

## **Minutes of the monthly meeting of Johnston Community Council held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018 in Johnston Institute.**

**Present: Cllrs N. James, Pratt, Philpott, Jones, Rowlands, Spilsbury (Chair), Warlow; Peter Horton (Clerk).**

**Apologies : C'Ilrs Wilkins, Morgan, Jeffries, Young.**

### **9401 – Declarations of known Interests**

C'llr Ken Rowlands declared a personal and prejudicial in the planning application ref. 18/0534/TF, as an immediate neighbour of the applicant.

### **9402 – Public Forum (ten minutes maximum)**

Mr. & Mrs, Richard & Amanda Bennett of Brickhurst Park were present, and addressed the meeting to express concerns about the effect on them of smoke and fumes from their neighbours at The Beeches, one of whom was stated to be an elected Johnston Community Councillor. The problem concerned an industrial kiln / log dryer operated from the property, as well as a domestic boiler. They said that they had raised the issue with their neighbours on a number of occasions, but without success. They said that there were problems with smoke inhalation from the fumes, with consequent health issues, especially for their asthmatic daughter. They mentioned that on occasion the smoke actually entered their house. They thought that no planning permission had been either sought or obtained. They had reported the matter to P.C.C. Commercial Pollution and Planning Departments, as well as Stephen Crabb, M.P.. They understood that tests were due to be carried out later in the week. They mentioned concern that one of the neighbours concerned is an elected Member of the Johnston Community Council.

C'llr Rowlands confirmed that the P.C.C. Commercial Pollution and Planning Departments were investigating the matter, though he understood concerns over the time being taken to carry out the investigations. C'llr Rowlands undertook to continue chasing the relevant officers concerning the matter, in order to bring it to a conclusion as quickly as possible.

Mr. & Mrs. Bennett commented further that they had asked their neighbour to run the kiln when the wind was blowing the other way, but without success. They said that they may need to consider making a claim from their neighbour, and did not understand why the kiln could not be re-sited elsewhere on their land. They also expressed shock that the kiln may have been installed without planning permission. C'llr Rowlands repeated that the matter would continue to be followed up by officers in P.C.C.

Mrs. Kathy Spurling addressed the meeting regarding the ongoing problem of members of the public parking in the driveway of The Windsor Hotel, which she pointed out is not a public road. She particularly mentioned that users of the Village Institute often park there, and that she has had verbal abuse and sarcasm from people when approaching them about it. She acknowledged that she has been advised to report it to the Police, but does not like to do so. She requested copy of the users' conditions given out to hirers of the hall, and C'llr Neil James undertook to supply this to her. It was suggested that she might consider attending the forthcoming Community Police Forum meeting, scheduled for Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September at the Village Institute, to raise the matter directly with the Police. Individual Members who planned to attend this meeting also undertook to raise the matter.

The other members of the public present declined an invitation to address the meeting.

#### **9403 – To receive minutes of July 2018 monthly meeting**

The minutes were accepted as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman (proposer C'lr Pratt, seconder C'lr Jones).

#### **Matters arising from July 2018 minutes**

##### **9404 – Greening of quarry bunds.**

C'lr Rowlands confirmed that the matter is being kept under review by officers on behalf of P.C.C.

##### **9405 – Parking, traffic and lighting issues, Church Road.**

C'lr Rowlands commented that dealing with street lighting issues could be a problem while the matter of the excessive tree growth is ongoing. When that work had been completed, progress might be easier. He confirmed that P.C.C. was looking into the matter.

##### **9406 – Disabled access / painting of yellow strips on steps of Institute.**

C'lr N. James confirmed that this work was in hand to be carried out by the Hall Committee.

##### **9407 – problem with inadequate lighting on the public footpath under the railway Bridge.**

C'lr Rowlands informed Members that this matter was still the subject of ongoing discussions with P.C.C., along with the other Village highway-related issues.

