

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Johnston Community Council held on 8th November 2021 online, using the Zoom video-conferencing platform.

Present: Cllrs Young, Neil James, Spilsbury, Rowlands, Jeffries, Wilkins; Peter Horton (Clerk);

Apologies : C'llrs Warlow, Morgan, Pratt, Philpott, Jones, Fran. James.

0988 – Declarations of known Interests

None.

0989 – To receive the minutes from the October 2021 monthly meeting

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

0990 – To receive minutes from the E.G.M. held on Monday 25th October 2021

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

Matters arising

0991 - Discussion of purchase of WW1 commemorative memorial seat

Sill in hand with C'lr Spilsbury following up with the fabricators.

0992 - Discussion of possible request for yellow lines in Hall Court

Members noted that P.C.C. had now programmed work into this year's schedule of works to carry out pavement improvements around the junction. Members had seen survey work ongoing in the area, which could be connected with this.

0993 - Discussion of problems with lighting on footbridge, Langford Road

Members were unsure whether or not anything had been actioned by P.C.C. following the contact made by C'lr Philpott. C'lr Spilsbury undertook to ask C'lr Philpott about this.

0994 - Discussion of possible one-way system, Glebelands

On hold. Matter to be considered for possible agenda item in New Year.

0995 - Discussion of requirement to report on progress towards producing a plan to encourage biodiversity

On hold. C'lr Rowlands had not been able to get a site meeting arranged with the Biodiversity Officer to date. Members were minded to leave the matter in abeyance until New Year / Spring 2022.

0996 - Discussion of Community Land Trusts

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

0997 - Discussion of situation at Silverdale, including possible changes of use.

Nothing further heard to date from Planning.

0998 – Work needed on Glebelands Field and adjacent land.

The Clerk had informed Nathan Jones of the award of the work, and a start to work was awaited.

0999 - 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.

1000 - Discussion of possible footpath provision between Bulford Road and new roundabout.

C'Ilr Rowlands to speak to officers in Highways again, and request a site meeting with Sustrans, to try and make progress on achieving the construction of a link footpath. C'Ilr Rowlands suggested the he and C'Ilr Neil James should attend a site meeting if arranged.

1001 - Discussion of bench collection from Milford School.

Still in hand with C'Ilr Philpott to collect. No decision made on where to locate it. Agreement on this was left for discussion once the bench had been received.

1002 - Hedges down Church Road.

It was thought likely that the path would need clearing again in a few weeks, due to the leaf fall. Matter to be reviewed in the December meeting.

1003 – Ash trees, Langford Road.

C'Ilr Rowlands to chase up again in County Hall, as nothing had been heard, and the trees were still in situ.

1004 – Grass-cutting, area fronting The Close.

Members reported that the work had now been done. The Clerk confirmed that P.C.C. had said they would now add this area to their regular grass-cutting schedule.

1005 - R.B.L. – Arrangements for ordering Remembrance Day wreaths.

Members discussed arrangements. No bugler had been sourced, despite requests being made locally. It was thought that a tape recording might need to be used instead. C'Ilr Rowlands had spoken to the vicar, and C'Ilr Neil James was due to meet him the following evening to discuss detailed arrangements.

C'Ilr Neil James said that the Police had been in touch to say they will try to make an appearance on the day, but he confirmed that it would be up to local organisers to close the road and marshal traffic accordingly

1006 - Discussion of quotation for work on bus shelter, St. Peter's Road

A commencement of work was awaited.

1007 - Discussion of request for zebra crossing outside school

P.C.C. had been in contact regarding the matter. They had explained that a zebra crossing would not be possible at this location, since the need was primarily at school arrival / leaving times, with very little pedestrian activity outside of those times. They had said they were assessing the location for a possible crossing patrol, and would let the community council know of their findings when the exercise had been concluded.

1008 - Ditch around the edge of Glebelands Field.

Members were informed that P.C.C. had accepted responsibility for clearing out the ditch, and were arranging for the work to be carried out.

1009 - Discussion of W.G. proposals for new inland border post

All possible actions that could be undertaken had now been done, with letters having been sent to the Welsh Government Minister for the Economy, the P.C.C. Chief Executive Officer, and Paul Davies, M.S. Further developments were now awaited.

1010 - Discussion of link footpath from Church Road to Hayston View

The Clerk explained that this was currently in hand with the P.C.C. Planning Department, who were considering a possible formal notice to require the opening of the footpath, dealing with it as a breach of the current planning consent. The Highways Department had separately advised that no adoption of the site estate roads and pavements would be concluded until the path was open and available for use. Taking all these factors into account, the Clerk felt confident that a resolution would be achieved, though the likely timeframe for this was very uncertain.

1011 - Discussion of signage placed in lane adjacent to Mike Howlin Motors

The Clerk had requested removal of the sign from P.C.C. officers. Members were uncertain whether or not it was still in place. Members to notify Clerk if it was seen again, so the matter could be chased up with P.C.C. as necessary.

1012 – Large van parked on pavement at the entrance to Hall Court.

It was not known if the van was still present. C’Ilr Spilsbury undertook to enquire with C’Ilr Fran. James about this.

1013 - Potholes on junction of Langford Road / Main Road.

C’Ilr Rowlands confirmed that he had reported these, and undertook to chase up the matter again. Separately, the Clerk offered to photograph the worst pothole, send it in to P.C.C., and copy in C’Ilr Rowlands into the message.

