

## **M 06/17 - Minutes of the monthly meeting of Johnston Community Council held on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017 in Johnston Institute.**

**Present:** Cllrs Jeffries, (Chair), F. James, N. James, Young, Wilkins, Jones, Pratt, Rowlands, Morgan, Philpott; Peter Horton (Clerk).

**Apologies :** C'Ilrs Spilsbury, .

Members Welcomed C'Ilr Louise Jones to her first meeting.

### **8887 – Declarations of known Interests**

C'Ilr N. James declared a personal and prejudicial interest in planning application ref. 17/0358/PA, and stated his intention to withdraw from the meeting during discussion and voting on this item.

### **8888 – Public Forum (ten minutes maximum)**

Kath Spurling was present from The Windsor Hotel. She expressed an interest in the item on signage on the railway bridge. It was mentioned that this item was tabled for discussion this evening. She raised the issue of non-publication of draft minutes. Members explained that they are not advertised as draft minutes, but only when approved.

### **8889 – Approval of minutes of July 2017 monthly meeting**

Item 8849 was amended to remove any reference to dummy cameras. With that amendment, the minutes were agreed as an accurate record, and signed by the Chairman (proposer C'Ilr Philpott, seconder C'Ilr Morgan).

### **Matters arising**

#### **8890 – Narrow footpath by Johnston Farm.**

C'Ilr Rowlands had been in receipt of communication from the Welsh Government to say that they are going to be holding discussions with affected landowners. Clerk to write to the Welsh Government to ask when this will happen (proposer C'Ilr Rowlands, seconder C'Ilr Morgan). Letter to be copied to Paul Davies, A.M..

#### **8891 – Nisa Shop.**

C'Ilr Rowlands informed Members that this was still under discussion.

#### **8892 – Skatepark acoustic barrier.**

Members were concerned at ongoing damage incidents. C'Ilr Rowlands showed members details of the plans that had been put forward to improve the playpark area, with particular reference to a possible 'teenage' area. He mentioned that money was having to be spent on

repairs instead of on new equipment. He also mentioned that the PRIDE grant application for new play equipment had been submitted. Members discussed the possibility of relocating existing play equipment from the old school premises. It was understood that this had cost in the region of £10,000. The cost of moving it, including removing from the concrete foundations, was cited as a problem. It had been suggested that the cost of doing this effectively might exceed the cost of purchasing new equipment. C'llr Rowlands undertook to take up this matter again in P.C.C. Also, Clerk to send a letter to Kate Evans-Hughes in P.C.C. asking for their assistance in arranging this, with copy of the letter to be sent to Mr. Gareth Thomas, Headmaster of the new school. The Clerk informed Members that he had discussed the matter of the previous damage with the insurers. They had confirmed that it would be covered under the existing policy, with a £100 excess per incident. C'llr Rowlands to obtain costings from P.C.C. for repairs, and report back to October meeting, so that a decision could be made, factoring in the possibility of future increases in premiums if claims were to be made. The Clerk had obtained some rough estimates of costings for the installation of cctv, in the region of £2400 including pole provision. It was agreed that C'llr Rowlands would request a feasibility study from Darren Thomas in P.C.C. for possible solutions. Matter to be placed on agenda for further discussion in October.

### **8893 – New school, Langford Road.**

Members noted the recent improvements carried out, with road-widening and kerbing. There was now room for two vehicles to pass one another. However, the speed bumps did not now cover the whole carriageway width. C'llr Jones mentioned that a third speed bump had been planned, but not delivered. C'llr Rowlands to raise this matter with P.C.C. C'llr Young mentioned that she had heard of a number of 'close calls' along the road since the new school had opened. C'llr Philpott undertook to try and obtain some figures on this through her involvement with the Community Speedwatch initiative. It was also mentioned that the new speed-activated signage was still not working properly. C'llr Rowlands informed Members that he had requested that the sign be re-calibrated to 20mph, and a new speed limit to this effect be put in place along as much of the road as possible, but that this was still in hand.

