

## **M 05/17 - Minutes of the monthly meeting of Johnston Community Council held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017 in Johnston Institute.**

**Present:** Cllrs Jeffries, (Chair), Spilsbury (vice-Chair), N. James, Pratt, Rowlands, Warlow, Young, Morgan, Philpott, Wilkins; Peter Horton (Clerk).

**Apologies :** C'llrs F. James, Ruloff .

### **8752 – Declarations of known Interests**

None

### **8753 – Public Forum (ten minutes maximum)**

Members welcomed Mr. Gareth Phillips from Bolton Hill Quarry. He mentioned an issue which had arisen with youths and children accessing quarry land from the Cunnigar. Up until recently there had been no serious problem, but recently it had got a lot worse. Despite the fact that the quarry had spent around £60000 on fencing and security measures, photos of children from Johnston School taken in the quarry had been posted on Snapchat. There were serious concerns over potential safety issues. Mr. Phillips mentioned that the police had visited some of the individuals identified as having made the social media postings, to warn about the dangers, and highlight the possible legal implications of causing criminal damage. He drew attention to the fact that there is currently little or no fencing on the Community Council side of the boundary, and requested consideration to providing this. Members were advised that this would involve fencing approximately 80-100m of boundary. Given the likely expense, Mr. Phillips mentioned that there could be a possibility of G.D. Harries meeting half of the cost of this. C'llr Rowlands offered to go to the school and advise the children that they should not go there by next week.

It was agreed that C'llrs N. James and Rowlands would arrange to carry out a site visit to look at the situation and liaise with G.D. Harries regarding the possible options, costings, etc. Report / recommendations to be brought to the June meeting for discussion.

Local resident Sarah Jones addressed the meeting to enquire about ownership of land to the west of Church Road / Hayston Road. She wanted to make arrangements to fence off the land on its road frontage, to discourage fly-tipping and rodent problems. Members advised that she should contact the landowner, and also liaise with Pembrokeshire County Council regarding possible highways and planning implications. Mrs. Jones said that the landowner had already agreed in principle. However, there was some question over the exact line of the boundary with the highway. C'llr Rowlands offered to help her to liaise with the

relevant departments in P.C.C. It was also agreed that the clerk should carry out a Land Registry search to ascertain the extent of ownership (proposer C'llr N. James, seconder C'llr Pratt).

#### **8754 – Minutes of April 2017 monthly meeting**

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record, and signed by the Chairman (proposer C'llr N. James, seconder C'llr Rowlands).

#### **Matters arising**

##### **8755 - Land opposite Johnston Institute**

Members resolved that all future discussions regarding issues concerning the land would be held in camera (proposer C'llr N. James, seconder C'llr Spilsbury).

##### **8756 - Solar farm adjacent to Pope Hill.**

Members were informed that a draft deed was awaited from the energy company. Matter to be placed on June agenda for further discussion. Regarding Lawrence Landfill, the Clerk had checked the relevant planning consents, and found that there were no conditions attached to them requiring payment of any community benefit. Notwithstanding this, Members were certain that the developer had undertaken to provide some kind of payment. C'llr Rowlands undertook to look further into this and chase up with the landowners.

##### **8757 – Narrow footpath by Johnston Farm.**

C'llr Morgan was unhappy with the lack of progress, and perceived it as a potentially dangerous situation. It was generally agreed that the Community Council had been very pro-active, and the lack of progress was down to the Welsh Government. C'llr Rowlands understood that, despite claims to the contrary by the Welsh Government, landowners had not been contacted regarding the matter. C'llr Rowlands undertook to contact the A.M. regarding the matter, and also, if necessary, speak with a Welsh Government representative regarding the matter.

##### **8758 – Bus shelter repairs.**

Members voted to accept the P.C.C. estimate for carrying out the necessary repairs in the sum of £387-29 + VAT (proposer C'llr N. James, seconder C'llr Rowlands). Clerk to communicate this to P.C.C. and request that the work be put in hand as soon as possible.

##### **8759 – Cashpoint outside Nisa Shop.**

C'llr Rowlands to chase up the T.R.A. / P.C.C. regarding the possibility of lining out the junction as needed. It was thought possible that maybe

the work could be done in conjunction with laying the double yellow lines around the junction.

### **8760 – New school, Langford Road.**

C’Ilr Rowlands remained concerned over safety issues on highway, despite assurances from P.C.C. that all necessary factors had been taken into account, and despite the measures taken by the school itself to mitigate the problems. C’Ilr Rowlands undertook to continue chasing up the necessary safety improvements. C’Ilr Philpott mentioned that the issue had also been raised in the recent Police liaison meeting, and a site meeting held to assess the extent of the problem. However, as it had been a wet day when the inspection had taken place, there were limited numbers of pedestrians. It was planned to repeat the exercise at a future date.

