

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Johnston Community Council held on 10th October 2022 online, in the Johnston Institute, Church Road, Johnston, and also online using the Zoom video-conferencing platform.

Present: Cllrs Neil James, Louise Jones, Len Gale, Martyn Spilsbury, Christine Wilkins; Peter Horton (Clerk);

Apologies : C'Ilrs Nina Philpott, Fran James, Kaidan Alenko, Janet Jeffries, Yvonne Llewellyn.

The meeting was chaired by the vice-Chairman C'Ilr Spilsbury.

1415 – Declarations of known Interests

None

1416 – To receive the minutes from the September 2022 monthly meeting

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

Matters arising

1417 - Discussion of purchase of WW1 commemorative memorial seat

Still in hand with C'Ilr Martyn Spilsbury.

1418- Discussion of possible request for yellow lines in Hall Court

Work still in hand with P.C.C. C'Ilr Len Gale reported some problems with traffic flow as a result of the new footpath configuration around the tree. However, as P.C.C. were in charge of the works, and the scheme had been subject to consultation with J.C.C. prior to work commencing, it was not felt appropriate to mention anything at this stage.

1419 - Discussion of footpath provision between Bulford Road & roundabout.

C'Ilr Len Gale had spoken to some residents in the area regarding possible footpath works on the Bulford Road side of the A4076. The occupants of No 38 and Old Orchard had said they would be happy to see a footpath along the verge fronting their properties, as long as there as a strip of grass between any footpath and the road. Clerk to pass this information on to the W.G. for them to factor this into any decisions on footpath location.

1420 - Discussion of quotation for work on bus shelter, St. Peter's Road

Still in hand with P.C.C., who had plans afoot to replace the bus shelter. No progress to date. Clerk to chase up progress.

1421 - Discussion of link footpath from Church Road to Hayston View

No progress, with public footpath still blocked off. Clerk to chase up via the P.C.C. Planning Department.

1422 - Discussion of arrangements for future maintenance of defibrillators

Still in hand with C'Ilr Aled Thomas to draft a press release for the Western Telegraph.

1423 - Discussion of establishment of vexatious communication policy

Matter still in hand with Clerk.

1424 - Discussion of needed boundary repairs to Vine Field

In hand with Simply Landscaping. Clerk to chase up a revised quotation for the clearance work, which was yet to be received.

1425 - Discussion of possible one-way system in Glebelands

Nothing further heard back from P.C.C. following the request made for an update after the September meeting.

1426 - Discussion of new Order of Service for Remembrance Day

C’lir Neil James informed Members that the new orders of service were at the printers.

Clerk to check on situation regarding ordering of a wreath.

1427 - Discussion of arrangements to commence grant project for Vine Field, including consideration of revised quotation from Sovereign Play

Members were informed that the pre-installation survey had been completed. Nothing further had been heard regarding a start date for the work, which was, however, understood to be tentatively scheduled for late November.

1428 - Discussion of arrangements for siting of ‘Stop and Chat’ bench

No change, with work planned to be completed in conjunction with agreed improvement works in The Glebelands Field.

1429 – Church Road.

The Clerk had contacted Streetcare following the September meeting. However, Members reported that nothing had been done, and the situation was now worse than ever, due to falling leaves. Clerk to chase up again.

1430 – correspondence on fenceline.

C’lir Louise Jones had spoken with the landowner, who was asking for a substantive fence along part of the boundary, to address problems of people entering their private garden. Clerk to ask the Playground Inspector to look at this and offer comments / recommendations. Members also undertook to look at the area in question as possible. Matter to be discussed further in November.

1431 - Railings at top of the close, on walkway through to Playpark.

Clerk to chase up a response from P.C.C., as the matter had been reported in September, but no response received.

1432 - Planning

There were no plans for discussion this month.

Correspondence

1433 - Norrards Electrics – Quotation for new Christmas tree lighting – in hand, with new lights understood to have been obtained. The Clerk confirmed that the order for Christmas trees had also been confirmed.

1434 - Hywel Dda – Notification of plans to maintain GP coverage for Community – Members understood that a Health-Board led G.P. service was now planned, and felt this was the best option at present, given the circumstances.

1435 - P.C.C. – Agreement to carry out works in Cunnigar Woods and environs – in hand with P.C.C.

1436 - P.C.C. – Request for consideration to adoption of resolution banning use of pets as prizes on Community Council-owned land – noted.