### **8894 – Road and pavement problems.**

Still in hand, with C'llr Rowlands to liaise over setting up a site meeting between P.C.C. and interested Members.

**8895 – Discussion of defibrillator provision.**

The recent handover event had been successful. It was felt important to get the units sited as soon as possible. C'llr Pratt to liaise with K.O. Carpets to organise the siting of one on their premises. C'llr Philpott to pursue definite permission for siting of the second one on the NISA shop. The Clerk asked to be informed as soon as any units had been installed, so that arrangements could be made for their locations to be logged with the Welsh Ambulance Service.

**8896 – School Roll of honour plaque board.**

C'llr Rowlands informed Members that arrangements were still in hand to organise an event to include the unveiling of the board. It was hoped that this could be an enjoyable social occasion for local residents, especially those with an interest in the history of the school. No date yet set.

**8897 – Insurance matters.**

Responsibility for the boundary fence along the edge of the Dawnus development was raised again. C'llr Rowlands had spoken to Mr. Bob Jones, the Company C.E.O., and undertook to do so again. C'llr N. James reminded those present that the Community Council had declined right from the outset of the development to accept any liability for its upkeep.

**8898 – Highway outside Orchard Court.**

Still under discussion with P.C.C.

**8899 - Old school buildings.**

Members were informed that the Police had been called last week to a break-in. Also, the alarm system has been going off periodically, prompting complaints. The building is due to be demolished. C'llr Rowlands informed Members that the problems had been discussed in County Hall, and it was understood that the lighting system in the building is operating on some kind of timer system, which would explain why the lights are on at times.

**8900 – Arrangements for Chairman's dinner, and gifts for outgoing Members.**

Members were in agreement to postpone the date of the dinner, with December 2nd suggested as a possible alternative. C'llr Morgan suggested buying a book about Pembrokeshire for George Grey. Also, C'llr N. James said that he planned to organise a 'Freedom of the Village' certificate.

### **8901 – Land behind Mike Howlin Motors.**

C'llr Jeffries informed Members that she had recently walked down there, and it was very messy. It was commented that Mike Howlin needs to be considerate, but approached diplomatically about the matter. C'llr N. James raised the whole issue of the state of the Cunnigar Lane, including missing inspection chamber lids, and rubbish being dumped from properties bounding the lane. C'llr Pratt also mentioned a problem with missing gates and damaged fencing along the cycle path along the route towards Tiers Cross. C'llr Rowlands undertook to enquire in P.C.C. about the possibility of a fence being erected between the lane and Glebelands. Also, C'llr Rowlands to try and arrange a site meeting between P.C.C. officers and interested Members at the site, to discuss the various issues mentioned, and try and identify ways forward. He mentioned that the issue of the missing inspection chamber lids had been reported, and might possibly have been dealt with by the time of the meeting.

### **8902 – Discussion of Community social media account.**

Members thanked C'llr Philpott for her work, which they very much appreciated. C'llr Philpott asked that if Members were aware of anything of interest happening locally, they let her know for possible posting.

### **8903 – Excessive weed growth around Village.**

The Clerk reported to Members on the insurance and legal implications of organising volunteer groups to carry out this work. It was felt that it would be better to contract out the work if action became necessary. Clean-up possibility? It was noted that no significant work on the annual weed-killing had yet been carried out by P.C.C.

A number of other associated issues were raised by Members, including the ongoing problem of the hole on the green fronting The Close, overgrown public footpaths (especially that leading to the old school), and rotting sections of the wooden elevated section of the cycle path. C'llr N. James mentioned the duty of care that P.C.C. has in respect of statutory footpaths. C'llr Rowlands suggested making a list of specific concerns, then requesting a meeting with P.C.C. officers to discuss these in detail. In respect of the reported problem with the rotting timbers on the cycle path, it was felt that this was urgent, and C'llr Rowlands undertook to take it up in P.C.C. as a matter of urgency.

[Note - C'llr Young left the meeting at this point with apologies].

