

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Johnston Community Council held on 8TH June 2020 online, using the Zoom video-conferencing platform.

Present: Cllrs Rowlands, Wilkins, Jeffries, F. James, Young, Philpott; Peter Horton (Clerk);

Apologies : C'Ilrs Spilsbury, Morgan, Neil James, Warlow, Jones, Pratt

0292 – Declarations of known Interests

C'Ilr Rowlands re-stated his ongoing 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.

C'Ilr Philpott declared a personal but non-prejudicial interest in the item in Correspondence relating to parking at Hillcroft.

0293 – To receive the minutes from the March 2020 monthly meeting

The minutes were accepted as an accurate record, and retained by the Clerk for signature by the Chairman following the meeting (proposer C'Ilr Wilkins, seconder C'Ilr Fran. James).

Matters arising

0294 – Discussion of biodiversity-related issues

Nothing further at present.

0295 - Discussion of potential issues surrounding school transport from Johnston to Milford Haven

C'Ilr Rowlands understood that this matter had now been dealt with and concluded.

0296 – Bus shelter / seat outside NISA Shop

C'Ilr Rowlands informed Members that there was no new information at present. The matter was still in hand with P.C.C. He felt it likely that an alternative site may need to be found.

0297- Close Field Skatepark

No progress at present due to Coronavirus restrictions.

0298 – Overhanging tree, junction of Church Road / Hall Court.

Nothing further at present.

0299 - Discussion of purchase of WW1 commemorative memorial seat

Matter in hand with C'Ilr Spilsbury.

0300 - Discussion of action to discourage badger activity on sports field

Nothing further at present. Matter still in hand with C'Ilr Pratt, who was due to speak further with Sean Tilling of P.C.C. to seek a quotation for altering the gates. C'Ilr Pratt commented that he might now ask advice from the Biodiversity Implementation Officer during the forthcoming site visit.

0301 - Discussion of possible unauthorised scrap merchants in Village

The Clerk informed Members that the matter was still in hand with P.C.C. Planning Enforcement. His understanding was that possible enforcement action was being contemplated. It was possible, however, that progress was being hampered by the restrictions on site visits at the moment. C'lr Jeffries mentioned that there had been quite a lot of recent activity at the site, with material being moved around.

0302 - Johnston in Bloom.

Members were informed that this was now complete.

0303 - Discussion of problems due to closure of cycleway boardwalk

Members were informed that work had been delayed due to Coronavirus. It was understood that teams were due to come down from England to carry out the works. All the affected areas were safely barriered off in the meantime.

0304 - Discussion of Highway safety issues, Langford Road

No further progress at present.

0305 - Discussion of possible request for yellow lines in Hall Court

In hand with C'lr Rowlands / P.C.C.

0306 - Discussion of problems with lighting on footbridge, Langford Road

C'lr Rowlands informed Members that this matter was in hand with P.C.C. Highways.

0307 - Discussion of possible one-way system, Glebelands

No further progress to date.

0308 - Discussion of requirement to report on progress towards producing a plan to encourage biodiversity

Nothing further to report at present. The Clerk mentioned that, following the publication of the initial report in December 2019, the next one was due within three years of that date.

0309 - Discussion of Vine Field play equipment, etc.

On hold for the present.

0310 - Discussion of Community Land Trusts

Matter on hold for possible discussion with the Biodiversity Implementation Officer during the planned site meeting after the Coronavirus restrictions had been lifted.

0311 - Discussion of possible establishment of community vegetable beds

On hold at present.

0312 – Rubbish collection arrangements.

C'lr Rowlands thought it unlikely that any arrangement for local pick-up of replacement bags could be easily arranged. Regarding grey bags, these could not be replaced, as people had been given a full supply for the year.

0313 Review of mole control contract and bus shelter-cleaning contracts.

To be placed on next regular meeting agenda for discussion.

0314 - Discussion of link footpath between Hayston View and Church Road.

Members were informed that the footpath was still blocked up. Clerk to contact the Enforcement Officer to ask for this to be looked into.

C’lir Rowlands mentioned the matter of future responsibility for the fencing alongside the footpath. He was concerned in case this should become the responsibility of J.C.C. by default. The Clerk explained that, as the fencing would be between private land and an adopted footpath, so this should not be the case.

0315 Discussion of situation regarding land opposite Johnston Institute

Members were informed that the further injunction hearing had been placed on hold for the time being, due to the Coronavirus situation. It was understood that Alistair Veck had now left Price and Kelway. Clerk to chase up from Price and Kelway.

0316 - Flowers in box by The Vine.

C’lir Fran. James had completed this, and declined to accept any reimbursement for the cost incurred. Members expressed their appreciation for the work done in arranging this.

Planning

0317 - Applications

20/0010/PA - Ground and First Floor Extension, 35, The Close, JOHNSTON, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3QQ – No comments.

[NOTE – C’lir Jeffries declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the application, as an immediate neighbour, and muted herself during the discussion].

