

**Minutes of the monthly meeting of Johnston Community Council held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022 online, in the Johnston Institute, Church Road, Johnston, and also online using the Zoom video-conferencing platform.**

**Present: Cllrs Tracey Young, Aled Thomas, Nina Philpott, Kaidan Alenko, Janet Jeffries, Yvonne Llewellyn, Martyn Spilsbury, Christine Wilkins; Peter Horton (Clerk);**

**Apologies : C'Ilrs Neil James, Louise Jones, Fran James**

**1488 – Declarations of known Interests**

None

**1489 – To receive the minutes from the November 2022 monthly meeting**

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

**Matters arising**

**1490 - Discussion of purchase of WW1 commemorative memorial seat**

Still in hand with C'Ilr Martyn Spilsbury. The design was currently with the fabricators, who were assessing it for the final design suitability.

**1491- Discussion of possible request for yellow lines in Hall Court**

No response yet received by Clerk to the message sent enquiring about whether or not double yellow lines were part of the approved scheme.

**1492 - Discussion of quotation for work on bus shelter, St. Peter's Road**

No update regarding timetable for replacing the St. Peter's Road bus shelter. No work yet carried out by P.C.C. to repair the Glebelands bus shelter. Clerk to chase up.

**1493 - Discussion of link footpath from Church Road to Hayston View**

The Clerk confirmed that the fallen sign had been reported. It was not known whether or not it had yet been put back.

**1494 - Discussion of arrangements for future maintenance of defibrillators**

C'Ilr Aled Thomas had circulated a draft press release. Barring a few minor issues, it was ready for sending to the press. It was mentioned that a training session on use of the defibrillators had been carried out the previous week. It was thought that this could also be mentioned in the press release.

Regarding regular maintenance of the defibrillators in J.C.C. ownership, Clerk to make up a rota for checking of the units, for each member to do a month in turn. This to be circulated to all Members.

**1495 - Discussion of establishment of vexatious communication policy**

Matter still in hand with Clerk.

**1496 - Discussion of needed boundary repairs to Vine Field**

Arrangements for scraping and levelling of the exposed ground areas to the perimeter of the site in hand with C'Ilrs Christine Wilkins and Neil James.

**1497 - Discussion of possible one-way system in Glebelands**

Nothing further heard back from P.C.C. following the requests made for an update after the September meeting. Clerk to chase up once again with P.C.C.

**1498 - Discussion of arrangements to commence grant project for Vine Field, including consideration of revised quotation from Sovereign Play**

C'llr Spilsbury had received confirmation from Sovereign Play of an intended January start date for the work.

**1499 - Discussion of arrangements for siting of 'Stop and Chat' bench**

Still in hand, with location of bench to be finalised.

**1500 – Correspondence on fenceline.**

The Clerk confirmed that he had written to the landowners, but had received no reply to date.

**1501 - Discussion of Community Council Biodiversity Enhancement report**

Still in hand with C'llr Neil James to complete as soon as possible.

**1502 - Discussion of determinations based on I.R.P. 2022/23 report**

The Clerk had checked the arrangements for claiming back childcare and other care costs. These could all be reclaimed when incurred in connection with community council business, with the exact parameters to be decided by resolution. Members decided to approve a policy whereby any costs incurred for any reasonable community council-related work could be reclaimed on production of receipts (proposer C'llr Nina Philpott, seconder C'llr Christine Wilkins). It was pointed out that the maximum hourly rate that could be reclaimed was the actual living wage set by the Government.

Clerk to circulate a further copy of the I.R.P. report to all Members for reference.

**1503 - Discussion of Johnston in Bloom competition results**

Members were informed that all the certificates and cheques had been sent out to all the winners, thus concluding the competition for 2022. C'llr Nina Philpott was in the process of getting the last remaining shield back, and it was thought these could possibly be displayed in the Village Institute.

**1504 - New Council houses at Cranham Park**

C'llr Aled Thomas reported that there had been some delays, but completion was still expected to be in the spring of 2023.