Planning

1014 – Planning consents issued

20/0620/PA - Extension and alterations, Site Address:

28, Brickhurst Park, JOHNSTON, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3PA

Correspondence

1015 - Nathan Jones – Query about whether or not the area around Cocky’s Pond needed cleaning out again this year – Members resolved to request this to be carried out (proposer C’Ilr Neil James, seconder C’Ilr Rowlands).

1016 - P.C.C. – Confirmation of responsibility for clearing out ditch around Glebelands Field – noted.

1017 - Local Resident – Freedom of Information Request relating to Accounting figures – The Clerk reported that the request had been received, and was expected to be responded to within normal timescales. Matter of possible public interest analysis of certain aspects of the request to be discussed in the December meeting if necessary.

1018 - P.C.C. – Response / update on various Highway-related matters – dealt with in 0992, 1007 and 1010 above.

- 1019** - P.C.C. – Confirmation of receipt of Enhancing Pembrokeshire grant application - noted.
- 1020** - O.V.W. – Update on Queen’s Jubilee arrangements – noted.
- 1021** - Price & Kelway – invoice – dealt with in ‘Accounts’ below
- 1022** - PCC – Flower orders for 2022 – Members content to proceed as outlined. Clerk to notify P.C.C. accordingly.

Accounts

1023 - Income

Johnston Institute Committee : £7245-00

1024 - Payments for approval

David Barfield (bus shelter cleaning for October) : £ 72-00

Price and Kelway (Court Fees) : £1090-00

Royal British Legion (donation) : £ 75-00

The above payments were approved by Members (proposer C’lir Spilsbury, seconder C’lir Rowlands).

1025 - Any necessary discussion of possible redevelopment of Vine Field

Members were informed that the Enhancing Pembrokeshire grant application had been submitted, and a decision was now awaited.

Members discussed briefly concerns expressed by one local resident about the possible adverse effect of any future development of the land on the ability of emergency helicopters to land on the field. Members did not feel that this was a very significant factor, as a helicopter had only landed there once in 40 years, the community council was not responsible for providing helicopter landing facilities, and a helicopter could in any case land on the road if necessary. Also, any future development of the land that could have an impact on this was hypothetical at present.

C’lir Neil James felt that a fence around the play equipment would be preferable to re-erecting a gate at the site entrance, but deferred to the decision that had been made regarding this. If a gate was to go there, then a pedestrian gate should be included as part of the installation.

1026 - Discussion of work on Close Field towards eventual CCTV installation

Matter in hand with C’lir Neil James to arrange site meetings with various potential suppliers.

1027 - Discussion of arrangements for future meeting venues

In hand with C’lir Jones to follow up with the school headmaster. Left for feedback from C’lir Jones when available. As it was anticipated that meetings would be continuing online for at least some months to come, Members resolved to renew the dispensations granted to C’lirs Warlow, Morgan and Pratt to miss meetings for another six months (proposer C’lir Wilkins, seconder C’lir Spilsbury).

1028 - Discussion of Johnston Institute Committee letter concerning legal fees

Members were informed that a cheque had been received from the Johnston Institute Committee for the £7245 that represented the remainder of their half of the legal fees. It was noted that a further bill had been received this month. C’lir Neil

James indicated that the Institute Committee was unlikely to object to payment of this if a request for this should be sent to them.

The Clerk informed Members that a call had been received from the external auditor, requesting certain information in connection with the accounts, as well as the previous legal action taken in connection with the land opposite the Johnston Institute. Clerk to collate the necessary information, and send this to the auditor as requested, along with a full covering letter addressing all matters, and making a request for a face-to-face meeting to discuss all the issues raised (proposer C'Ilr Spilsbury, seconder C'Ilr Wilkins).

1029 - Discussion of arrangements for future maintenance of defibrillators

Members requested that the Clerk should make arrangements with Calon Hearts to inspect and report on all the community-owned defibrillators. Clerk to send contact details for them to Tracy Young.

1030 - Discussion of arrangements to celebrate Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Members were in agreement that J.C.C. should be pro-active in encouraging local organisations to organise events, possibly by offering financial assistance for suitable events. Matter to be tabled for discussion in December, to allow time for Members to consider how best to proceed. C'Ilr Rowlands undertook to speak to the school headmaster in the meantime. Also, Clerk to send message to Johnston Community Spirit to seek their views (proposer C'Ilr Wilkins, seconder C'Ilr Spilsbury).

1031 - Discussion of providing delegated powers to Clerk and approving related amendments to Community Council Standing Orders

At the Clerk's request, this was deferred for consideration at a future meeting.

1032 - Re-adoption of Model Publication Scheme

Members resolved to re-adopt the I.C.O. Model Publication Scheme (proposer C'Ilr Spilsbury, seconder C'Ilr Wilkins). Members also resolved to adopt the schedule of material to be made available to members of the public on request (proposer C'Ilr Spilsbury, seconder C'Ilr Young).

1033 - Discussion of signage outside The Vine

Members were informed that P.C.C. Highways Department had requested removal of the signage, and that there had been a significant reduction. It was reiterated that these actions were not instigated by J.C.C. in any way. Members agreed that there was nothing further that could usefully be done. Matter to be left in abeyance.

Any other business

There was no other business.

The meeting concluded at 9-00pm.

Next scheduled meeting – Monday 13th December 2021.

Signed.....Chairman

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