0318 - Decisions

19/0954/PA – Discharge of condition 7 (lighting), conditions 8 and 9 (contamination), and condition 12 (Construction Environmental Management Plan) of planning permission 19/0048/PA (Proposed residential development of 33 affordable units including parking, open space and associated works), Johnston Cp School, Cranham Park, JOHNSTON, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3PU

19/1120/TF – Tree Pruning and Coppicing, Frederick House, Hayston View, JOHNSTON, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3AQ

19/1124/PA - Variation of condition 1 (Commencement of development) of planning permission ref. 14/1082/PA to allow additional time for the extension to the existing petrol filling station shop to be implemented; Ponds Bridge Petrol Filling Station, St Peters Road, JOHNSTON, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3PJ

Urgent correspondence

0319 - John Gray – Request for new bench, and comments regarding planning policy – Clerk to seek more information from him regarding the specific areas being referred to. Matter to be further discussed at the next meeting.

0320 - Denise Mayr (internal auditor) – internal audit report – dealt with in agenda item below.

0321 - Susan Burden, Hillcroft – Request for help in addressing perceived parking problems – Clerk to contact P.C.C. to ask for their input and advice in improving the situation, possibly by marking out parking spaces.

0322 - Johnston F.C. – grass cutting contract 2020 – Members resolved to accept the contract as submitted (proposer C’lir Rowlands, seconder C’lir Philpott). It was noted that as the anticipated contract value was less than £5000, no further quotations were needed.

Accounts

0323 - Payments

Clerk (pay, April - June 2020)	:	As per contract
H.M.R.C. (P.A.Y.E. tax for Clerk, April - June 2020)	:	As per contract
Clerk’s expenses, December 2019 – June 2020	:	£ 52-89
David Banfield (bus shelter cleaning, May)	:	£ 60-00

0324 - Urgent payments sanctioned by the Chairman since the March 2020 meeting, for ratification

Denise Mayr (internal auditor), for internal audit 2019/20	:	£ 150-00
Elder Meadows Nursery, for Christmas trees	:	£ 480-00
Johnston F.C. (grass-cutting)	:	£ 200-00
David Banfield (bus shelter cleaning, April)	:	£ 60-00
Clerk (flowers for George Grey)	:	£

The above payments were approved by Members (proposer C’lir Jeffries, seconder C’lir Wilkins).

0325 - Consideration and approval of 2019/20 Annual Governance Statement

Members considered the individual elements of the 2019/20 annual governance statement from the audit form. It was resolved to sign it off in the affirmative (proposer C’lir Jeffries, seconder C’lir Wilkins). The form was signed by the Clerk, and held by him for signature by the Chairman following the meeting at a time to be arranged.

0326 - Discussion of issues surrounding current usage of Silverdale Hotel

C’lir Rowlands had been seeking information about this matter from P.C.C. Social Services, and also the Police. He confirmed that he had forwarded to Members details of the responses received to date. Calls continue to come in to him from residents. While recognising the genuine concerns, he felt that some elements of the situation were possibly being exaggerated. Regarding Police visits to the area, he had been assured that these were just routine patrols, and not necessarily connected with any occurrences at the Silverdale.

C’lir Jeffries did not feel that the concerns were being enlarged or exaggerated. She referred to an incident at Glebelands Field that day, where six people had been seen drinking and socialising, and litter had been left around. It could not be verified where they were from, however. She also made reference to recent occurrences of unsafe driving involving a red car, in and off Langford Road, and on Dredgeman’s Hill.

C’lir Philpott mentioned that on 11th May, a resident in The Close had contacted her, complaining about people drinking on the bench by the cycle path. She had also heard of some persons being barred from a local shop due to shoplifting concerns. One resident had expressed feeling unsafe, which they had never been before.

C’lir Fran. James mentioned reports of people trying to get through the windows in some local houses.

C’lir Jeffries was not sure what more could realistically be done about it.

C'Ilr Philpott had been advising everyone who had contacted her to contact the Police and P.C.C., so as to build up a picture over time of the overall situation. Members felt it best to monitor the situation for the present.

0327 - Discussion of problems with illegal parking outside chip shop, Langford Road

C'Ilr Philpott showed Members a typical photograph showing a car parked on the pavement outside the chip shop. She felt that P.C.C. should be asked to provide bollards along this stretch of pavement.

Clerk to contact P.C.C. to ask for bollards to be provided (proposer C'Ilr Philpott, seconder C'Ilr Jeffries).

0328 - Consideration of updated financial and asset risk assessments

Members were informed that both the asset and financial risk assessments had been updated. No recommendations were seen as necessary from the financial risk assessment.

It was agreed that a monthly agenda item should be tabled to consider any necessary actions from the asset risk assessment.

0329 - Any other business

There was no other business.

The meeting concluded at 8-25 pm.

Next scheduled meeting – Monday 13th July 2020.

Signed.....Chairman
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