##### **9408 – Highway safety issues in Langford Road.**

C'lr Rowlands confirmed that P.C.C. Highways was examining the request for an overall 20mph limit along Langford Road, and also looking at re-calibrating the speed-activated signage accordingly., He pointed out that this was not a quick process, and would take some time to conclude, due to the legal steps required.

##### **9409 – Bus shelter / seat outside NISA Shop**

C'lr Rowlands confirmed that he had discussed the matter with the P.C.C. Transport Manager, who was looking onto the possibility of siting a shelter somewhere near the pub. There had been no response from the NISA shop to date as to whether or not they would allow a cantilever shelter on their land.

##### **9410- Close Field Skatepark**

C'lr Rowlands informed Members that the matter of possible installation of CCTV cameras in the playpark was still being looked at, and that J.C.C. may ultimately need to be prepared to contribute to any installation. Clerk to calculate the amount spent on Close Park play equipment repairs in recent times for consideration at the October meeting.

##### **9411 – Road and pavement problems in Community.**

C'lr Rowlands confirmed that the site meeting with officers from P.C.C. had been held, and possible locations for further parking provision considered. It had been noted that many houses in the vicinity of the most likely location were privately

owned. There could be concern that public money might be perceived to be being spent for private gain. Because of this, any such scheme might possibly require some kind of contribution by local residents. C'llr Rowlands explained that there was some funding available to improve parking provision in estates, but where these have a substantial proportion of private ownership, there was more of a problem in justifying the expenditure.

**9412 – Publicity for recently-acquired defibrillator provision**

Members felt that it would be good to increase the number of units in the Village, to provide better coverage. Matter to be placed on October agenda for discussion, with a view to consideration of possible funding of a further defibrillator by the Community Council.

**9413 – Boundary fenceline with Dawnus development**

C'llr Rowlands informed Members that he had raised this matter for discussion with Planning Officers, especially regarding how to avoid similar problems on future developments. However, due to holidays etc., progress had been difficult to achieve. Members were agreed that Dawnus should be made to accept responsibility for the fence along their boundary. C'llr Rowlands pointed out that as this had not been properly established at the time of the planning consent, the problem had been made worse. C'llr Rowlands to continue pursuing the matter via P.C.C. Planning.

**9414 – Excessive weed growth around Village.**

C'llr Rowlands had discussed this matter with P.C.C. He commented that a list of specific priorities needed to be established by J.C.C. before any further progress on this and other similar issues around the Village could be made.

C'llr Warlow mentioned that the cycle path had been strimmed back, which had been a great improvement. However C'llr Philpott mentioned that the needed repairs to the boardwalk had still not been done.

**9415 - Discussion of possible formal signage provision for businesses around railway bridge**

Still in hand with C'llr Rowlands. He mentioned that one business there had recently folded, so the numbers available to contribute to signage had reduced. A new meeting would now have to be arranged.

**9416 - Discussion of responsibility for boundary fencing at Hayston View development**

In hand with C'llr Rowlands - ref. item 9413 above.

**9417 - Discussion of overhanging tree, Church Road**

C'llr Rowlands informed Members that the matter was still in hand with the P.C.C. Landscapes Officer.

**9418 - Bolton Hill Quarry fence**

Members noted that no work had been done to install the fenceline. C'llr Rowlands to contact the Quarry regarding this.

**9419 - Discussion of ways to promote community spirit via community events**  
Ongoing with C'llrs Jones and Philpott. Members noted the success of the Facebook page, which was receiving substantial visitor traffic.

**9420 – Fence, Cunnigar Lane**

C'Ilr Rowlands had discussed this matter with P.C.C. Highways. They had said that there was no funding available for fencing works. C'Ilr Rowlands undertook to continue to chase the matter up. C'Ilr N. James asked if it would be possible to obtain a quotation from P.C.C. to carry out the work. C'Ilr Rowlands thought this should be possible, but reiterated his earlier comment that J.C.C. needs to establish a list of priorities for work to be undertaken around the Village.

