

**Minutes of the monthly meeting of Johnston Community Council held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021 online, using the Zoom video-conferencing platform.**

**Present:** Cllrs Young, Neil James, Fran. James, Rowlands, Jeffries, Wilkins, Jones, Philpott; Peter Horton (Clerk);  
**Apologies :** C’llrs Warlow, Morgan, Pratt, Spilsbury.

**0939 – Declarations of known Interests**

None.

**0940 – To receive the minutes from the September 2021 monthly meeting**

The minutes were accepted as an accurate record, and retained for signature by the Chairman following the meeting (proposer C’lr Young, seconder C’lr Philpott).

**Matters arising**

**0941 - Discussion of purchase of WW1 commemorative memorial seat**

Sill in hand with C’lr Spilsbury to follow up with the fabricators.

**0942 - Discussion of possible request for yellow lines in Hall Court**

Matter still in hand with C’lr Rowlands to pursue with P.C.C.

**0943 - Discussion of problems with lighting on footbridge, Langford Road**

Members were informed that the light opposite the bridge was currently not working. C’lr Philpott had reported it to P.C.C., and had stressed how dangerously dark it was on dark evenings.

**0944 - Discussion of possible one-way system, Glebelands**

Matter still on hold until after the lockdown was over, with a view to carrying out a survey of residents then.

**0945 - Discussion of requirement to report on progress towards producing a plan to encourage biodiversity**

Matter still on hold, with C’lr Rowlands to arrange a site meeting with the Biodiversity Officer when circumstances were conducive to this.

**0946 - Discussion of Community Land Trusts**

Nothing further to report at present. Matter with C’lr Rowlands to pursue as possible.

**0947 - Discussion of situation at Silverdale, including possible changes of use.**

The Clerk reported no progress on the situation in P.C.C. Planning in respect of the planning application or enforcement investigation. He played down expectations of any rapid progress being achieved, due to staffing issues in the Planning Department.

**0948 – Work needed on Glebelands Field and adjacent land.**

Members considered the quotation received from Nathan Jones, and resolved to accept this (proposer C’lr Neil James, seconder C’lr Wilkins). Members noted that the area would need to be re-seeded after the completion of work. Clerk to contact Nathan Jones accordingly.

**0949 - Discussion of any works needed as a result of the most recent playground inspection report for The Close Field Playpark**

Nothing further to report, with matter still in hand with C'Ilr Spilsbury, who was awaiting updates from the contractors.

**0950 - Discussion of possible footpath provision between Bulford Road and new roundabout.**

The Clerk confirmed that he had submitted the Active Travel consultation response, calling for consideration to providing this section of footpath. Matter in hand with C'Ilr Rowlands to pursue with P.C.C. / Trunk Road Agency as possible.

**0951 - Discussion of bench collection from Milford School.**

Members were informed that the bench was still there waiting for collection. C'Ilr Philpott to see when their van was available, and contact Clerk prior to him contacting school again to arrange collection. C'Ilr Young offered to store the bench at her property for a while if necessary.

**0952 - Hedges down Church Road.**

C'Ilr Neil James reported that P.C.C. had attended within a few days of the last meeting. As a result the path was reasonably clean at the moment. It was thought likely that it would need doing again in a few weeks, due to the leaf fall. Matter to be kept under review for next month.

**0953 – Ash trees, Langford Road.**

The Clerk had sent copies of his email exchanges with P.C.C. Streetcare to C'Ilr Rowlands, for him to pursue the matter in his meeting with P.C.C. following the last meeting. Clerk to check situation with C'Ilr Rowlands.

**0954 – Grass-cutting, area fronting The Close.**

Members reported that this had still not been cut. There was concern that maybe it had been inadvertently removed from the cutting schedule. Clerk to check situation with P.C.C., as no cutting had been done there for several months.

**0955 - R.B.L. – Arrangements for ordering Remembrance Day wreaths.**

The Clerk had contacted R.B.L., who had assured that the wreath for J.C.C. was on their list. C'Ilr Philpott offered to call in tom collect it if necessary.

In connection with general arrangements for the Remembrance Day commemorations, arrangements were in hand for a road closure, with the need for marshals to oversee this still to be arranged. C'Ilr Neil James to speak with C'Ilr Rowlands regarding arrangements for the bugler and contact with the vicar concerning general arrangements. C'Ilr Jeffries also offered to speak with someone she knew regarding arrangements for a bugler.

**0956 - Discussion of quotation for work on bus shelter, St. Peter's Road**

The Clerk confirmed that details of public liability insurance had been received from DecoTec, and it was thought that a commencement to work might be imminent.

