**M08/2015**

The following are the **Minutes** of an extraordinary meeting of Johnston Community Council held on 10 August 2015 in Johnston Institute.

**Present:** Cllr J Jeffries, (Vice-Chair), Cllrs B Morgan, A Harvey, C Wilkins, K Rowlands, E Warlow, T Young, F James.

**Apologies for absence:** Cllr N James, (Chairman), Cllrs G Grey, J Ruloff.

**7746.** The meeting was called in order to discuss the latest developments in connection with the ongoing problems with the car-park opposite the Institute. A temporary fence had been erected and “No Parking” signs written on the ground at the bottom end of the car park by Mr G Bishop, of Johnston Hall. This had stopped access and exit from the car-park at the point near the entrance to Johnston Hall.

Cllr Rowlands produced a letter which he proposed should be issued to all residents to explain the background to the situation and the Community Council’s response to the claims by Mr Bishop. This rebutted the points made by Mr Bishop in a recent article in the Herald newspaper.

Cllr Rowlands reported that he had spoken to the solicitors and a barrister had attended and advised that Section 31 of the Highways Act 1980 should now be invoked by the County Council. The Section is worded as follows:

***“Dedication of a way as a highway presumed after public use for twenty Years.***

***Where a way over any land, other than a way of such a character that use of it by the public would not give rise at common law to any presumption of dedication, has been actually enjoyed by the public as a right and without interruption for a full period of twenty years, the way is to be declared to have been dedicated as a highway”***

 A request will be made by the solicitors to Pembrokeshire County Council (PCC) to start the process. It was agreed that if necessary, Johnston Community Council (JCC) would contribute to the costs of upkeep of the area.

The proposed letter was discussed in detail and with minor amendments was agreed unanimously.

 **Proposer:** Cllr Jeffries. S**econder:** Cllr Rowlands.

Cllr Rowlands agreed to arrange for printing of the letter and all Members were asked to get involved in the distribution of the letter throughout the community.

It was agreed that the Clerk would provide details of the article in the Herald to Members. It was mentioned that all messages of support for the Council’s action should be recorded.

In addition, it was agreed that, if necessary, at some point, a public meeting would be organised.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

**Signed………………………………………………………….Chairperson**

**Date………………………………………………..**