

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Johnston Community Council held on 11th February 2019 in Johnston Institute.

Present: Cllrs Rowlands, Jones, Wilkins, Morgan, Jeffries, Philpott; Rachel Johnson (Locum Clerk).

Apologies : C'Ilrs Spilsbury, Neil James, Warlow, Fran. James, Pratt.

9641 – Declarations of known Interests

There were no declarations of known interests.

9642 – To receive the minutes from the January 2019 monthly meeting

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

9643 – To receive the minutes from the extraordinary meeting held on Monday 21st January 2018

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

Matters Arising from the January 2019 monthly meeting

9644 – problem with inadequate lighting on the public footpath under the railway Bridge.

In hand with C'Ilr Rowlands, who was continuing discussions with P.C.C. regarding the matter.

9645 – Highway safety issues in Langford Road.

In hand with C'Ilr Rowlands. He confirmed that the formal request for a change to a 20mph speed limit had been submitted, and was currently under consideration.

9646 – Bus shelter / seat outside NISA Shop

In hand with C'Ilr Rowlands. He commented that it may be necessary to consider siting a bus shelter elsewhere, due to lack of response from landowners so far.

9647- Close Field Skatepark

C'Ilr Rowlands commented that any work carried out to improve security etc. would almost certainly need to be funded by J.C.C., and would therefore need to be the subject of further discussions in the Community Council.

9648 – Boundary fenceline with Dawnus development

C'Ilr Rowlands confirmed the current situation, which was that Dawnus accepted no responsibility to maintain the fenceline, and had only carried out recent repairs as a goodwill gesture. The Clerk confirmed that a check of the planning consent had provided no information indicating that Dawnus would be responsible for the fenceline.

9649 - Discussion of possible formal signage provision for businesses around railway bridge

C'Ilr Rowlands confirmed that the new tenant in the business park had been supportive of a new signage scheme. He commented that a meeting would need to

be arranged between all interested parties to drive the matter forward. Matter left with C'llr Rowlands to pursue as necessary.

9650 - Discussion of overhanging tree, Church Road

C'llr Rowlands confirmed that he was due to meet the P.C.C. Landscape Officer the following day, and would raise the matter again.

9651 - Bolton Hill Quarry fence

C'llr Rowlands had been in contact with the site manager, who was happy to attend a site meeting on any Friday afternoon. It was left with C'llr Rowlands to co-ordinate a mutually convenient date / time for the site meeting.

9652 – Fence, Cunnigar Lane

C'llr Rowlands had discussed the matter with the solicitor. He had advised that, as a right of way already exists for J.C.C. over the access lane, there would appear to be little point in lodging an application to register it in the Community Council's name.

9653 - Brambles on footpath to school.

Members reported that the situation was unchanged, with brambles still encroaching onto the footpath. Clerk to contact P.C.C. to ask for the matter to be addressed.

9654 - Narrow footpath outside Johnston Farm.

C'llr Rowlands informed Members that the Trunk Road Agency had confirmed works planned in the forthcoming financial year to widen the footpath. Arrangements had apparently been made with the affected landowners to enable the work to proceed.

9655 – New business in Old Post Office, Main Road

Members noted that a planning application had been submitted, and was on the agenda for consideration tonight.

9656 - Community Christmas arrangements.

The Clerk had obtained price lists from Festive Lighting. These offered rental of lighting units at 1/3 of the purchase price. The company did not offer an installation service, which would need to be provided by a local electrician. C'llr Jones undertook to count the number of lamp-posts that would need to be lit, and report back to the March meeting. Matter to be placed on March agenda for a full discussion, including possible formation of a committee to co-ordinate any arrangements.

9657 - Discussion of possible further defibrillator provision

C'llr Jeffries had been in conversation with Glenn Murray regarding the defibrillator. He had expressed concern over possible vandalism. However, Members felt that this might be a bit alarmist, as there had not been any problems with the other two defibrillators so far. C'llr Jones suggested that it was important to have a defibrillator in that area, as a lot of recreational / sports activities went on round there. She suggested that the Community Council, as owners of the pavilion, should consider simply placing the unit on the outside of the building. Matter to be placed on March agenda for further discussion. In the meantime, the defibrillator had been left with the Clerk for safe-keeping, and the cabinet had been left in the pavilion.

9658 - Discussion of possible children's home to be opened in Johnston

C'llr Rowlands had discussed the matter with officers in P.C.C. It had been confirmed that planning permission was almost certainly not required. There was concern at the trend for councils from other parts of the Country to open such homes in Pembrokeshire, and administer them remotely. C'llr Rowlands felt that this was something that required further discussion, as it could potentially bring problems and drain local resources.

9659 – Cycle path

C'llr Rowlands confirmed that Sustrans had been made aware of the problems, and the work required. The P.C.C. Highways Dept. had also been asked to monitor the situation and chase progress as possible. C'llr Rowlands commented that it was important to keep on top of the situation, to prevent the potential loss of this section of the path.

9660 – Pothole, entrance of Hall Court.

Members noted that the pothole was still there. The matter had been reported to P.C.C. and was currently with them for action.

9661 – Bus shelter, Milford Road, west side.

The Clerk confirmed that the matter had again been reported to P.C.C., with a request for repairs to be carried out. Members were uncertain as to whether or not the repairs had been carried out.

Planning

9662 - Applications

18/1124/PA - Erection of dwelling (outline permission), 20, Infill Plot at 32 Church Road, South of 30 Church Road, Johnston, Haverfordwest, SA62 3HE – Interested Members to carry out an informal site meeting to assess the proposals. If any formal consultation response was considered necessary, then it was confirmed that a follow-up meeting would need to be convened. Clerk to be informed of any such need if this should arise, in order to make the necessary arrangements.