**0957 - Discussion of request for zebra crossing outside school**

Nothing further had been heard from P.C.C. regarding the request for a site meeting. Clerk to chase up with P.C.C.

### **0958 - Ditch around the edge of Glebelands Field.**

Nothing further had been heard from P.C.C. regarding responsibility for cleaning out the ditch. Clerk to chase up with P.C.C.

### **Planning**

#### **0959 - Applications**

**21/0545/PA** - Extension of existing drop kerb and creation of access and driveway;  
Site Address: The Chalet, 36, St Peters Road, JOHNSTON, Haverfordwest,  
Pembrokeshire, SA62 3PJ – No comments.

#### **Decisions issued (for information)**

**0960 - 21/0365/PA** - Freestanding canopy to the southern elevation of school.  
Site Address: Johnston CP School, Langford Road, JOHNSTON, Haverfordwest,  
Pembrokeshire, SA62 3PY

**21/0478/PA** - Attic conversion and extensions to rear & side (south & west elevations); Site Address: 7, Bulford Road, JOHNSTON, Haverfordwest,  
Pembrokeshire, SA62 3EU

### **Correspondence**

**0961** - Nathan Jones – Quotation for work at Glebelands Field – covered in 0948 above.

**0962** - P.C.C. – Remembrance Day arrangements – dealt with in 0955 above.

**0963** - Western Power – paperwork for Christmas lighting – Clerk to forward to Norrard Electrics as for last year.

**0964** - W.G. (copy of letter to P.C.C.) – update on proposed inland border post – dealt with in agenda item below.

**0965** - I.R.P. – consultation on draft 2022 report – noted.

**0966** - Local residents – responses to consultation on proposals for Vine Field – dealt with in agenda item below.

**0967** - Cabinet Office – Details of arrangements for Queen's Jubilee – matter to be placed on agenda for discussion in November.

**0968** - Calon Hearts – Offer to maintain defibrillators – Clerk to contact them and report back to next meeting. Agenda item for November.

**0969** - Rainbow Daycare – Confirmation that defibrillator to be funded by business park owner – noted. Clerk to send him a message of thanks, and make reference to his intentions for future maintenance of the defibrillator once installed.

**0970** - DecoTec – Confirmation of P.L. Insurance – dealt with in 0956 above.

**0971** - P.C.C. – Confirmation of acceptance of Community Works grant application – noted.

**0972** - Local resident – Comments regarding proposed inland border post – dealt with in agenda item below.

**0973** - Paul Davies, A.M. – Comments regarding proposed inland border post – dealt with in agenda item below.

## **Accounts**

### **0974 - Payments for approval**

Johnston F.C. (grass-cutting) : £4630-00

David Banfield (bus shelter cleaning) : £ 72-00

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

### **0975 - Quarterly budget review**

Members considered the budget review that had been circulated by the Clerk. There were no comments or queries on the figures supplied.

### **0976 - Discussion of possible redevelopment of Vine Field**

Members noted that C'llr Spilsbury was not present. It was also noted that one quotation was still awaited.

In view of the situation, Members agreed that a special meeting to discuss the proposals, and make final decisions, should be arranged for later in the month. Members tentatively agreed Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm for this, subject to it being convenient for C'llr Spilsbury, who had the most comprehensive knowledge of the proposals to date.

It was noted that 10 consultations responses had been received by the Clerk either directly or indirectly. Of these, 5 were completely against the proposals. 3 were completely in favour of the proposals. The remaining 2 were against the landscaping proposals, but in favour of the replacement of play equipment.

Matter deferred for further discussion in the special meeting to be arranged for that purpose. In the meantime, Clerk to collate all consultation responses into a spreadsheet, including those received via Facebook, to be forwarded to him by C'llr Philpott. This to be circulated to all Members prior to the meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> October.

[NOTE – C'llr Rowlands entered the meeting at this point]

### **0977 - Discussion of work on Close Field towards eventual CCTV installation**

Members were informed that a site meeting with Ocon had not been pursued, following feedback received from third parties.

C'llr Neil James had been in informal conversation with D.F.C. Electrical, who had offered to quote for this work.

Clerk to seek quotation from the firms recommended by Neyland Town Council, and also D.F.C. Electrical. C'llr Neil James indicated that he would be willing to meet any of them that wished to have a site meeting. Clerk to copy C'llr Neil James in on messages sent to D.F.C. Electrical.

### **0978 - Discussion of request from Rainbow Daycare for defibrillator provision in vicinity of their business premises**

Covered in 0969 above.