**9421 - Discussion of status of land behind Mike Howlin Motors**

C'Ilr Rowlands had discussed this matter with the solicitor. It had been pointed out that the Community Council enjoys a right of access along the lane, and that anyone impeding this should be reminded of this fact.

**9422 - Discussion of possible improvements to Village war memorials in readiness for the forthcoming commemorations of the W.W.1 100th anniversary**

Matter in hand with C'Ilr N. James to discuss with the vicar. The possibility of providing new service sheets was again mentioned as a possibility. Members discussed briefly the possibility of obtaining a new memorial bench. Members were generally in favour of getting one. It was recognised that a firm decision on location would be an important part of the discussion. C'Ilr N. James undertook to discuss the matter with the vicar, and all Members undertook to generally canvas opinion locally on a possible suitable location. Matter to be placed on October meeting agenda for detailed discussion.

**9423 - Bushes growing in lane at The Close.**

C'Ilr Spilsbury confirmed that the bushes had been weed-killed, but not removed.

**Planning**

**9424 - Applications**

**18/0534/TF** (Reduce and Remove Various Trees for Public Health and Safety:

- 1) Fell and Remove 1 Squirrel Damaged Sycamore
- 2) Fell and Remove Rotten Honey Maple
- 3) Reduce Canopy on 1 Honey Maple
- 4) Cut Overhanging Branches Over Church Road - Johnston Hall, Church Road, JOHNSTON, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3HD

[NOTE – C'Ilr Rowlands left the room during consideration of this application].

A letter sent in by Ken Rowlands as a private resident neighbouring the application site was read to Members.

Members were happy with the application proposals, which it was felt would improve the neighbourhood. The matter of contested ownership of trees was viewed as a civil matter between neighbours. Members had no formal consultation response to make on the application.

**18/0383/MN** (Proposal: 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 – Members had no comment to make on this application.

**18/0367/PA** (Proposal: Installation of ground-mounted solar panels, Site Address: Johnston Sewage Treatment Works, Kiln Road, Johnston, SA62 3PF) – Members had no comment to make on this application.

**18/0460/PA** (Proposal: Variation of Condition 2 (Submission of reserved matters) and 3 (time frame for commencement of development) of planning permission 15/0277/PA (Outline permission for three dwellings) to allow additional time for the submission of reserved matters and commencement of development. Site Address: Land to Rear of Brickhurst Park, Johnston, Haverfordwest, SA623PA – no comments.

**18/0537/PA** (Proposal: Erection of a dwelling, Site Address: Land Adjacent to Northways, Brickhurst Park, Johnston, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3PA – no comments.

**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 – no comments.

### **Correspondence**

**9425** - P.C.C. – Notification of informal public consultation on L.D.P.2 - noted.

**9426** - P.C.C. – Quarterly inspection report on Close Play Area (no actions required) – noted.

**9427** - W.G. – Consultation on external cladding in high rise buildings – noted.

**9428** - W.G. – Consultation on sustainable housing provision – noted.

**9429** - Paul Davies, A.M. – July newsletter – noted.

**9430** - O.V.W. – Invitation to forthcoming annual conference / A.G.M., to be held at

**9431** - Royal Welsh Showground, Builth Wells, 29th September 2018 – noted.

Wales Audit Office – Request for information to support survey being undertaken into internal auditing arrangements in Wales - the Clerk confirmed that he had responded with the information requested.

**9432** - Independent Review Panel – August newsletter – noted.

**9433** - P.C.C. – Consultation on gambling policy - noted.

**9434** - Planed – Invitation to event concerning Rural Communities, to be held on Tuesday 11th September, Bloomfield Centre, Narberth - noted.

**9435** - W.G. – Consultation on petroleum extraction in Wales – noted.

**9436** - P.C.C. – Consultation on Off Street Parking Places Variation Order in National Park – noted.

**9437** - Mr. Robert Dickie – Flower bed outside Mormon Church - Clerk to reply to thank him for the work undertaken, mention that a number of people had commented favourably on the appearance of the bed, and confirm that Members would be happy for him to make the decision on next year's planting scheme.