#### **8904 - By-election.**

Members were informed that P.C.C. had returned the bill for hire of the hall to the Johnston Institute, suggesting that J.C.C. should pay due to a claimed link to the Institute. The Clerk commented that he could not recommend that responsibility for payment be accepted by the Community Council, as there was no link between the Community Council and the Institute. Matter left in abeyance, with matter considered to be one for resolution between the Hall Committee and P.C.C.

#### **8905 - Discussion of possible seating provision outside NISA shop / bus shelter provision in Village.**

C'llr N. James mentioned the need for further bus shelter provision in Village, especially for school children. Members discussed in some detail, in relation to upcoming school catchment area changes, etc. C'llr Rowlands to seek a meeting with officers in P.C.C. to see if anything could be done, especially with the bollards now in place outside the NISA shop.

#### **8906 - Discussion of possible formal signage provision for businesses around railway bridge**

C'llr N. James commented that there is a big corporate sign there now, but situated further into the site. It was suggested that the owner be asked to consider moving the sign further out. C'llr Rowlands said that he had spoken to the site owner, but the outcome had not been definitive. He undertook to approach them again regarding the matter. Members decided against sending a formal letter at present, or requesting any action against the illegal signage, preferring a more low-key approach initially.

#### **8907 - Discussion of Community Risk Assessment**

Still in hand with C'llr N. James.

#### **8908 - Discussion of asset register**

Still in hand with the Clerk and C'llr N. James.

#### **8909 - Discussion of responsibility for boundary fencing at Hayston View development**

C'llr N. James raised the issue of the access pathway from the development to Church Road. Questions were raised over the responsibility for upkeep of the boundary fencing along this path. Though Uzmaston Properties had erected the fence, it was unclear who would be responsible in future. Clerk to write to P.C.C. Planning to ask the question (proposer C'llr N. James, seconder C'llr Rowlands).

## **Planning**

### **8910 - Applications**

**17/0404/TF** (Tree-felling, Johnston Hall, Church Road, JOHNSTON, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3HD) - supported.

**17/0358/PA** (Residential development, Hayston View, Johnston, HAVERFORDWEST, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3HH) [NOTE - C'Ilr N.James withdrew from the room during discussion and voting on this application] - Concerns to be raised over alterations in the plans, especially relating to first floor window added into Plot 8, and dwellings being re-sited closer together. These comments to mention the unacceptable changes being sought in matters that had been covered by conditions on the previous consent issued.

**17/0477/PA** (Alterations and extension and erection of replacement garage, Alondras, 30, Bulford Road, JOHNSTON, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3EU) - no comments.

**17/0536/TF** (Tree surgery / felling - Oakfield, 38, Church Road, JOHNSTON, Haverfordwest, SA62 3HE) - no objection, as long as recommendations of tree officer are followed, and requesting that a follow-up visit be made to check on this.

**17/0457/DC** (Proposal :Discharge of conditions 8, 10 and 40 of planning ref 07/0705/MN; Bolton Hill Quarry, TIERS CROSS, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3ER) - no comments. Mention was made of the non-greening of the bunded areas previously raised as an issue. However, it was decided not to mention this in connection with this discussion, as it was unrelated to the application currently under consideration.

### **8911 - Decision notices**

**17/0121/PA** (Single-storey rear extension. - 3, Brookside Close, Johnston, Haverfordwest, SA62 3EJ)

**17/030/PA** (Approval of reserved matters (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) following outline permission 15/0464/PA (for affordable housing exception site) - Land off Langford Road, Langford Road, Johnston, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3PX)

**17/0138/PA** (Proposed Type C soakaway to serve proposed adjacent residential development. - Land off Langford Road, Langford Road, Johnston, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3PX)

**17/0277/TF** (Tree felling - 6, Tall Trees Close, JOHNSTON, Haverfordwest, SA62 3HQ)

### **8912 - Refusals issued**

**17/0240/PA** (Erection of Dwelling - (Outline with all matters reserved) - Land Adjacent to High Winds, Windy Hill, Johnston, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3PA)

## Correspondence

**8913** - P.C.C. - Playground inspection - retained by Clerk for file.

**8914** - J. Wilson - Request for support in speed-reduction measures - Clerk to forward letter to P.C.C., supporting the issues raised, and incorporating comments about deficiencies in the speed-activated signage in Langford Road (proposer C'llr Philpott, seconder C'llr Jones).

