

**Minutes of the monthly meeting of Johnston Community Council held on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2018 in Johnston Institute.**

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

**Apologies : C'Ilr F. James**

**9106 – Declarations of known Interests**

None.

**9107 – Public Forum (ten minutes maximum)**

There were no members of the public present.

**9108 – Approval of minutes of January 2018 monthly meeting**

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record, and signed by the Chairman (proposer C'Ilr Pratt, seconder C'Ilr Morgan).

**Matters arising**

**9109 – Public forum.**

C'Ilr Rowlands informed Members that the Police had been in touch with the Welsh Government Minister over this matter, and had received the same response as that received by the Community Council. The most recent letter from the Welsh Government was read to Members, in which they said it was hoped this financial year to complete design work on a scheme to widen the footpath outside Johnston Farm. Clerk to invite Mr. Paul Davies, A.M. to attend a future meeting, in March if possible, to discuss this and any other issues of concern (proposer C'Ilr Rowlands, seconder C'Ilr Morgan).

**9110 – Bus shelter / seat outside NISA Shop**

C'Ilr Rowlands had been in discussion with officers in P.C.C. again regarding this matter, in conjunction with the discussions over transport for schoolchildren to Milford Haven from September. During his discussions, it had been agreed that P.C.C. would again approach the Welsh Government regarding possible erection of a bus shelter. It was hoped that further meeting regarding this might take place soon. On the issue of school transportation, C'Ilr N. James expressed concern over the two year limit on agreement for free transport, and also over the possibility of there not being enough seats on the buses, as service buses were to be used. C'Ilr Rowlands felt reasonably confident that the two year period would be able to be extended later on, and said that an undertaking had been given to ensure that there was sufficient seating for all qualifying children.

**9111- Close Field skatepark.**

C'Ilr Rowlands had been in discussion with various bodies about the matter of lighting / security cameras in the park. He understood that there might possibly be grant funding available via the Police, and was awaiting further information on this. He mentioned that a lottery grant could be another avenue, and this was being looked into as well.

**9112 – New school, Langford Road.**

Members understood that the problem of mud on the footpath to the side and rear of the school building had now been dealt with.

**9113 – Road and pavement problems.**

C’lir Rowlands to arrange a site meeting with all interested parties once the weather had improved.

**9114 – Publicity for recently-acquired defibrillator provision.**

Arrangements still in hand with C’lir Pratt.

**9115 – Boundary fenceline with Dawnus development.**

C’lir Rowlands had been told that the previous C.E.O. had now retired. He informed Members that he expected to be contacted by the new C.E.O. soon, possibly as soon as the coming week.

**9116 – Land behind Mike Howlin Motors.**

The Clerk had contacted the Land Registry, but not been able to get much in the way of helpful guidance on first registration of the access lane. Clerk to obtain copy of the Land Certificate for the land – it was thought likely that a copy of this may be available in the Community Council files. Matter to be placed on March agenda for further discussion.

**9117 – Excessive weed growth around Village.**

Matters in hand with C’lir Rowlands to arrange a meeting with P.C.C. officers to discuss a possible service level agreement. C’lir Rowlands expressed a preference for having at least one other Member with him at these discussions, and invited anyone interested to attend with him.

**9118 - Discussion of possible formal signage provision for businesses around railway bridge**

C’lir Rowlands had been in discussion with the site owner, who had also discussed the matter with his tenants. A joint meeting of the owner, J.C.C. and P.C.C. had been suggested, to explore what help might be available to arrange acceptable new signage. Meeting to be attended by C’lirs Rowlands and Spilsbury, and also any other interested Members.

**9119 - Discussion of Community Risk Assessment**

Still in hand with C’lir N. James. It was agreed that, if possible, this would be completed by the end of March, as it would be audited in the Community Council accounts early in the new financial year.

**9120 - Discussion of responsibility for boundary fencing at Hayston View development**

C’lir Rowlands had been in discussion with P.C.C. officers about this, and was expecting to attend a site meeting with them soon to further the matter.

**9121 - Discussion of overhanging tree, Church Road.**

The Clerk informed Members that Darren Thomas (P.C.C. Highways) was currently awaiting comments from the Authority's Landscape Officer, due to the protected status of the tree.

**9122 - Bolton Hill Quarry fence.**

In hand with C'llr Rowlands to make contact with Quarry officers to further the matter.

**9123 – Non-functioning street lights, Langford Road.**

Members understood that this had now been resolved. Dealt with C'llr N. James raised the issue of the Speed-activated signage in Langford Road. C'llr Rowlands informed Members that he had again raised this matter with Highways, and was awaiting more information. It was requested that C'llr Rowlands seek specific costings for replacement signage.

**9124 - Subsidised bus to hospital.**

C'llr Rowlands had investigated this matter, and had not been able to find any information to suggest that any subsidies were available. C'llr Warlow had obtained some timetable information for a P.A.V.S. – run service in the South of the County, which was of interest, though nothing to do with P.C.C. It was understood that details of this service were available on the P.A.V.S. Facebook page.

**9125 - Discussion of request from K.O. Carpets to purchase part of Vine Field**

The Clerk had written to K.O. Carpets following the last meeting. No further contact had been received.

**9126 - Discussion of ways to promote community spirit via community events**

Nothing further to report at present.