**9438** - Ombudsman – Notification of further code of conduct complaint by G. Bishop against C'llr Ken Rowlands – noted.

**9439** - Hywel Dda C.H.C. – Request for volunteers – noted.

**9440** - Kiln Road Residents' Association (06/08)– Update on current situation, and request for engagement from Community Council into combatting the problem of excessive speeding and inconsiderate parking – C'llr Rowlands mentioned that the issue of inconsiderate parking had been raised at the Community Police Forum meeting, and an update was expected at the forthcoming meeting on the following

Thursday. Any update to be reported to the October meeting. C'llr Rowlands expressed the view that once the new road surface had been completed, the problem with parking might well reduce. Members were concerned at the problem of speeding, but felt this was a Community-wide issue, not just one affecting the Kiln Road / Brickhurst Park area. Clerk to inform the Kiln Road Residents' Association of the forthcoming Community Liaison Police Forum meeting, and suggest that they may wish to consider attending to raise these issues directly with the Police.

**9441 - P.C.C. – Draft Charter –** C'llr Rowlands noted that only a handful of local authorities in Wales had prepared such a charter, and it was hoped that this would give community councils more influence in local affairs.

**9442 - Pembroke Dock Town Council – Request for a band to play on Remembrance Sunday –** noted.

**9443 - Paul Davies – August newsletter –** noted.

**9444 – O.V.W. – Area committee meeting notification -** passed to C'llr Ken Rowlands for possible attendance.

**9445 - Ken Rowlands – comments re. planning application ref. 18/0534/TF –** considered in Planning item 9424 above.

### **Accounts**

#### **9446 - Payments**

D. Banfield (bus shelter cleaning, June – August 2018)	:	£ 180-00
Price & Kelway (legal fees)	:	£3300-00
Clerk salary / fixed expenses July – September 2018)	:	£1209-28
H.M.R.C. (P.A.Y.E. tax)	:	£ 157-14
C'llr Bryan Morgan (2018 payment for incidental expenses)	:	£ 150-00

The above payments were approved by Members (proposer C'llr Spilsbury, seconder C'llr Philpott).

C'llr Rowlands commented on the matter of payment to Members for incidental expenses. He had made the comment via One Voice Wales that he considered that the matter had been poorly handled by the Welsh Government. He felt that if the Welsh Government felt that such payments should be made, then they should have provided the funding directly.

#### **9447 - Discussion of Risk assessment actions required**

C'llr Rowlands confirmed that progress was still awaited on receiving a quotation for work on the Peter's Road bus shelter from P.C.C. C'llr Pratt undertook to look into the likely cost of replacing the bus shelter roof. Clerk to supply to C'llr Rowlands copies of correspondence received relating to this matter for information / action.

#### **9448 - Discussion of new data protection legislation**

Nothing to report this month.

#### **9449 - Any other business**

**Johnston in Bloom.** In hand with C'llrs Philpott and F. James.

#### **9450 - Discussion of situation regarding land opposite Johnston Institute**

[NOTE – as per the resolution passed in May 2017, the agenda item concerning the ongoing situation regarding the land opposite Johnston Institute was held in camera, due to the need to discuss ongoing unresolved legal matters. Hence, Members of

the public were asked to leave the meeting. One member of the public, Mr. Greg. Bishop, initially objected to leaving the meeting, and asked what would happen if he refused to do so. It was pointed out that in this case, the meeting would probably be suspended. After some further altercation, Mr. Bishop eventually left the meeting].

Members discussed the current situation regarding the ongoing undetermined appeal by Mr. Bishop against the Land Tribunal ruling. It was understood that a decision on this appeal was likely to be issued later in September.

The meeting ended at 8-50pm.

Next scheduled meeting to be held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Signed.....Chairman

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