**8915** - Hywel Dda Health Board - Consultation on mental health services - documents left for interested Members to take, with a view to individual response to consultation.

**8916** - Boundary Commission for Wales - Consultation on review of electoral arrangements for Pembrokeshire - Clerk to send a letter, commenting that it is considered vitally important that that the Johnston Hub not be split up during the review process (proposer C'llr N.James, seconder C'llr Pratt).

**8917** - Hywel Dda Community Health Council - consultation on proposed changes to health service provision - Clerk to respond to Welsh Government consultation, mirroring concerns raised by the Community Health Council (proposer C'llr Wilkins, seconder C'llr F. James).

**8918** - Greg. Bishop - Complaint emails relating to audit notices and standing orders - Members approved the response letter as drafted by the Clerk (proposer C'llr Pratt, seconder C'llr Wilkins).

## Accounts

### **8919 - Payments**

Cariad (defibrillator donation)	:	£ 2700-00
D. Banfield (bus shelter cleaning)	:	£ 120-00
P.C.C. (Repairs to acoustic barrier)	:	£ 628-32
Clerk (salary / fixed expenses July - September)	:	£ 793-32
H.M.R.C. (P.A.Y.E. tax)	:	£ 182-20
JFC	:	£ 420-00

### **8920 - Income**

Solar Farm developer, Pope Hill	:	£10,000-00
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### **8921 - Discussion of overhanging tree, Church Road**

C'llr Pratt had spoken with the owner John Merrick, who had claimed to have no current involvement with the site, and mentioned that there might be a Tree Preservation Order on the tree. Clerk to carry out a Land Registry search on the land, and check the situation regarding any possible T.P.O. prior to the October meeting.

### **8922 - Discussion of Johnston in Bloom competition**

Members had carried out the judging, with the results as follows :

**Large garden** - winner 24, Milford Road; runner up 1, Silverdale Close

**Small garden** - winner 44, Hillcroft; runner up 9 Chestnut Tree Drive.

**Commercial** - winner The Windsor Hotel.

Clerk to forward note of last year's winners to C'Ilr Philpott. C'Ilr N.

James undertook to arrange the replica plaques, and arrange to invite the winners to the November meeting for a presentation. C'Ilr Wilkins undertook to arrange the certificates for the presentation.

**8923 - Discussion of government funded solar panel schemes**

Members thought the scheme was probably a scam. C'Ilr Philpott to raise the matter in the forthcoming Police Forum.

**8924 - Discussion of land opp. Johnston Institute**

Members were informed that formal objections had now been submitted to the solicitor for submission to the tribunal, and further developments were now awaited.

**Any other business**

**8925 - Christmas trees.** C'Ilr Rowlands informed Members that he had arrangements for this in hand.

**8926 - Brookside.** Members were informed that some tree-felling had been carried out, and the immediate area had been left in a mess, and possibly unsafe. C'Ilr Rowlands indicated that he would look into this.

**8927 - Bolton Hill Quarry fence.** Members were informed that nothing had been heard from the Quarry regarding costings for a new fence. C'Ilr Rowlands indicated that he would chase this up.

**8928 - Remembrance Day service.** C'Ilr N. James mentioned that he was going to need to purchase new batteries for the public address system. C'Ilr Jeffries mentioned the need to liaise with the vicar over the proposed order of service, event timings, etc

**8929 - Double yellow lines, Langford Road junction.** C'Ilr Philpott had received complaints about people parking on the double yellow lines. There had also been a request for consideration to getting the lines further extended. She undertook to bring this matter up for discussion at the forthcoming Community Police Forum on the following Thursday.

The meeting closed at 9-25pm.

Next scheduled meeting to be held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

Signed.....Chairman

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