**9127 - Walkway under railway bridge on cycle path.**

Members were informed that some (but not all) affected sections had been covered with plywood. It was noted that the underlying problem was worsening, and some sections were slippery. This was regarded by Members as in urgent need of proper attention. C'llr Rowlands undertook to take up the matter with Darren Thomas in P.C.C.

**9128 – Fly-tipping onto cycle path.**

Members noted this to be an ongoing issue. C'llr Rowlands undertook to ask Darren Thomas of P.C.C. (or whoever in County Hall should prove to be responsible) to look at the problem.

**9129 – Rubbish collection problems, Hayston View.**

Members noted that there was still a problem with rubbish being left out on the wrong days, or too early. This was causing problems, with bags being split, and rubbish blowing around on the road. C'llr Rowlands to ask officers in P.C.C. to look at the problem, and possibly contact residents to give appropriate advice regarding the matter.

## Planning

### **9130 - Applications**

**17/0914/DC (Discharge of condition application, Land behind 17-25, Langford Road, Johnston)** – Clerk to reply requesting that delivery times to the site should be restricted to between 9-30 – 15-00, to avoid clashing with school arrival / departure times. Also, request to word the C.E.M.P. to ensure that use of the wheel-washing facilities is actually a requirement of the plan.

**17/0968/PA (Demolition of school and erection of new bat house, old Johnston CP School, Cranham Park)** – No comments.

**17/1027/PA (Replacement dwelling, Hayes Farm, Pope Hill)** – No comments.

### **9131 - Notifications of appeals**

**17/0240/PA (Erection of dwelling, land adjacent to High Winds, Windy Hill, Johnston)** – This had been circulated to Members for comment, and a letter of support for the appeal submitted.

### **9132 - Decisions**

**17/0839/PA (Variations of condition, North Tenement Solar Farm, Pope Hill)**

## Correspondence

**9132** - - P.C.C. – Notification of forthcoming temporary road closure, Tiers Cross – Milford Haven Road past Studdolph – noted.

**9133** - Ombudsman – Notification of complaint to Ombudsman about alleged breach of Members' Code of Conduct by C'llr Ken Rowlands – noted.

**9134** - Paul Davies, A.M. – Notification of forthcoming advice surgeries – Clerk to place copies on noticeboards.

**9135** - Welsh Government – Reply to letter regarding narrow pavement outside Johnston farm – covered in 9109 above.

**9136** - P.A.L.C. – Notification of dissolution of P.A.L.C. – agenda for discussion in March.

**9137** - Mrs. Helen Baker – Message of thanks for Johnston in Bloom prize – noted. Members were pleased to have received such a positive reaction to the competition, and thanked the Clerk for the response sent to Mrs. Baker.

## Accounts

### **9138 – Payments**

Elder Meadows Nursery (Christmas Trees)	:	£380-00
David Banfield (bus shelter cleaning)	:	£ 60-00

C'llr Rowlands commented that the trees were up in good time this year, had been of good quality, and all in all it had been arranged by Elder Meadows Nursery without any problems. Clerk to send a letter of thanks to them for the work undertaken, and to say that there will likely be a repeat order in 2018. It was also noted that the lights on the Glebelands tree had been damaged again, and would almost certainly have to be replaced this year.

The above items were approved by Members (proposer C'llr Wilkins, seconder C'llr Spilsbury).

**9139 – Discussion of Land opposite Johnston Institute.**

C’Ilr Rowlands had been informed that the Land Tribunal hearing would be sometime in the Spring – possible around May-time – and would be held in Swansea.

**Any Other Business**

**9140 – Fence, Cunnigar Lane.** C’Ilr Spilsbury raised the issue of the fence needed along the Cunnigar Lane backing onto Glebelands. C’Ilr Rowlands mentioned that he had raised this with officers, and would continue to do so.

**9141 – Glebelands sports field pavilion.** C’Ilr N. James had been approached by the Sports Association seeking funding for needed maintenance and repairs to the building. Matter to be placed on March agenda for discussion.

**9142 – Radio Pembrokeshire Local Hero awards.** C’Ilr N. James informed Members that the Johnston Old People’s Welfare Committee had won an award in the Community Hero category. He had submitted the nomination for this on behalf of the Community Council. C’Ilr Jones informed Members that one of the L.R.C. teachers, Caroline Wood, had also won an award for her teaching work. It was also understood that there may also have been one further award won by someone in the Village, making three in total. Members were delighted to learn of these awards locally, and understood that there was to be an awards ceremony during the coming week at the Wolfscastle Country Hotel.

**9143 – Trunk Road issues.** C’Ilr Wilkins raised the issue of the non-functioning warning sign on Pope Hill, and the ‘Sign not in use’ sign now placed in front of it. It was felt that this was a waste of money. Matter to be placed on March agenda for discussion. C’Ilr Wilkins also raised the matter of the projecting kerb near the lights in Merlin’s Bridge, which were an obstacle to the free flow of traffic.

**9144 – Pavement parking, The Close.** C’Ilr Jeffries raised the issue of a P.C.C. lorry that was regularly parked on the pavement outside C’Ilr Warlow’s house, causing a problem. C’Ilr Rowlands undertook to get this looked into.

The meeting closed at 8-10pm.

Next scheduled meeting to be held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

Signed.....Chairman

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