

Johnston Community Council
Annual Report 2021-2022

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 has twelve councillors:

Nina Philpott (Chairman)
Martyn Spilsbury (vice-Chairman)
Frances James
Neil James
Janet Jeffries
Louise Jones
Bryan Morgan
Robert Pratt
Ken Rowlands
Liz Warlow
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 £35000 for the 2021/22 financial year.

Expenditure

The Community Council's budget for the 2021/22 financial year was £64125. The following report on anticipated expenditure for the year, and projected expenditure for the 2022/23 financial year, was presented to the January 2022 monthly meeting :

	2021/22 to date	2021/22 projected	2022/23
Donations	£ 2000	£ 1875	£ 2000
Admin.	£ 750	£ 450	£ 750
Clerk	£ 6600	£ 6569	£ 6800(1)
Bus shelter cleaning	£ 720	£ 768	£ 864
Grass-cutting	£ 5000	£ 5050	£ 5000
Other open spaces	£ 1500	£ 1108	£ 1500
Insurance	£ 900	£ 835	£ 900
Solicitor's fees	£ 500	£ 1090	£ 500
Miscellaneous	£ 1000	£ -	£ 1000

I.T. costs	£ 250	£ -	£ 250
Christmas	£ 1000	£ 860	£ 1000
Johnston in Bloom	£ 150	£ -	£ 150
Pestforce	£ 500	£ 500	£ 500
Election costs	£ -	£ -	£ 3500(2)
Member allowances	£ 1800	£ 900	£ 1800(3)
One Voice Wales	£ 525	£ 325	£ 360
Bench	£ 800	£ -	£ 800
Defibrillators	£ 1400	£ -	£ 1500
Playground insp.	£ 1230	£ 1230	£ 1500
Playground maint.	£ 2500	£ 2500	£ 2500(4)
Car park	£ 2000	£ 1306	£ -
New play equipment	£25000	£ -	£25000(5)
CCTV equipment	£ 8000	£ -	£ 8000(6)
Platinum Jubilee	£ -	£ -	£ 8000
Remembrance Day	£ -	£ -	£ 2000
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TOTALS	£64125	£25366	£76174

Balance in all accounts at 01/04/21	:	£68006
Income from precept	:	£35000
Income from VAT returns	:	£ 3401
Income from other sources	:	£ 7245
Deduct estimated total projected expenditure for year	:	(£25366)
Deduct sum ring-fenced from Solar Farm Community Contribution :	:	(£10000)
Deduct sum ring-fenced for election costs	:	(£7500)
Therefore, total projected uncommitted sum on 01/04/22	:	£70786

NOTES

- 1) Based on current levels, with an assumed 3% increase for pay award by N.J.C.
- 2) Assumed 50% cost of election scheduled for May 2022
- 3) £150 each for 12 members. Any unclaimed allowances will be retained in community council funds and available for other uses
- 4) Provisional sum
- 5) Based on £18649 match-funded sum committed as match-funding in grant application currently under consideration, with remaining sum for additional project add-ons (e.g. fencing, public benches, gates, etc)
- 6) Provisional sum

Relationship with the principal council

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

Audit

Audit of 2019/20 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

- £1875 distributed in charitable donations to local and national charities from which local residents benefit
- 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
- Obtaining of grant approval for the provision of two new speed-activated signs in Langford Road, to improve highway safety in the vicinity of the school
- Obtaining of grant approval for the provision of a new play area to be situated on the Vine Field

Priorities for the coming year

- Construction and commissioning of new playground on the Vine Field
- Commissioning of the new speed-activated signage on Langford Road
- Improvements to Glebelands Field, to enhance it as a recreational area for all residents. This to include investigations into the feasibility of replacing the existing wooden pavilion with a new building for community use, and pursuing possible grant applications to obtain funding for the project.
- Supporting of events to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, and commissioning of commemorative tree-planting scheme on Glebelands Field
- Provision of CCTV at the Close Field, Johnston, to improve public safety

PETER HORTON

CLERK TO JOHNSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL