

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Johnston Community Council held on 11th December 2017 in Johnston Institute.

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

Apologies : C'llrs Jones, Wilkins, Morgan.

9021 – Declarations of known Interests

None.

9022 – Public Forum (ten minutes maximum)

Mr. Phil Hart was present in the meeting. He requested a copy of the email previously received from P.C.C. regarding the quarry. Clerk to forward this to Mr. Hart. Mr. Hart also asked about the previous petition organised in connection with the narrow footpath problem on Milford Road. He asked if there had been any follow-up from this. It was confirmed that the petition was sent to the Trunk Road Agency at the time. C'llr Rowlands commented that there was concern over the length of time being taken to progress the matter, but that every Welsh Government Minister responsible for this matter had been approached. The matter was said by them to be in hand. Mr. Hart suggested that interim measures such as a reduced speed limit should be put in place, to mitigate the risk to pedestrians. Members agreed that this was a good idea. C'llr Philpott to raise it at the next meeting of the Community Police Liaison Forum. Clerk to write to the T.R.A. requesting consideration to measures to reduce the risk to pedestrians pending a long-term solution. Letter to be copied to P.C.C. Highways Department for information / support (proposer C'llr Rowlands, seconder C'llr N. James).

9023 – Approval of minutes of November 2017 monthly meeting

8977 - Public Forum. On line seven, 'Phillips' was replaced with 'Hart'. With this correction, the minutes were agreed as an accurate record, and signed by the Chairman (proposer C'llr Pratt, seconder C'llr Spilsbury).

Matters arising

9024 – NISA Shop.

C'llr Rowlands confirmed that a visit from the surveyor was still awaited.

9025 – Skatepark acoustic barrier.

C'llr Rowlands confirmed that public liability liability was covered by the P.C.C. insurance, but not damage to the playground equipment. The

Clerk confirmed that arrangements had been made to include this equipment under the J.C.C. policy, which was currently up for renewal. C'Ilr Rowlands had received an estimated cost of £6000 from P.C.C. for the likely cost of installing cctv cameras in the playpark. Members agreed for C'Ilr Rowlands to express interest in principle in proceeding with this, subject to being able to obtain some help with funding the project (proposer C'Ilr N. James, seconder C'Ilr Pratt). C'Ilr Rowlands undertook to try and identify possible sources of grant assistance towards the installation of cameras (possibly from the Johnston Development Trust), and report back at a future meeting.

9026 – New school, Langford Road.

C'Ilr Warlow expressed concerns over the narrow footpath to the side and rear of the building, where children come out directly from their classrooms after school. She felt that the path was too narrow to prevent users being affected by the muddy grass area alongside, and there was no shelter along this path from the elements. C'Ilr Rowlands undertook to look into the matter.

9027 – Road and pavement problems.

Still in hand with C'Ilr Rowlands to arrange a site meeting with P.C.C.

9028 – Discussion of defibrillator provision.

Nothing further to report. In hand with C'Ilr Pratt to arrange a joint photo-opportunity with the donors of the funding for the defibrillators.

9029 – Boundary fenceline with Dawnus development.

C'Ilr Rowlands confirmed that he had heard nothing from Dawnus. Members agreed that Clerk should send a letter to Dawnus asking what progress was being made in the matter, and requesting a response to the letter previously sent out. The Clerk undertook to provide draft of letter to C'Ilr Rowlands for any input / comments prior to sending out, as C'Ilr Rowlands was keen to ensure a diplomatic approach. In addition to the above, Clerk to check planning consent for the Dawnus development, for any reference to planning conditions in connection with the boundary fenceline.

9030 – Arrangements for Chairman's dinner.

A letter had been received from George Grey thanking the Council for a most enjoyable evening. C'Ilr Rowlands expressed appreciation to C'Ilrs N. James and Jeffries for their work in organising the event.

9031 – Land behind Mike Howlin Motors.