Regarding playing field provision, C’Ilr N. James referred to the large size of the field, and possible safeguarding issues. It was also mentioned that during the recent election campaign, some claims had been made regarding alleged agreement of the Community Council for building work on this land. Members wished it placed on record that the Community Council had historically always sought to protect the site as a Village Green. Following the land allocations made in the P.C.C. Local Development Plan (L.D.P.) in 2013 this was no longer possible. However, Members wished it to be placed on record that the Community Council had not discussed the matter at all since the L.D.P. had been adopted by P.C.C., much less given any kind of support to possible building work on the land. In conjunction with this discussion, C’Ilr Rowlands referred to the use of social media during the election campaign by some parties to spread misinformation, which was highly regrettable. Agenda item to be tabled for June to discuss possible Facebook page for the Community Council. In the meantime C’Ilr Philpott to look into ways in which this could be implemented.

### **8761 – Road and pavement problems.**

Members were informed that the poor condition of the road surface in Langford Road close to the junction with the main road had worsened. C’Ilr Rowlands undertook to raise this matter with P.C.C.

### **8762 – Defibrillator provision.**

The Clerk informed Members that nothing had been heard back from the NISA head office regarding the request to site a defibrillator on their building.

Members agreed in principle to the purchase of three defibrillators and cabinets from Cariad (proposer C’Ilr N. James, seconder C’Ilr Rowlands).

One to be sited on the football field, one at The Vine, and one at the NISA shop (subject to permission).

Members voted to form a sub-committee to deal with the arrangements, including arranging dates for the handover / training meeting, publicity, etc. Sub-committee to comprise C'llrs Jeffries, F. James, Pratt and Young. Three possible dates for handover meeting to be passed to Clerk for liaison with Cariad.

### **8763 – Discussion of possible cycle track provision.**

C'Ilr Rowlands was continuing to liaise with P.C.C. over this matter.

**Bridle path between Cunnigar Lane and the Quarry.** C'Ilr N. James expressed concern over the overgrown state of the bridle path.

**Footpath along Milford Road from roundabout.** Members were informed that at least one resident claimed that they had requested a footpath from P.C.C. at the time the road development was being undertaken. This appeared to contradict comments previously made by P.C.C. C'Ilr Rowlands undertook to follow up this matter with P.C.C. in conjunction with other related issues.

**Cycle track under bridge** – C'Ilr Warlow expressed concern that new boarding had been placed over rotting support timbers, which might continue to deteriorate unnoticed. C'Ilr Rowlands undertook to arrange a site meeting with P.C.C. regarding the matter.

**Cunnigar Lane.** Clerk to write to Darren Thomas in P.C.C. about the problems of fly-tipping in the lane, which is a public right of way. Request to be made for action to address the problem. Letter to be copied to C'Ilr Rowlands for information / supporting action.

### **8764 - Risk Assessment.**

Members were informed that this was still in hand. C'Ilr N. James to complete for final review in June meeting.

### **8765 - Map of Community**

The Clerk undertook to obtain suitable maps and forward these electronically to C'Ilr N. James for printing / laminating.

### **8766 – School Roll of honour plaque board.**

C'Ilr Rowlands mentioned that there had been numerous delays, but that he was attempting to get a definite date agreed for sometime over the summer at which the plaque board would be formally unveiled.

### **8767 – Insurance matters.**

**Acoustic barrier.** C'Ilr Rowlands informed Members that nothing had yet been done by P.C.C. He had raised the matter with the C.E.O. of

P.C.C., as well as with Darren Thomas, and had received apologies for the failure to get the work completed. The situation was made worse by the recent further damage reported by the Football Club. C'Ilr Rowlands undertook to continue chasing up the matter.

**Fencing at bottom of Dawnus Housing Development.** C'Ilr Rowlands to make an informal approach to the C.E.O. of Dawnus in the first instance, to try and achieve progress. Matter to be reviewed at the June meeting, with a view to writing a formal letter if needed.

**8768 – Mrs. Bassett, 20, Bulford Close.**

C'Ilr Rowlands undertook to follow up this matter. It was understood that Mrs. Bassett remained unhappy with the location of the trees planted, suspecting that they may not have been planted in the correct places.

**8769 - Pope Hill Chapel graveyard.**

No reply had yet been received from the Probation Office.

