

**M07/16**

**Minutes of the monthly meeting of Johnston Community Council  
held on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2016 in Johnston Institute.**

**Present:** Cllrs N. James (Chairman), J. Jeffries, (vice-Chair), G. Grey, A. Harvey, F. James, B. Morgan, R. Pratt, K. Rowlands, M. Spilsbury, E. Warlow, T. Young; Peter Horton (Clerk).

Also present : Mr. John Davies, Mr. Powick (members of the public); Mr. Wormald & Ms. Davies Jones (officers of Welsh Water).

**Apologies :** C’llr C. Wilkins

**8333 - Welsh Water**

Members welcomed to the meeting Mr. Will Wormald & Ms. Alexandra Davies-Jones from Welsh Water, who were attending to discuss the proposed work to the Johnston Sewage Works in Kiln Road. They proceeded to outline the plans for the Johnston works, and the pipeline to Hook. £8.3m was due to be spent. In addition to attending the Community Council, there was a plan to hold public information events in Johnston and Hook. They explained that the system at present was seriously overloaded, without any recent investment. It was proposed to convert the Johnston S.T.W. into a pumping station, and pump effluent to Hook via a new pipeline. This was explained to be a more efficient option than pumping from Hook. The proposals were designed to cater for a population of 3200 in Johnston, though it was explained that the new works at Hook would be capable of further enlargement as necessary. The proposals would have benefits for Johnston, such as bringing an end to problems of overflow during high rainfall periods, and reducing future traffic flow down Kiln Road. It was intended to use trenchless technology as much as possible for the proposed pipeline scheme. The scheme was due to commence in August / September, with completion anticipated in around twelve months.

C’llr Anne Harvey asked about population projections, as the current population is around 2000, but could increase substantially. It was explained that the development in Hook would be capable of future expansion as and when necessary. It was also mentioned that there was no problem anticipated in meeting the planning conditions imposed as part of the planning consent granted for the scheme.

Members asked about plans to address the deterioration of Kiln Road that had occurred over many years due to continuous use by heavy lorries, and which would be worsened during the construction phase.

Details of the standard of reinstatement proposed were requested. It was explained that the lane would be repaired as necessary, but that details of the exact specifications had not yet been drawn up.

It was explained that the redundant buildings on the site would be demolished, with remaining equipment mainly housed in kiosks.

C’Ilr George Grey asked about the old railway track from Arnolds Yard to Hook, as to whether or not this could be used for the pipeline route. It was explained that this had been looked into, that part of the route would be used, but some sections were unsuitable due to ground conditions and other factors.

C’Ilr Ken Rowlands asked about the possible effect on Church Road residents of the possible future development on land in the Village for which development was dependent on the upgrading works proposed. It was explained that this was a separate matter from the topic under discussion. However, the officers from Welsh Water undertook to pass on the query to their Developer Services Department for consideration.

Mr. Alf Powick, a resident from Kiln Road, was present to represent the concerns of local Kiln Road residents, especially regarding the lane condition. He was invited to address the meeting. He explained that the lane had been resurfaced in 2001, partly funded by Welsh Water, but that the standard of reinstatement had been for ‘light load’ use, 3.5 tonnes, possibly up to 5 tonnes. There was an ongoing breakup of the lane occurring currently, and there was no sub-foundation to the lane. He asked about what standard the lane would be brought up to. The Welsh Water officers undertook to look into this, and provided Mr. Powick with their contact details for future discussions over this aspect, undertaking to copy in the Community Council on these discussions. It was commented that once the work was complete the traffic would decrease greatly, but it was acknowledged that during construction there would be a temporary increase.

Following this discussion, Members thanked Mr. Wormald and Ms. Davies-Jones for attending the meeting, after which they left.

### **8334 - Minutes of the June 2016 monthly meeting**

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record, and signed by the Chairman (Proposer C’Ilr Janet Jeffries, seconder C’Ilr Martyn Spilsbury).

### **Matters arising**

#### **8335 - Bolton Hill Quarry.**

Agreement was made to hold the evening visit on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August, picking up from the Johnston Institute at 7pm. C’Ilr Ken Rowlands to co-

ordinate the arrangements with the quarry, allowing for a possible 13 attendees. In the event of bad weather, visit to be held one week later.

**8336 - Proposed solar farm adjacent to Pope Hill.**

No further progress to date.

**8337 - Application for proposed exception site housing development at Langford Road (application ref. 15/0464/PA).**

The Planning Committee hearing had been held. C'llr Ken Rowlands had represented the Community, and had recommended an amendment for bungalows on the development, but this had been overturned. Members thanked him for his best efforts made.

