

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Johnston Community Council held on 14th March 2022 online, using the Zoom video-conferencing platform.

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

1145 – Declarations of known Interests

None.

1146 – To receive the minutes from the February 2022 monthly meeting

The minutes were accepted as an accurate record, and retained for signature by the Chairman following the meeting (proposer C’llr Fran. James, seconder C’llr Wilkins).

Matters arising

1147 - Discussion of purchase of WW1 commemorative memorial seat

Sill in hand with C’llr Spilsbury following up with the fabricators.

1148- Discussion of possible request for yellow lines in Hall Court

Members still awaiting a start to work on the junction.

1149 - Discussion of requirement to report on progress towards producing a plan to encourage biodiversity

Clerk to invite the P.C.C. Biodiversity Officer to attend the April meeting to discuss ways to carry this forward.

1150 - Discussion of situation at Silverdale, including possible changes of use.

No change in situation regarding submission of a planning application.

1151 – Work needed on Glebelands Field and adjacent land.

Nothing further had been heard from J.R.J. Garden Services regarding a start date for the proposed work. Clerk to chase this up.

1152 - Discussion of any works needed as a result of the most recent playground inspection report for The Close Field Playpark

Quotation from Playground Repairs Ltd. to be provided once the most recent Annual Report had been received, so as to give an up-to-date picture of the requirements.

1153 - Discussion of possible footpath provision between Bulford Road and roundabout.

Some Members had noted surveying work around this location. Clerk to make some enquiries to try and ascertain whether or not any work was planned.

1154 - Discussion of bench collection from Milford School.

The Clerk had put an application for a bench to be sited at Glebelands Field. A decision on this application was awaited.

1155 - Discussion of quotation for work on bus shelter, St. Peter’s Road

No change, with project still on hold for the time being. Matter to be reviewed in April.

1156 - Discussion of request for zebra crossing outside school

Members were informed that an advertisement was still open for a crossing patrol officer, having been re-advertised.

1157 - Discussion of W.G. proposals for new inland border post

Members had been informed that plans to use the proposed site had been abandoned. Other sites in Johnston had not, however, been ruled out.

1158 - Discussion of link footpath from Church Road to Hayston View

Members reported no change, with the footpath open, though not completely unobstructed. Matter to be kept under review.

1159 - Any necessary discussion of possible redevelopment of Vine Field

Following approval of the grant, further administrative forms etc., had been received by the Clerk in recent days. These to be reviewed, and matter to be tabled for further discussion in April for decisions on how to proceed.

1160 - Discussion of arrangements for future maintenance of defibrillators

All pads had now been received. Clerk to arrange for these to be placed into the defibrillators, while ensuring that at least two units were available for use at any one time.

1161 - Discussion of insurance for sound equipment

The Clerk had been informed that the Zurich account officer assigned to the community council was no longer working for Zurich. Clerk to pursue the matter via the general Zurich number.

1162 - Discussion of establishment of vexatious communication policy

Matter still in hand with Clerk establishing necessary prerequisites for a scheme to be set up.

1163 - Discussion of possible replacement of wooden pavilion building

C'Ilr Neil James had measured the base of the pavilion at around 20m x 6m. No progress had been made on a possible replacement for the building.

The Sports Association had maintained their position that the pavilion was the community council's property. Matter to be tabled for discussion in April.

1164 - Discussion of meeting venue for future meetings

It was confirmed that the monitor offered by C'Ilr Fran James appeared to be very suitable, and was available for £50. Members were happy with that, and approved the purchase (proposer C'Ilr Philpott, seconder C'Ilr Jeffries).

The Clerk had obtained the Jabra omni-directional microphone.

Burton Community Council had enquired about sharing ownership of the microphone as a cost-saving measure. Members were happy to agree this (proposer C'Ilr Philpott, seconder C'Ilr Spilsbury). Clerk to arrange to obtain payment from Burton C.C. for this.

Regarding the monitor, Clerk to liaise with C'Ilr Neil James about getting it fixed to the wall in the Institute Committee Room.

Clerk to obtain a suitable webcam to fix to the top of the monitor.

Arrangements to be made to hold the April meeting in the Institute, providing that all necessary arrangements had been made.

Planning matters

1165 - Applications

21/0997/PA - Extension to existing café; Site Address: Halfway Cafe, Pope Hill, Johnston, SA62 3NX – no comments.

Correspondence

1166 - P.C.C. – Update on programme for new speed-activated signs in Langford Road – noted. C’Ilr Jones commented that the old signs had been taken down, and preparations for new posts was going ahead.

1167 - Treeworks – Quotation for tree inspection and report – dealt with in agenda item below.