18/1136/PA - Erection of dwelling, Land Adjacent to Highwinds, 38, Brickhurst Park, Johnston, SA62 3PA – no comments.

18/1111/PA - Change of use from A1 to A3(in retrospect), Grey's Coffee Bar, 16, Rear Flat, St Peter's Road, Johnston, Haverfordwest, SA62 3PR – response to be submitted supporting the proposals.

18/1138/PA - Single storey extension to rear of dwelling, 17, Hillcroft, JOHNSTON, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3QB – no comments.

9663 - Decisions

18/0383/MN - Variation of conditions 14 (blast monitoring review scheme), 17 (blast monitoring scheme) and 25 (ground water and surface water monitoring scheme) of permission ref: 07/0705/MN (extension to Bolton Hill Quarry and associated soil stripping, creation of screen bunds/ soil stockpiles and related restoration works) to allow for alternative timeframes - Bolton Hill Quarry, TIERS CROSS, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3ER

18/1122/NM - Non material amendment (amended design) to planning permission ref. 18/0557/PA (Proposed extensions and alterations & change of use of front amenity area to form off street parking) - 49, Glebelands, JOHNSTON, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3PW

Correspondence

9664 - Wales Audit Office – report on internal audit function – left with Clerk to implement any recommendations not already in force.

9665 - Citizens' Advice Bureau – Impact Report 2017/18 – noted.

9666 - Rainbow Reef Day Care – Request for consideration of provision of access gate into Glebelands Field – matter to be placed on March agenda for full consideration of works needed to meet the request.

9667 - Police and Crime Commissioner – Newsletter – noted.

9668 - P.C.C. – Draft street trading policy – noted.

9669 - Greg Bishop – complaint – Members approved the draft response prepared by the Clerk (proposer C'llr Jones, seconder C'llr Jeffries). Clerk to send response accordingly.

9670 - Quarry – Request for agreement to formation of community liaison group – Members agreed to the continuation of the Community Liaison Group, to meet on an 'as and when required' basis (proposer C'llr Jeffries, seconder C'llr Morgan). Clerk to respond accordingly.

9671 - Festive Lighting – Information re. purchase / hire of festive lighting – dealt with in item **9656** above.

9672 - Jean, Alan, and Buddy the Guide Dog – thanks for work done to re-paint the Village Institute front step nosings – noted, and Members appreciative of the sentiments expressed. Copy of letter to be forwarded to the Village Institute for information.

Accounts

9673 - Payments

David Banfield (bus shelter cleaning)	:	£ 60-00
Price and Kelway (legal fees)	:	£ 3130-33
Norrard Electrics (Christmas Tree lighting)	:	£ 240-00
Elder Meadows Nursery (Christmas Trees supply)	:	£ 350-00

9674 - Re-appointment of internal auditor for audit of 2018/19 accounts

Members agreed the re-appointment of Ms. Denise Mayr to carry out the internal audit of the 2018/19 accounts.

All the above items were approved by Members (proposer C'llr Wilkins, seconder C'llr Jeffries).

9675 - Discussion of Risk assessment actions (including discussion of any remedial works needed to St. Peter's Road bus shelter)

Still with C'llr Pratt for the obtaining / circulating of quotations for the necessary work to the bus shelter. Matter to be placed on March agenda for further discussion.

9676 - Discussion of purchase of WW1 commemorative memorial seat

P.G.S. Fabrications had confirmed that they had prepared / were preparing drawings of the proposed design, and would pass these to C'llr Fran James. Matter to be placed on March agenda for further consideration of the detailed design.

9677 - Discussion of part-purchase of scanner, digital safe, and pdf editing software subscription

Members agreed to the purchase of a pdf scanner, small digital safe, and pdf-editing subscription, all on the basis of J.C.C. paying 1/3 of the total cost. Cost to J.C.C. to be in the region of £110 (scanner), £12 (safe), and £12 per annum (pdf-editing subscription) (proposer C’Ilr Rowlands, seconder C’Ilr Jeffries). The Clerk explained that the items were needed to carry out scanning, and comply with data protection regulations governing redaction of documents and secure storage of electronic back-up files for the community council.

9678 - Discussion of date for Chairman’s Dinner

Matter to be placed on March agenda for discussion, with a view to organising a date around Easter time, once ongoing issues had hopefully settled down for individual Members, and the occasion could be fully enjoyed by all.

Any other business

9679 – Signage, businesses in the vicinity of The Vine / Brickhurst Park. C’Ilr Jeffries suggested that any discussion regarding possible signage for businesses around the Railway Bridge could usefully be extended to businesses in The Vine area. Matter to be placed on March agenda for discussion.

9680 – lighting of recreational areas / parks. Matter to be placed on March agenda for discussion.

[NOTE – at this point members of the public were asked to leave the meeting, as the remaining agenda item was to be held in private session, due to involving discussions on legal matters pertaining to the Community Council].

9681 - Discussion of situation regarding land opposite Johnston Institute

The Community Council solicitor was present to advise Members on the current situation following the recent Land Tribunal hearing. He advised that the £18,591-62 costs awarded against Mr. Bishop in favour of the Community Council and Village Institute Committee had been received in full, and offered legal advice pertaining to the current situation / potential future developments in connection with the land.

The meeting ended at 8-50pm.

Next scheduled meeting to be held on Monday 11th March 2019.

Signed.....Chairman

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