### **0979 - Discussion of arrangements for future meetings, in the light of recent W.G. advice on multi-locational meetings**

C'llrs Rowlands and Jones had been in separate conversations with the Headmaster of the local school, Mr. Gareth Thomas. He had indicated to C'llr Rowlands that he was positive about the likelihood of being able to host community council meetings in the school. C'llr Jones had been asked by him for more details of the requirements needed by the community council to facilitate this.

From current information available, it appeared that internet access at the school is fine. A projector that might be of use in providing video feed was currently non-functional. The Clerk commented that microphone provision would probably be the most challenging aspect.

Members agreed to hold the November meeting online, and keep the matter under review month by month. With cases of Covid-19 currently reported as being on the increase, it was not felt prudent to rush to a return to physical meetings at present, though it was hoped that this might be possible in the New Year. Matter to be kept as a regular monthly agenda item for the time being. In the meantime, C'Ilr Jones undertook to speak further with the Headmaster, to discuss the facilities available, especially in relation to sound / microphone provision.

[NOTE – C'Ilr Jones left the meeting with apologies at this point]

#### **0980 - Discussion of Johnston Institute Committee letter concerning legal fees**

The Clerk had prepared a detailed account of all legal fees paid to date. Taking into account the £3300 already paid directly by the Johnston Institute Committee towards the legal fees, it was calculated that they would need to pay Johnston Community Council £7245 to fully meet 50% of the total legal costs incurred. In respect of their recent communication suggesting a £5000 contribution, it was left for the Clerk to reply to them informing them of the figures calculated, and inviting their comments on the possibility of paying the £7245 mentioned. Matter to be placed on November meeting agenda for discussion.

#### **0981 - Discussion of W.G. proposals for new inland border post**

Members had received and had the opportunity to peruse all communications received to date regarding the proposals.

Members were completely in agreement that an inland border post in Johnston would be entirely unjustifiable, and should be opposed. This was because of the dubious future for Fishguard Port, the need for vehicles from both ports to deviate from their normal routes to reach Johnston, the detrimental effect on local residents and traffic flow through the Village, and the negative aspects of using a greenfield site. C'Ilr Neil James commented that a site in the vicinity of St. Clears would be a much more logical choice.

Clerk to send a letter to the W.G. Minister for the Economy, Vaughan Gething, outlining the Community Council's reasons for opposing the siting of a facility in Johnston (proposer C'Ilr Rowlands, seconder C'Ilr Philpott). Letter to be copied to the P.C.C. C.E.O., and also to Paul Davies, A.M., and all Community Council Members.

#### **0982 - Discussion of link footpath from Church Road to Hayston View**

C'Ilr Neil James reported that the link footpath was still closed. The security fences were being taken down during the working day, and then replaced at night. Clerk to chase up progress on the Planning Enforcement investigation.

C'Ilr Neil James queried the timetable for adoption of the link footpath, as this would be needed before the broken streetlight could be repaired. C'Ilr Rowlands to pursue this with P.C.C.

#### **0983 - Discussion of providing delegated powers to Clerk**

Members resolved to give delegated powers to the Clerk to make formal decisions on their behalf following email consultations to establish the general consensus of Members in any particular situation (proposer C'llr Philpott, seconder C'llr Jeffries). Clerk to draft necessary changes to the Standing Orders, and circulate these to Members for perusal. Matter to be placed on November meeting agenda for final discussion / approval.

**0984 - Discussion of signage placed in lane adjacent to Mike Howlin Motors**

A 'No dogs' sign had been placed on the Cunnigar Lane by a person unknown. Clerk to contact P.C.C. and ask for sign to be removed (proposer C'llr Philpott, seconder C'llr Jeffries).

**Other Business**

**0985 - Signage outside The Vine.** It had been reported that P.C.C. officers had allegedly telephoned people asking for their signage to be removed from this location, on pain of a £2000 fine. Members were unaware that this action had been taken, and concerned about the manner in which it was purported to have been done. Matter to be tabled as an agenda item for November.

**0986 – Large van parked on pavement at the entrance to Hall Court.** C'llr Fran. James reported that this vehicle had been presenting an obstruction at this location for several months. It was left for her to obtain the vehicle registration number and pass this to C'llr Rowlands to be followed up with the relevant authorities.

**0987 - Potholes on junction of Langford Road / Main Road.** C'llr Philpott informed Members that she had reported these potholes, but that nothing had been done to date to fix them. C'llr Rowlands undertook to pursue the matter with officers in County Hall.

The meeting concluded at 9-10pm.

Next scheduled meeting – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

Signed.....Chairman

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