1168 - P.C.C. – Pre-election guidance to take effect from 18th March 2022 – noted.

1169 - P.C.C. – Confirmation of grant approval for new playpark – to be tabled as agenda item for April.

1170 - Grandiflora – Quotation for ornamental trees and planting – dealt with in agenda item below.

Accounts

1171 - Payments for approval / ratification

Clerk (salary, January – March 2022)	:	As per contract
H.M.R.C. (P.A.Y.E. tax)	:	As per contract
West Wales Pest Control (mole removal contract)	:	£456-00
One Voice Wales (membership for 2022)	:	£342-00
David Banfield (bus shelter cleaning)	:	£ 72-00
Clerk (reimbursement for Jabra Microphone)	:	£179-99
C’Ilr Fran James (purchase of monitor)	:	£ 50-00

The above payments were approved by Members (proposer C’Ilr Philpott, seconder C’Ilr Jeffries).

1172 - Discussion of work on Close Field towards eventual CCTV installation

Members noted that there had been some recent events in the Community involving violence and apparent attempts to entice children into vehicles that made the installation of a CCTV system more important than ever.

Clerk to seek advice from P.C.C. and also the Neighbourhood Policing Team on how best to proceed. Matter to be tabled for further discussion in April.

1173 - Discussion of ‘Heart of Johnston’ request for a container to be placed on Glebelands Field

The Clerk confirmed that planning consent would be needed for any container placed on the field. However, C’Ilr Jones confirmed that there was now no longer any need for this, as it had been confirmed that the wooden pavilion was in J.C.C. ownership, and therefore the items could continue to be stored there without any problem.

1174 - Approval of amendments to Standing Orders

The Clerk confirmed that some minor changes to the Standing Orders was necessary as a result of recent decisions made. Agenda item to be tabled for April for approval of the necessary changes, with these being circulated to Members in advance.

1175 - Discussion of possible one-way system in Glebelands

P.C.C. had recommended that the community council should seek the views of local residents to gauge support for any scheme. C'llrs Philpott and Fran James offered to call on the properties in Glebelands to seek the views of residents there.

Clerk to prepare 40 copies of a suitably-worded letter that could be left at the homes of any residents that could not be contacted during a door-to-door exercise. These to be left with C'Ilr Philpott.

Matter to be placed on April agenda for discussion.

Proposal to call on the homes of residents in Glebelands to be posted on the Facebook page for information.

1176 - Discussion of ways to commemorate forthcoming Queen's Platinum Jubilee

A quotation had been received from Grandiflora for seven large Cherry trees, and seven fruit trees. Members agreed to accept the quotation (proposer C'Ilr Fran James, seconder C'Ilr Philpott). Members agreed to go along with a suggestion to plant the Cherry trees in a line along the edge of Glebelands Field on the boundary between the pavilion and the wood. Fruit trees to be planted on the Vine Field. Clerk to make order with Grandiflora accordingly. Members to be advised of the date when Grandiflora were coming to plant the trees, for someone to meet them. Regarding community events to celebrate the Jubilee, C'Ilr Jones mentioned that the Heart of Johnston Group had a meeting coming up, and would know more after that about their detailed plans.

1177 - Discussion of arrangements for tree inspections / reports to be carried out

Members accepted the quotation from Treeworks for survey of and report on the trees in the community council's ownership (proposer C'Ilr Philpott, seconder C'Ilr Spilsbury). Clerk to make arrangements accordingly.

1178 - Discussion of renewal of asset and administrative risk assessments

The Clerk had completed the review of the financial risk assessment, and found no changes that needed making.

C'Ilr Neil James had completed the review of the asset risk assessment. Matter to be tabled for discussion in April, to give Members time to read and assess the report, and consider the actions needed to address matters therein.

1179 - Discussion of draft annual report

Preparation of initial annual report still in hand with Clerk. Clerk to circulate a draft to Members for consideration when complete. Matter to be tabled for discussion in April.

Any other business

1180 – potholes. C’lir Jones had received reports of potholes along Langford Road towards the school. Clerk to report these on H&S grounds.

1181 – Roadworks along main road north of Village. Members noted the ongoing work to realign the carriageway and widen the footpath.

1182 – Damage to bank along Langford Road. C’lir Philpott had received messages regarding repeated damage to the bank outside 13 Langford Road by lorries and agricultural machinery. Matter to be placed on April agenda for discussion. The Clerk undertook to discuss with P.C.C. in advance of the meeting.

The meeting ended at 8-20pm. Next scheduled meeting – Monday 11th April 2022.

Signed.....Chairman
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