

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Johnston Community Council held on 8th July 2019 in Johnston Institute.

Present: Cllrs Jeffries, Morgan, Wilkins, Pratt, F. James, Rowlands, Jones, Philpott; Peter Horton (Clerk);
Apologies : C’llrs . Tracey Young, Neil James, Spilsbury, Warlow

9880 – Declarations of known Interests

C’lr Rowlands declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the agenda item about the land opposite the Johnston Institute, due to an ongoing unrelated boundary dispute with the other party.

9881 – To receive the minutes from the June 2019 monthly meeting

The minutes were accepted as an accurate record, and signed by the Chair (proposer C’lr Jeffries, seconder C’lr Fran. James).

Matters Arising from the approved minutes

9882 – Highway safety issues in Langford Road.

C’lr Rowlands informed Members that the matter was still in hand with P.C.C

9883 – Bus shelter / seat outside NISA Shop

C’lr Rowlands informed Members that P.C.C. was still trying to contact the site owners to discuss the matter.

9884- Close Field Skatepark

C’lr Rowlands was in discussion regarding funding possibilities with a number of organisations, including discussions with P.C.C. regarding possible funding from the second home levy proposed. He did reiterate previous comments to the effect that J.C.C. would need to consider what funding it would be prepared to commit to any scheme.

9885 - Discussion of possible signage for businesses around railway bridge

C’lr Rowlands had been in further discussion with the business owners on the site. He had also spoken informally to officers in P.C.C. Members were particularly concerned about a recently-erected sign for the garden centre, which was viewed as potentially unsafe. C’lr Fran. James undertook to speak to the owner about this particular sign. Regarding the wider problem, no formal action was agreed at this time.

9886 – Overhanging tree, junction of Church Road / Hall Court.

No change, with C’lr Rowlands reiterating previous comments made by P.C.C. to the effect that any action would need to be taken by the owner of the tree.

9887 - Bolton Hill Quarry fence

It was arranged that C’lr Ken Rowlands would liaise with the Quarry regarding a possible meeting on either 24th or 25th July, at around 6pm.

9888– Fence, Cunnigar Lane

C’lr Ken Rowlands mentioned that, following indicative quotations received, J.C.C. would now need to decide if it wished to proceed with construction of the fence. He

mentioned that he had asked for the rubbish to be removed from the lane, but did not know if this had been actioned. Matter to be tabled as an agenda item for September, by which time the situation with the quarry fence would be clearer.

9889 - Brambles on footpath to school.

C'llr Louise Jones reported that the work had been done. C'llr Ken Rowlands mentioned the possibility of seeking a service level agreement with P.C.C. to cover this type of work in the future.

9890 - Narrow footpath outside Johnston Farm.

Nothing new to report.

9891 – Hall Court signage.

Members noted that the signage was still awaited.

9892 - Discussion of purchase of WW1 commemorative memorial seat

The Clerk confirmed that he had passed the engineer's email address to C'llr Martyn Spilsbury, and he had passed more information to them regarding the kind of seat required.

9893 - Discussion of siting for defibrillator recently purchased for Sports Field.

Members were informed that the defibrillator was now installed. The cabinet had an alarm fitted, and was accessible via a code that could be obtained from the Emergency Services on 999.

9894 - Discussion of purchase of new defibrillator for Village Institute.

Members were informed that the defibrillator was still at C'llr Warlow's home. Arrangements in hand with C'llrs Pratt and Philpott for it to be sited on the Village Hall.

9895 - Discussion of any community Christmas lighting arrangements

Deferred for discussion in September, by which time it was hoped that some indicative costings would be available (see item 9921 below).

9896 - Discussion of lighting requirements in public / recreational areas

Matter to be tabled for discussion in September.

9897 - Discussion of possible action to retain Community Police Forum

C'llr Rowlands was still awaiting names / contact details for interested parties. C'llr Philpott undertook to pass those available to C'llr Rowlands.

9898 - Discussion of action to discourage badger activity on sports field

Clerk to chase matter up with the Access Officer, as nothing further had been heard back from him.

9899 - Discussion of development of Vine Field

C'llr Ken Rowlands suggested that consideration of possible provision of replacement play equipment, etc., at the Vine Field should be considered in conjunction with the overall discussions about development of the sports fields in the community area. It was not decided to establish any committee to look at this.

However, C'llrs Fran. James and Rowlands to speak to officers in County Hall to see what help might be available.

9900 - Fly tipping, land adjacent to Glebelands Field.

Members were unsure whether or not the fly-tipped fridge had gone. As no-one had noticed it recently, it was assumed that it had been dealt with.

9901 - Car in car park opposite the Institute.

The vehicle was reported as still present. C'llr Rowlands confirmed that he had reported this to P.C.C., who were in the process of trying to make contact with the owner.

9902 – Footpath off cycle path going up towards Bolton Hill.

C'llr Philpott had been informed that the path had now been cut.

9903 – School concert.

Members were informed that, due to the level of interest, the concert had been held in the school instead of the Village Institute. It was reported to have been a great success.

Planning

9904 - Applications

19/0113/PA – Erection of replacement canopy, Mike Howlin Motors – No comments.

Correspondence

9905 - Pembrokeshire Coastal Forum – Pembrokeshire survey – noted.

