

**Johnston Community Council**  
**Annual Report 2022-23**

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:

Nina Philpott (Chairman)  
Martyn Spilsbury (vice-Chairman)  
Kaidan Alenko  
Len Gale  
Neil James  
Janet Jeffries  
Louise Jones  
Yvonne Llewellyn  
Aled Thomas  
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 £36000 for the 2022/23 financial year.

**Expenditure**

The Community Council's budget for the 2022/23 financial year was £76174. The following report on anticipated actual expenditure for the year, and projected expenditure for the 2023/24 financial year, was presented to the January 2023 monthly meeting :

	<b><u>Projected expenditure for current year 22/23</u></b>	<b><u>Projected expenditure sum for 2023/24</u></b>
Donations	£ 1275	£ 2000
Admin.	£ 336	£ 800
Clerk	£ 7503	£ 7499
Bus shelter cleaning	£ 783	£ 900
Grass-cutting	£ 5782	£ 5500
Other open spaces	£13783	£14000
Community Works grant	£ 1000	£ 1000
Insurance	£ 1055	£ 950
Solicitor's fees	£ -	£ 500
Miscellaneous	£ 174	£ 1000
I.T. costs	£ -	£ 250

Christmas	£ 2000	£ 1500
Johnston in Bloom	£ 60	£ 150
Pestforce	£ 456	£ 550
Election costs	£ 225	£ 2000
Members	£ 1275	£ 1900
One Voice Wales	£ 370	£ 400
Commemorative bench	£ -	£ 1800
Defibrillators	£ 300	£ 1500
Playground inspections	£ 2718	£ 1600
Playground maintenance	£ 2896	£ 2500
New play equipment	£44774	£10000
CCTV equipment	£ -	£ -
Jubilee / Coronation expenditure	£ 2785	£ 1000
Remembrance Day service costs	£ 145	£ 500
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<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>£89695</b>	<b>£59799</b>

Balance in all accounts at 01/04/22	:	£90102
Income from precept	:	£35000
Income from VAT returns	:	£ 333
Deduct expenditure for current year	:	(£89695)
Therefore, total on hand on 01/04/23	:	£35970
Add grant reclaim for playground to be claimed on completion	:	£14291
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Therefore, total anticipated available sum in accounts for 2023/24	:	£50261
Add proposed precept for 2023/24 (AS SET IN COUNCIL)	:	£36000
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS PROJECTED AVAILABLE FOR 2023/24</b>	:	<b>£86262</b>

### **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**

- £1975 distributed in charitable donations to local and national charities from which local residents benefit.
- 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 and Vine Field.
- 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, and installation of this signage.
- Obtaining of grant approval for the provision of a new play area to be situated on the Vine Field, commissioning and installation of this playpark aimed at younger children.

### **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
- Build on the development of the new Vine Field Playpark by the addition of seating and picnic benches.
- Conduct feasibility studies into 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.
- Investigate the possible provision of a roller-skate rink at The Close Field Playpark.

PETER HORTON

**CLERK TO JOHNSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

April 2023