Members confirmed that the area was still a mess, and potentially a health and safety hazard. C’Ilr N. James reiterated the previous suggestion of a new fence along the currently unfenced section of the boundary with Glebelands. Members agreed that this should be included in the forthcoming discussions with P.C.C.

C’Ilr Pratt also made reference to the recently replaced gates alongside the cycle path.

9032 – Excessive weed growth around Village.

Left in abeyance for discussion with P.C.C. by the committee to be formed in due course.

9033 - Discussion of possible seating provision outside NISA shop / bus shelter provision in Village.

C’Ilr Rowlands confirmed that he had brought up this matter for discussion with P.C.C. officers. The clerk confirmed that a request had been made to P.C.C. following the November meeting for further consideration of a bus shelter, and a response was awaited. Clerk to chase this up with Darren Thomas of P.C.C., suggesting it for possible discussion by the committee when established. C’Ilr Philpott raised the possibility that the land in question might be in private ownership.

9034 - Discussion of possible formal signage provision for businesses around railway bridge

Matter left for C’Ilr Rowlands to handle with the site owner, with a request for him to consider re-siting the existing sign closer to the road. C’Ilr Rowlands suggested maybe obtaining prices for a new sign, and also include the other sign needed for Hall Court. However, Members did not take up this suggestion at this time. Members were keen to keep an amiable relationship with the local businesses, so ruled out for the present any request for formal action to get the existing illegal signage removed from the area around the railway bridge.

9035 - Discussion of Community Risk Assessment

Issues surrounding the St. Peter’s Road bus shelter to be discussed with P.C.C. by the forthcoming committee. Remaining paperwork to complete the risk assessment currently with C’Ilr N. James.

9036 - Discussion of asset register

The Clerk confirmed that the asset register had been updated as required.

9037 - Discussion of responsibility for boundary fencing at Hayston View development

C’Ilr N. James commented that there had been no further reported progress on the planning enforcement investigation into the alleged breaches of condition concerning the development link footpath. The Clerk informed Members that the officer previously dealing with this investigation had left on maternity leave. C’Ilr Rowlands undertook to bring up the matter with the Head of Planning. Clerk to write a letter to the Planning Department asking for the investigation to be expedited.

9038 - Discussion of overhanging tree, Church Road.

The Clerk confirmed that the matter had been chased up with the Highways Department, and the matter was currently being looked at by them. Clerk to chase up as necessary.

9039 – Tree-felling, Brookside.

C’Ilr Rowlands had dealt with the matter, thought that the debris had probably been removed by now, but undertook to check this on site.

9040 - Bolton Hill Quarry fence.

C’Ilr Rowlands had heard nothing from the quarry, and would continue to chase the matter up.

9041 - Double yellow lines, Langford Road junction.

Members noted that illegal parking in this area was still a problem. C’Ilr Rowlands undertook to bring the matter up with P.C.C. civil parking enforcement officers.

9042 – Non-functioning street lights, Langford Road.

C’Ilr Rowlands had dealt with this matter, and thought it was now resolved. However, C’Ilr Philpott reported that some lights were still non-functioning. C’Ilr Rowlands to chase the matter up again.

9043 - Discussion of ways to promote community spirit via community events

Nothing to report currently. Matter to be placed on January agenda for discussion of possible community events that could be arranged.

Planning

9044 - Applications

There were no planning applications for consideration this month.

9045 - Prior notifications

17/0799/PN (Proposed demolition of old Johnston C.P. School, Cranham Park, Johnston, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3PU)

Members were informed that the demolition had been scheduled to take place in January / February 2018. However, it was now reported that there bats had been found in the building. This might delay work, and would probably mean that a bat shelter will be constructed on the site when the demolition takes place.

9046 - Decision notices

17/0358/PA (Residential development - Hayston View, Johnston, HAVERFORDWEST, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3HH)

9047 - Discharge of condition notifications

17/0457/DC (Discharge of conditions 8, 10 and 40 of planning ref 07/0705/MN, Bolton Hill Quarry, TIERS CROSS, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3ER)

Correspondence

9048 - P.C.C. – Notification of changes to bin collections over festive period – noted, and this will not affect the Johnston collections.

9049 - NHS Wales – Consultation on proposals for major trauma centre, S. Wales – copies of consultation passed to C’llrs Rowlands and Pratt for perusal.

9050 - One Voice Wales – Consultation on police precept 2018/19 – circulated to Members for individual response.

9051 - P.C.C. – Consultation on delivery agreement for forthcoming L.D.P. 2 and invitation to forthcoming engagement event to be held in County Hall at 5-30pm on Wednesday 13th December – noted, and any Members interested in attending the engagement event to notify Clerk.

9052 - P.C.C. – Notification of forthcoming temporary road closure on Bolton Hill Road, commencing on Thursday 14th December – noted .

9053 - P.C.C. – Consultation on changes to kerbside recycling - circulated to Members for information / individual response.

9054 - P.C.C. – 2018/19 precept figure request – deferred for consideration in January.

9055 - P.C.C. – Quarterly inspection of The Close playground – Clerk to provide a copy of the report to C’llr Rowlands, for discussion of needed work with P.C.C.

9056 - K.O. Carpets – request to purchase part of Vine Field – covered in agenda item below.

9057 – Zurich Municipal – Insurance renewal documentation – Members decided to accept the three year long term agreement (proposer C’llr N. James, seconder C’llr Rowlands). Clerk to check timeframe for claiming for the bus shelters and play equipment, to check that there was not the

risk of being out of time. Possibility of making claims for these items to be discussed in January.

9058 – George Grey – letter of thanks for invitation to Chairman’s Dinner – noted.

Accounts

9059 – Payments

Clerk (pay and standing expenses October – December)	: £ 793-32
P.A.Y.E. tax, October – December 2017	: £ 182-20
Clerk s administrative expenses May – December 2017	: £ 121-65
Wales Audit Office (Balance due for 2016/17 audit)	: £ 11-25
Zurich – Insurance renewal	: £1021-36
D. Banfield – bus shelter cleaning	: £ 60-00
Johnston F.C. (grass-cutting)	: £ 60-00
Janet Jeffries (expenses for gifts, and Chairman’s Dinner, covered under the Chairman’s allowance)	: £ 144-85

The above payments were approved (proposer C’Ilr Rowlands, seconder C’Ilr Spilsbury).

9060 - Discussion of K.O. Carpets request topurchase part of Vine Field

The letter from K.O. Carpets was read out to Members.

C’Ilr N. James thought there may be a covenant on the land preventing its sale for commercial use. Clerk to research this.

Members agreed that it was important to consider the views of affected residents before making any decision. Clerk to write to the owners of the five affected properties, seeking their views on the proposals. Letters to be passed to C’Ilr N. James to be hand-delivered by him, to enable personal discussions to be held with them.

Clerk to send holding response to Mr. Kerzey.

9061 - Discussion of situation with land opposite Johnston Institute

Matters still in hand, with date for the tribunal awaited.

Any other business

9062 - Lighting issue down Church Road. – C’Ilr N. James confirmed that he had reported this to P.C.C.

9063 – Christmas trees. All Members were very pleased with how the trees looked. C’Ilr F. James raised the issue of possibly providing more festive lighting in the Village. However, cost was cited as a major negative factor. Matter deferred for possible future consideration.

9064 - subsidised bus to hospital. C’Ilr Warlow was interested in the details of this service. C’Ilr Rowlands offered to look into this.

9065 - proposals for P.C.C. 2018/19 budget. C'Ilr Rowlands reported to Members that there were two proposals being considered, for either a 5% increase or a 12.5% increase in council tax. The option chosen would affect the level of cuts needed to balance the Authority's budget. Members were invited to feed in their opinions to C'Ilr Rowlands, to inform his voting decision.

9066 - Church Christmas Carol Service. Due to be held on 19/12/17.

The meeting closed at 21-05.

Next scheduled meeting to be held on Monday 8th January 2018.

Signed.....Chairman

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