9906 - Welsh Ambulance Trust – Carers' survey – noted.

9907 - Welsh Government – Information on reform programme – noted.

9908 - Woodland Trust – Tree of the Year competition information – noted.

9909 - O.V.W. – Newsletter – noted.

9910 - Hywel Dda – Consultation on trauma unit proposals – noted.

9911 - P.C.C. – Consultation on special needs unit provision at Milford Haven School – noted, and Members supportive of proposals.

9912 - Community Health Council – Reports on Communication in the N.H.S., Cadog Ward, Glangwili Hospital, and Diabetic Services – noted.

9913 - Mr. Greg Bishop – Complaint about C'llr Ken Rowlands – dealt with in separate agenda item below.

9914 - Bron Parratt – Problems with grass-cutting, Glebelands Field – Members were unsure what could realistically be done, as it appeared to have been a freak incident. Agenda item to be tabled for discussion in September to consider in detail. Clerk to inform Bron. Parratt accordingly. When making contact, mention to be made that the owners of the building might need to consider installing toughened glass.

9915 - P.C.C. – Invitation to nominate someone to replace Anne Harvey – Members were happy for her to continue as long as she is happy to do so. Clerk to respond accordingly.

9916 - O.V.W. – Area Committee meeting, 9th July – noted, and C'llr Rowlands indicated that he planned to attend.

Accounts

9917 - Payments

David Banfield (bus shelter cleaning)	:	£	60-00
S.S.E. Electric (Christmas lighting)	:	£	9-65

9918 - Quarterly budget review

Members considered the report circulated in advance of the meeting by the Clerk, and were content with the state of the Community Council accounts.

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

9919 - Discussion of Risk assessment actions (including discussion of any remedial works needed to St. Peter's Road bus shelter)

Members felt that once the new path was complete, the steps could possibly become redundant. Clerk to contact the agents, asking them to clarify their intentions at the bottom end of the field, and requesting that someone be made available to attend a site meeting to discuss the exact proposals, with a view to resolving the problem of access behind the bus shelter at the same time. C'llrs Jeffries and Pratt indicated that they would be available to attend a site meeting.

9920 - Discussion of date for Chairman's Dinner

Matter deferred for discussion in September.

9921 - Discussion of possible arrangements for Christmas lighting in Community

C'llr Jones was in favour of having festive lighting on the lampposts. However, it was noted that no firm quotations had yet been obtained.

C'llr Rowlands mentioned that O.V.W. had suggested a company that might be able to help with such arrangements. He undertook to follow this up at the meeting the next day. Also, C'llr Pratt undertook to speak to an electrician known to him who had previously carried out this type of work. Matter to be placed on September agenda for further discussion.

9922 - Discussion of lighting needed in public / recreational areas

C'llr Rowlands confirmed that no costings had yet been received for a flood-lighting scheme. Members were agreed that details of costings would be needed before any actions could be agreed. C'llr Rowlands mentioned that a rough figure that had been suggested was around £20,000.

C'llr Louise Jones raised the possibility of some kind of solar-powered lighting scheme.

C'llr Rowlands mentioned that lighting proposals would need to be considered in conjunction with the security CCTV scheme being looked at, and also depended on any lighting provision proposed as part of the new footpath scheme.

The matter was left in abeyance until more details were available on the scheme proposals and costings.

9923 - Discussion of possible unauthorised scrap metal merchants operating in Village

The Clerk had received confirmation that the business appeared to be unauthorised. Clerk to contact P.C.C. to ask for this to be investigated formally. C'llr Rowlands had

spoken to the site owners about this, and made them aware of the problem under discussion.

Any other business

9924 - Johnston in Bloom. C’llrs Fran. James and Philpott undertook to care for the competition this year.

9925 - 50 Hillcroft. Complaints had been received from the resident about the inadequate grass-cutting on land adjacent to her house. This had caused problems with her fence. C’llr Rowlands undertook to raise this with P.C.C. C’llr Rowlands mentioned the need for pursuing service level agreements with P.C.C. to address this type of problem. The Clerk advised caution on being too keen to pursue these types of agreement for work which P.C.C. was currently responsible for, as this could actively discourage them from carrying out their obligations. It was confirmed that no change to legal responsibilities had occurred to date, or would occur without proper notification to / consultation with the community council. Regarding areas of work for which responsibility might potentially change, C’llr Rowlands thought it possible that some information might be forthcoming at the O.V.W. Area Committee meeting scheduled for the following day.

9926 - Litter picking. C’llr Jones mentioned that some local residents connected with the school had expressed an interest in arranging litter picking in the area.

[NOTE – at this point, a resolution was passed to hold the next agenda item in private session (proposer C’llr Jeffries, seconder C’llr Jones). Members of the public were asked to leave the room].

9927 - Discussion of complaint made concerning C’llr Ken Rowlands / Council

Members discussed the various elements of Mr. Bishop’s complaint in detail, and discussed and agreed the appropriate responses to these. It was left for the Clerk to prepare a letter addressing these issues and forward this to Mr. Bishop.

[NOTE – at this point, C’llr Rowlands left the meeting].

9928 - Discussion of situation regarding land opposite Johnston Institute

Nothing to discuss at present.

The meeting ended at 8-30pm.

Next scheduled meeting to be held on Monday 9th September, 2019.

Signed.....Chairman

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