**8770 - Double Yellow lines by chip shop.**

Members were informed that this work was in hand.

**8771 – Highway outside Orchard Court.**

C'Ilr Rowlands had raised this matter with P.C.C., and undertook to do so again.

**8772 – Discussion of quarry-related problems.**

As a result of approaches made by C'Ilr Rowlands, quarry personnel had contacted C'Ilr Wilkins, and arranged to provide her with measuring equipment for use in monitoring the effect of future blasting activities.

**8773 - Old school buildings.**

C'Ilr Philpott mentioned that there had been some kind of incident there over the weekend, with fire engines in attendance. On one occasion she had noticed lights on in the building, and felt that the electricity should be switched off. C'Ilr Rowlands to pursue this matter.

**8774 - Discussion of any necessary works at Close Field entrance**

It was agreed to defer this for discussion in conjunction with the risk assessment.

**Planning**

**8775 - Applications**

**17/0115/PA (Proposal: Erection of Industrial and Office Units for B1, B2 and B8 uses, Land at Johnston Business Park, Station Road,**

**Johnston, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3PL) – Members supportive of the application, noting the good design, in keeping with existing buildings. [NOTE – C’Ilr Rowlands abstained from participation in the discussion of this application].**

### **Correspondence**

**8776 - P.C.C. – Invitation for nominations to serve on Standards Committee – discussed in A.G.M.**

**8777 - Metka EGN – Draft Deed of Execution for grant of £10,000 – deferred for further discussion in June meeting, by which time it was expected that the revised draft would have been received.**

**8778 - P.C.C. – Notification of publication of statutory notice relating to proposed 11-19 education provision changes in Haverfordwest – noted.**

**8779 - P.C.C. – Notification of forthcoming temporary road closure on Old Hakin Road, commencing 5th July, for five nights – noted.**

**8780 - Wales Audit Office – General points regarding auditing procedures (21<sup>st</sup> April) – noted.**

**8781 - P.C.C. – Estimate for bus shelter repairs – discussed in 8758 above.**

**8782 - Planed – Invitation to attend forthcoming A.G.M. – noted.**

**8783 - Denise Mayr (internal auditor) – notification of completion of internal audit – dealt with in ‘Accounts’.**

**8784 - Robert Dickie – Information regarding flower beds adjacent to Mormon Church – noted. Clerk to response with letter of thanks for work undertaken.**

**8785 - P.C.C. – Invitation for nominations for additional community governor for Johnston C.P. School – dealt with in A.G.M.**

**8786 - Mr. G. Bishop – offer to stand in the event of any forthcoming casual vacancies for membership of the Council – noted.**

### **Accounts**

#### **8787 - Charitable donations**

Members deferred discussion on this matter until June.

#### **8788 - Internal audit.**

Members were informed that the internal audit had been completed with no matters arising.

#### **8789 - Approval of annual governance statement**

Members considered, completed and approved the audit Annual Governance Statement, which was then signed by the Clerk and Chair.

#### **8790 - Payments**

D. Banfield (bus shelter cleaning)	:	£ 60-00
D. Mayr (internal audit)	:	£100-00
Clerk (expenses October 2016 – May 2017)	:	£133-11

Johnston F.C.(grass-cutting)	:	£250-00
C.M. James (printing costs)	:	£235-00

The above items were approved by Members (proposer C’llr N. James, seconder C’llr Morgan).

**Any other business**

**8791 - Chairman’s dinner.** To be placed on agenda for June. It was mentioned that it would be appropriate to invite George Grey to attend, as well as Mike Cole.

**8792 - Retirement gift for George Grey.** ‘Freedom of Village’ certificate was mentioned as a possibility. C’llr Morgan to look into this, and put out feelers as to what might be appreciated as a gift. Matter to be placed on agenda for June.

**8793 – Land behind Mike Howlins Motors.** Matter to be placed on agenda for June, with a view to considering a request to Mike Howlin Motors to clear up the land in question.

**8794 – Village flower beds.** The Clerk undertook to chase up with Katy Daley in P.C.C. regarding the exact arrangements being put in hand. Concerns over planting of bed in Cadogan Close.

**8795 - Fence by green in Langford Road.** C’llr Warlow mentioned that a strip of turf alongside the fence had been removed. It was not known who was responsible for this.

**8796 - Anne Harvey.** Matter of appropriate gift for Anne Harvey to be placed on June agenda for discussion.

The meeting closed at 9-10 pm.

Next scheduled meeting to be held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

Signed.....Chairman

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