C'llr Kaidan Alenko sought confirmation as to whether P.C.C. would be writing to all local residents concerning the housing allocation of the new dwellings. This was not thought to be the case, but C'llr Aled Thomas undertook to check this in County Hall. There was some concern about a possible conflict between priority being given to residents with local connections, and priority being given to applicants from other areas who might have a gold or silver banding. C'llr Aled Thomas to check on this as well, as it had been understood that residents with a local connection would be given priority irrespective of their banding.

**1505 - Fibre optic cable installation works, The Close.** C'llr Janet Jeffries  
Members reported that the situation had improved, with some street-sweeping having been carried out. However, there was still a mess in some areas, especially around the garages. C'llr Nina Philpott undertook to pass this on once again to O.G.I.

### **Planning matters**

#### **1506 - Applications received**

**22/0684/PA** - Two storey side extension to dwelling; Site Address: 22, Langford Road, JOHNSTON, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3PX

[NOTE – C'llr Aled Thomas declared a personal and prejudicial interest, as he knew the applicant, and left the meeting during discussion of this item]

Members noted that the application was partially retrospective, as work had commenced. However, Members were content with the proposed design. No comments to be made on the application.

[NOTE – C'llr Aled Thomas returned to the meeting at this point]

### **Correspondence**

**1507** - P.C.C. - Update on timetable for work at Cunnigar Woods – noted.

**1508** - P.C.C. – Invitation for nominations for community governor at Waldo Williams School – noted.

### **Accounts**

#### **1509 - Payments for approval**

Neil James (Member allowance for 2022/23)	:	£ 150-00
Nina Philpott (Member allowance for 2022/23)	:	£ 150-00
Tracey Young (Member allowance for 2022/23)	:	£ 150-00
Clerk (salary October – December)	:	As per contract
HMRC (PAYE tax for above)	:	As per contract
Clerk (incidental expenses for June – November 2022)	:	£ 122-74
David Banfield (bus shelter cleaning, November 2022)	:	£ 72-00
Simply Landscaping (invoice 611)	:	£4500-00
Simply Landscaping (invoice 612)	:	£3720-00
Johnston F.C. (post contract grass cutting)	:	£ 115-00
P.C.C. (election recharge)	:	£ 225-00
D.J.M. (Elder Meadow Nursery, for Christmas trees)	:	£ 950-00
Norrards Electrics (Christmas tree lighting)	:	£ 360-00

The above payments were approved by Members (proposer C'llr Martyn Spilsbury, seconder C'llr Aled Thomas).

#### **1510 - Discussion of progress towards possible replacement of wooden pavilion**

In hand with C'llr Neil James.

**1511 - Discussion of progress on project to develop land at Glebelands Field**

The main work had been completed satisfactorily. A location needed to be chosen for the Happy to Chat bench. Matter to be revisited in January.

**1512 - Discussion of arrangements to recognise service of recently-retired members**

C’Ilr Tracey Young had ordered the hampers and flowers, for delivery on the following Friday. It was left with Members to make informal arrangements between themselves to deliver these to the three ex-Members once C’Ilr Neil James had returned. It was also noted that C’Ilrs Martyn Spilsbury and Aled Thomas would need to sign the certificate that had been prepared for Bryan Morgan, conferring the Freedom of Johnston.

**Any other business**

**1513 – Static caravan.** A static caravan had recently been installed in the garden of the house next to the chip shop, and services were in the process of being connected. It was not known for what purpose the caravan was being installed. Agenda item to be tabled for January to discuss.

**1514 - Orchard Court.** Concern over ice in pathways in Orchard Court had been mentioned in a call to C’Ilr Aled Thomas. It had been reported that some residents had fallen and been hurt. He said that he would be contacting P.C.C. about this the following day.

**1515 – fly-tipping.** C’Ilr Nina Philpott reported fly-tipping on the cycle path behind the new houses. Photograph to be sent to Clerk, for this to be reported to P.C.C.

The meeting ended at 8-00pm. Next scheduled meeting – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

Signed.....Chairman

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