2574 - Any necessary discussion of issues connected with Vine Field**

Nothing to discuss.

**2575 - Any necessary discussion of issues in Close Field**

Nothing to discuss.

**2576 - Discussion of possible provision of BMX ramps in Close Field Playpark**

Deferred for discussion in March.

**2577 - Discussion of progress towards possible replacement of wooden pavilion**

A new quotation had been received from W.J.G. Evans for the work required. This had become necessary due to an emerging realisation of the importance of rigorous H&S precautions for the project, and additional complications in the electrical works needed. Cllr Neil James had examined the H&S documentation, and felt it was acceptable.

Members resolved to suspend Standing Order clause 24.1 for the duration of the agenda item (proposer Cllr Neil James, seconder Cllr Christine Wilkins). Support for this decision was unanimous. This was 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, and progressing the matter was deemed time-critical.

The W.J.G. Evans quotation was accepted (proposer Cllr Neil James, seconder Cllr Christine Wilkins). Clerk to inform Glenn Murray accordingly.

**2578 - Any necessary discussion of land development at Glebelands Field**

**Path clearance and maintenance works.** Members noted that these works were now under way with F.J. Groundworks.

**Fence works.** A quotation had been received from F.J. Groundworks, with various options for consideration. Members voted to choose option 2, for a full replacement of the chainlink on the existing concrete posts, with one additional new post provided (proposer Cllr Len Gale, seconder Cllr Rikki Schroeder).

**Places for Nature grant scheme.** Nothing further had been heard from P.C.C. regarding this. Cllr Aled Thomas undertook to seek information from officers in County Hall.

**2579 - Any necessary discussion of P.C.C. proposals for highway improvements at Church Road**

Cllr Aled Thomas was planning a site meeting with the owners of Johnston Hall the following day to look at the hedgebank issues alongside the pavement.

There was nothing to report on the proposed P.C.C. highway improvements.

## 2580 - Discussion of possible adoption of an Internal Resolutions Policy for Members, and a formal grievance policy

Members felt that adoption of these documents might be helpful. Clerk to prepare drafts of both documents, and circulate these to Members in advance of the next meeting. Item to be placed on March agenda for further discussion.

## **2581 - Discussion of consideration to formal switch-on of Christmas tree lights in 2026**

Members acknowledged that cost could be an issue, and a first step would be to establish any additional cost of such an arrangement for the tree at Glebelands. Clerk to request indication of costing from the electricians. Matter to be placed on March agenda for further discussion.

## 2582 - Any other business

**Hillcroft Field.** C'lr Len Gale raised concerns about the ongoing problem of dog-fouling on and around the field. Matter to be placed on March meeting agenda for discussion.

The meeting ended at 8-14pm. Next scheduled meeting – 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

Signed..... Chairman Date.....