**8338 – Church Road Car Park.**

The decision of the Land Registry was still awaited. C'llr Ken Rowlands mentioned the parking lines and double yellow lines that were needed, including removing the 'no parking' lines currently there. Members discussed carrying out the work, and felt that it would be good to get a view from the solicitors about this, but hold off from action for the time being due to possibly inflaming the current situation. C'llr Ken Rowlands to obtain advice from solicitors.

**8339 – Narrow footpath by Johnston Farm.**

Mr. John Davies was invited to address the meeting, as an affected resident. He expressed concern over the lack of progress towards resolving the matter. A holding reply had been received from Ken Skates' department. This was read to Members. The letter contained an undertaking to hold discussions with relevant landowners. Matter to be kept under review.

**8340 – Skateboard Park.**

C'llr Ken Rowlands was due to meet with Richard Brown of P.C.C. the next day to discuss detailed proposals. The 50:50 cost-split proposal was to go ahead, and detailed plans were being prepared. The message from Darren Thomas was summarised to Members, outlining his proposals for rectifying the situation. The anticipated cost to the Community Council was in the region of £1000. Members were also told that the area had now been grass-cut at a cost of around £50.

**8341 – Bus shelter, Glebelands.**

Matter still under discussion.

**8342 – Cashpoint outside Nisa Shop.**

C’Ilr Jan. Jeffries had been made aware of plans drawn up by P.C.C. to redesign the forecourt area. However, these plans had apparently been rejected by the proprietor of the NISA shop. Members were unaware of the details of these plans, but felt that they should be supported by the Community Council in principle if they were aimed at improving the safety situation. C’Ilr Ken Rowlands to look into exactly what had been proposed, and offer the support of the Community Council for any proposals to improve the situation. Members felt that a good scheme should even possibly be supported by the Community Council financially.

#### **8343 – New school, Langford Road.**

C’Ilr Ken Rowlands apologised for not bringing plans of the proposals, and would endeavour to do so next month. He expressed confidence in the plans from what he had seen.

C’Ilr Liz Warlow expressed concern over some of the plans for pedestrian access to the school premises on safety grounds.

#### **8344 – Playground inspections.**

This matter was due to be covered by C’Ilr Ken Rowlands in his scheduled meeting with Richard Brown.

#### **8345 – Road and pavement problems.**

C’Ilr Ken Rowlands had spoken to Darren Thomas regarding this matter. A site meeting was due to be held to look at the various areas of concern. C’Ilr Jan. Jeffries to attend this meeting along with Ken Rowlands. C’Ilr Rowlands also to obtain the schedule of works for remedial works proposed in the Village.

#### **8346 – Flower borders.**

This due to be discussed by C’Ilr Ken Rowlands in his meeting tomorrow.

#### **8347 – Remembrance Day.**

C’Ilr Ken Rowlands had been informed by the Police that they could not now be involved in making arrangements, or assisting on the day, due to new guidelines. The Community Council would need to organise this themselves, and provide marshals on the day. The need to go through P.C.C. was highlighted, as an application for a road closure would need to be made. C’Ilr Ken Rowlands to discuss with Darren Thomas.

#### **8348 – Parking bays, Glebelands.**

C'llr Ken Rowlands was still dealing with this matter via the Streetcare Officer.

**8349 – Hall Court sign / pavement.**

C'llr Ken Rowlands had been in discussion about this matter with P.C.C. The pavement could not be provided due to obstruction by a tree. C'llr Fran James mentioned that the owner of the tree had expressed a willingness to remove it to facilitate the necessary work, if a letter from the Community Council was received requesting this. Members agreed that the matter was outside the Community Council's remit, though there was obviously interest in seeing the matter resolved.

**8350 – Japanese knotweed problem at Arnold's Yard site.**

The Clerk confirmed that P.C.C. had not been able to obtain any evidence of liquidation on the part of the site owners. C'llr Ken Rowlands had discussed the situation with the C.E.O. of P.C.C., and was continuing to follow up the matter. He had also spoken with the estate agents. Matter to be kept under review. C'llr Tracey Young mentioned Japanese knotweed on land adjacent to Acorn Drive, coming through the fences from land between the housing estate and the cycle path. Clerk to write to P.H.A. about this problem.

**8351 – Defibrillator provision.**

C'llr Ken Rowlands had spoken to the chapel deacons about siting a unit on the chapel. They were informally very supportive, and would come back with a formal view following a forthcoming meeting.

**8352 – Streetlight, Church Road.**

No progress to date.

