

**Johnston Community Council**  
**Annual Report 2024-25**

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

Peter Horton is Clerk to Johnston Community Council and the initial point of contact.

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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 £37000 for the 2024/25 financial year.

**Expenditure**

The Community Council's budget for the 2024/25 financial year was £56119. The following report on the standing of accounts, and projected expenditure for the 2025/26 financial year, was presented to the April 2025 monthly meeting :

## **Johnston Community Council interim year end financial statement 31/03/2025**

### **2024/25 expenditure**

Donations	£ 2785-00
Admin.	£ 4568-10
Clerk	£ 8734-02
Bus shelter cleaning	£ 864-00
Parks / open spaces	£21951-78
Insurance	£ 1239-20
Miscellaneous	£ 1270-68
Members	£ 1892-00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>£43304-78</b>

Balance in all accounts at 01/04/24	:	£44698-47
Income received from precept	:	£37000-00
All other income received	:	£11889-52
Deduct total expenditure for year	:	(£43304-78)

Therefore, total funds on hand on 01/04/25 : £50283-21

### **Income to come for 2025/26**

Precept	:	£37000-00
VAT return for 2023/24	:	£ 2654-74
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Total available funds anticipated for 2025/26	:	<hr/>
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Total budget set for 2025/26	:	£65767-00

### **Relationship with the principal council**

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

### **Audit**

**Audit of 2023/24 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**

- £2785 distributed in charitable donations to local and national charities from which local residents benefit.
- Ongoing maintenance and repair of new playground and recreational facilities on the Vine Field.
- Improvements to Glebelands Field and Cunnigar Woods, to enhance it as a recreational area for all residents, including tree-planting and bulb-planting.
- 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.
- Installation of new bespoke commemorative bench, to remember the sacrifices of those from the community who gave their lives during historic conflicts.

### **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.
- Build on the development of the new Vine Field Playpark by the further addition of seating and picnic benches.
- Continue working towards the provision of a building to replace the existing wooden pavilion at Glebelands Field with a new multi-purpose building, including possible community 'man-shed' provision.
- Carry out feasibility studies into the provision of further play facilities at The Close Field Playpark.

PETER HORTON

**CLERK TO JOHNSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

April 2025