

Johnston Community Council
Annual Report 2025-26

Johnston Community Council incorporates the areas incorporating the village of Johnston, Pembrokeshire. Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month (except August).

Johnston Community Council currently has eleven councillors:

Aled Thomas (Chairman)
Nina Philpott (vice-Chairman)
Len Gale
Neil James
Janet Jeffries
Louise Jones
Yvonne Llewellyn
Grayham Passmore
Rikki Schroeder
Christine Wilkins
Tracey Young

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Johnston Community Council controls, either solely or jointly, the following areas of publicly-accessible land:

- Glebelands Field
- Close Field
- Vine Field
- Cunnigar Woods

Financial Information

Income

The Community Council's income is from precept collected via local Council tax. This is £39000 for the 2025/26 financial year.

Expenditure

The Community Council's budget for the 2025/26 financial year was £65767. The following report on the anticipated final expenditure for the year, and projected expenditure for the 2026/27 financial year, was presented to the January 2026 monthly meeting :

JOHNSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL APPROVED BUDGET FOR 2026/27

	<u>Precepted Sums for 2025/26</u>	<u>Projected expenditure for 2025/26</u>	<u>PROPOSED SUMS FOR 2026/27</u>
Donations	£ 3000	£ 3100	£ 3100
Admin.	£ 3000	£ 900	£ 2000
Clerk	£ 9825	£ 9604	£10084 ⁽¹⁾
Bus shelter cleaning	£ 900	£ 864	£ 900
Grass-cutting regular	£ 8000	£ 5623	£ 6000
Places for nature maintenance	£ -	£ 1440	£ 2500 ⁽²⁾
Other open spaces maintenance	£ 5000	£ 1595	£ 5000 ⁽²⁾
Pavilion removal works	£ -	£ 9943	£ -
Tree report (bi-annual)	£ -	£ -	£ 800
Community flowers	£ 500	£ 454	£ 500
Fly-tipping	£ 300	£ -	£ 300
Open spaces development	£10000	£ 726	£10000 ⁽²⁾
Community Works grant	£ 1000	£ -	£ 1000 ⁽²⁾
Insurance	£ 1400	£ 1287	£ 1416
Solicitor's fees	£ 500	£ -	£ 500 ⁽²⁾
Miscellaneous	£ 1000	£ -	£ 1000 ⁽²⁾
I.T. costs	£ 250	£ -	£ 250 ⁽²⁾
Website costs	£ 446	£ 444	£ 488
Christmas	£ 1750	£ 1432	£ 1750
Pestforce	£ 700	£ 700	£ 700
Election costs	£ 6000	£ -	£ 6000 ⁽³⁾
Members' allowances	£ 2496	£ 1872	£ 2496 ⁽⁴⁾
One Voice Wales	£ 500	£ 459	£ 500
Defibrillators	£ 500	£ 400	£ 500 ⁽²⁾
Playground inspections	£ 1700	£ 1530	£ 1683
Playground maintenance	£ 5000	£ 750	£ 5000 ⁽²⁾
New play equipment	£ -	£ -	£ -
Remembrance Day service costs	£ 500	£ 97	£ 500 ⁽²⁾
Bus shelter repairs	£ 1500	£ 696	£ 1500 ⁽²⁾
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TOTALS	£65767	£43916	£66467

Balance in all accounts at 01/04/25	:	£50283
Income from precept	:	£39000
Income from VAT returns	:	£ 2646
Other income	:	£ 555
Deduct estimated total projected expenditure for current year	:	(£43916)

Therefore, total anticipated projected uncommitted sum on 01/04/26: £48568

Therefore, total anticipated available sum in accounts for 2026/27	:	£48568
Add proposed precept for 2026/27 (AS SET IN COUNCIL)	:	£39000

TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS PROJECTED FOR 2026/27 : £87568

NOTES

- 1) Based on current levels, with a hypothetical 5% increase for pay award in 2026/27 by N.J.C
- 2) Provisional sums
- 3) Assumed aggregated 25% per year cost of election scheduled for May 2027
- 4) £208 each for 12 members. Any unclaimed allowances will be retained in community council funds and available for other uses

Relationship with the principal council

The Community Council has no ongoing formal charters with Pembrokeshire County Council (the Principal Authority).

Audit

Audit of 2024/25 accounts. These accounts represent the most recently externally audited accounts, and were given unqualified approval by the Wales Audit Office auditors.

Achievements during the past year

- £3120 distributed in charitable donations to local and national charities from which local residents benefit.
- Ongoing maintenance and repair of playground and recreational facilities at the Vine Field, Close Field and Glebelands Playparks and recreational areas.
- Cleaning and maintenance of five bus shelters situated in the community area.
- Grass-cutting and maintenance of all publicly accessible land owned and controlled by the Community Council.
- Maintaining of five publicly accessible community defibrillators for emergency use.
- Commencing arrangements for the partial removal of the wooden pavilion in Glebelands Field, for safety reasons.

Priorities for the coming year

- Continue the development of the land at Cunnigar Woods for the benefit of local residents as a woodland walking and recreational area, by the further extension of footpaths, and additional planting.
- Continue working towards the provision of alternative storage solutions to replace space lost in the existing wooden pavilion at Glebelands Field.
- Continue to maintain the playparks, recreational facilities, bus shelters, noticeboard, seat, litter bins, etc. in the community council's ownership and control, for the benefit of local residents.
- Carry out feasibility studies into the provision of further play facilities at The Close Field Playpark.
- Continue to lobby on behalf of the local community for the best outcome for the village, in respect of the proposals to create a solar farm on the outskirts of Johnston.

PETER HORTON

CLERK TO JOHNSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Adopted in Council April 2026