**8353 – Wind Turbine, Lawrence Landfill.**

Enforcement investigation still in progress.

**8354 – Proposed solar park.**

Nothing further to report at present.

**8355 – Offer from Monitoring Officer to provide Code of Conduct training for Members.**

The evening of Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September was suggested as a suitable date, with a 7-45pm start time. Clerk to confirm with Rosemarket, Burton and Tiers Cross Community Councils, and make arrangements with the Monitoring Officer.

**8356 – Postboxes.**

C'llr Ken Rowlands had been sending messages to the Post Office, with little success. He was intending to follow up with a visit to the Sorting Office.

**8357 – Chairman's Dinner.**

Booked for 30<sup>th</sup> July. Members were reminded to forward their menus to the Chairman as soon as possible.

**8358 - Cycle track.**

C'llr George Grey mentioned the railway line from Johnston to Hook as a possible cycle track to Freystrop. C'llr Ken Rowlands to obtain a detailed map and pursue this.

**8359 - Risk Assessment.**

Blank risk assessment forms were provided by the Clerk. C'llrs Anne Harvey, Fran James, Neil James, Robert Pratt and Jan. Jeffries to form a sub-committee, and inspect the various sites between them. Clerk to forward asset register to the Chairman to facilitate the inspections.

**8360 - Church Roll of Honour.**

C'llr George Grey had been assured that the roll of honour was not in the church. Its whereabouts were unknown.

**8361 - Rubbish problems.**

Broken glass was still present on the path from the Close to St. Peter's Road. C'llr Ken Rowlands to look into this. C'llr Liz. Warlow mentioned that there was quite a lot of rubbish on the railway line under the bridge on Langford Road. Clerk to write letter to Network Rail regarding this.

**8362 - Johnston In Bloom.**

Date to be arranged for the judging towards the end of the month.

**8363 - Disabled accesses.**

C'llr Rowlands to chase up further in P.C.C. The matter of a possible contribution from Johnston Community Council if works were carried out had been raised.

**8364 – Rubbish bin on cycle path close to the cycle barrier.**

This problem was still ongoing. C'llr Ken Rowlands undertook to look into this.

### **8365 - Faded double yellow lines on Langford Road by junction with main road.**

C’Ilr Ken Rowlands was due to meet officers to look at this in detail. There was a suggestion to extend the double yellow lines as far as the adjacent housing development off Langford Road to improve the situation.

### **8366 - Railway Inn.**

C’Ilr Ken Rowlands informed Members that this matter was being dealt with by the Public Protection department

## **Planning**

### **8367 – Applications**

There were no applications for consideration this month.

## **Correspondence**

**8368 -** Barclays – confirmation of amendments to approved signatories – noted.

**8369 -** Community Health Council (C.H.C.) – Notification of forthcoming meeting on Thursday 14th July, 1pm; venue – Cedar Court, Milford Haven – noted.

**8370 -** Ken & Babs Payne – Thanks for recent donation made to Baptist Chapel – noted.

**8371 -** Milford Haven Port Authority – Stakeholder survey – noted.

## **Accounts**

### **8372 - Payments**

D. Banfield (bus shelter cleaning) : £60-00

C’Ilr Anne Harvey had noticed dirt on the metalwork of one of the shelters. As it was thought possible that Mr. Banfield might be retiring soon, this was not viewed as urgent for time being.

### **8373 - Budget review (April – June 2016)**

#### **Outgoings**

Donations	:	£1925
Clerk	:	£1261-43
Maintenance of public spaces	:	£1031-82
Admin.	:	£ 455-00

#### **Income**

As per precept, plus £775-33 VAT return received.

The Clerk informed Members that the spending to date during the year was on budget.

The above items were approved by Members (proposer C’Ilr Fran James, seconder C’Ilr Ken Rowlands).

### **8374 - Discussion of Community risk assessment**

Discussed in matters arising item 8359 above.

### **8375 – Discussion of proportional representation in Welsh Assembly**

C’Ilr Brian Morgan had raised the matter due to concerns over the effect and cost of the system. Members discussed the matter at some length, but could not see any real appropriate action to be taken. Matter left in abeyance.

### **Other business**

**8376 – footpath behind Howlin Motors.** C’Ilr Ken Rowlands had received complaints from local residents about possible encroachment on the path by Howlin Motors. It was agreed that the path should be cleared, to demonstrate control, and confirm the public right of way (proposer C’Ilr Ken Rowlands, seconder C’Ilr Brian Morgan). C’Ilr Neil James undertook to arrange to get a price from Dai James to carry out the work.

The meeting closed at 8-55 pm.

Signed.....Chairman

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