1437 - Playground Repairs Ltd – Quarterly Inspection Reports for Close Field and Vine Field Playparks – noted.

1438 - Amey – Consultation on proposed speed limit reductions – Clerk to respond to say that the area proposed to be excluded from the 20mph limited area along the trunk road should be included in it. It was understood that consultation on areas apart from the trunk road would be carried out by P.C.C later on.

1439 - I.R.P. – Consultation on draft report for 2023 – To be tabled as an agenda item for November.

1440 - P.C.C. – Request for information on proposed road closures for Remembrance Day services – Clerk to request 10-45am– 11-15am on Remembrance Sunday.

1441 - Johnston Football Club – Invoice for 2022-season grass-cutting – dealt with in ‘Accounts’ below.

Accounts

1442 - Payments for approval

Playground Repairs Ltd (Bearing replacement on see saw)	:	£ 707-28
Norrards Electrics (Christmas lights)	:	£ 639-36
David Banfield (bus shelter cleaning)	:	£ 72-00
Clerk (for purchase of book of condolence and framed photograph)	:	£ 65-17
Johnston Football Club (grass-cutting)	:	£4747-00

The above payments were approved by Members (proposer C’Ilr Neil James, seconder C’Ilr Martyn Spilsbury).

Clerk to speak to C’Ilr Nina Philpott about arrangements for the book of condolence, regarding any arrangements that could be made for people still wishing to sign it, but not having been able to make arrangements to go to the church, and also regarding arrangements for archiving the book.

1443 - Quarterly budget review (July – September 2022).

This had been circulated to all Members, and was duly noted.

1444 - Discussion of issues at The Close Field, including possible need for signage, and standing arrangements for dealing with safety issues raised in inspection reports

The Clerk had circulated a possible sign design to Members for consideration. Members were content with the sign design and layout. Clerk to place order with the P.C.C. Signs Unit accordingly (proposer C’Ilr Neil James, seconder C’Ilr Martyn Spilsbury). Members thought the most suitable location for the sign would be on the railings alongside the M.U.G.A. Clerk to ask the Playground Inspector to check on sizes and spacings for rails to go on sign prior to final ordering.

Regarding the separate issue of signage at The Vine Field, Members decided to await completion of the new playpark before deciding on signage requirements for that location.

1445 - Discussion of progress towards possible replacement of wooden pavilion

In hand with C’Ilr Neil James.

1446 - Discussion of project to develop land at Glebelands Field

The revised quotation had been received from Simply Landscaping, and had been pre-approved, as it had been pro-rata to the original quotation. Clerk to seek timetable for commencement of work from Simply Landscaping.

1447 - Discussion of Johnston in Bloom competition results

Results had been circulated by C’lir Fran James. Matter to be deferred for discussion in November, when it was hoped that C’lirs Fran James and Nina Philpott would be present to make their recommendations.

1448 - Discussion of formation of Community Council training policy

The policy was adopted as drafted (proposer C’lir Neil James, seconder C’lir Christine Wilkins). Clerk to circulate training opportunities to Members as and when these arose.

1449 - Discussion of Community Council Biodiversity Enhancement report

C’lir Neil James undertook to update the report for approval prior to the end of 2022.

1450 - Discussion of arrangements to recognise service of recently-retired members

Matter deferred for discussion in November, when it was hoped that more Members would be present. Letters of thanks to Members who had left at the election to be held in abeyance pending this discussion.

1451 - Discussion of possible formation of J.C.C. Whatsapp Group

Deferred for discussion in November.

Any other business

1452 - Ash trees along Langford Road. C’lir Christine Wilkins raised fresh concerns about a number of Ash trees along this stretch of road. However, as these had been previously reported to P.C.C., and were understood to be the responsibility of private landowners, the matter was left in abeyance.

1453 - Johnston Sports Association. C’lir Louise Jones reported that Rob Pratt was still receiving post for the Sports Association. The Clerk checked the minutes for the 2022 A.G.M., and confirmed that no appointments had been made for Community Council representatives to the Sports Association. This being the case, it was felt to be a matter for Rob Pratt to address, with nothing that could be done by the Community Council.

1454 - School catchment areas. C’lir Len Gale raised a query about the school catchment areas, which a local resident had raised with him, with concerns over the changes having been made. However, it was confirmed that the changes dated back five years.

The meeting ended at 8-20pm. Next scheduled meeting – Monday 14th November 2022.

Signed.....Chairman

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