

**Minutes of the monthly meeting of Johnston Community Council held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023 in the Johnston Institute, and also online using the Zoom video-conferencing platform.**

**Present:** Cllrs Nina Philpott (Chairman), Neil James, Aled Thomas, Len Gale, Tracey Young, Yvonne Llewellyn, Kaidan Alenko, Martyn Spilsbury; Peter Horton (Clerk).

**Apologies :** C'llrs Christine Wilkins, Louise Jones, Janet Jeffries.

Members held a one-minute silence in memory of Bryan Morgan, who had passed away recently, and had served as a community councillor for around 65 years.

**1933 - Declarations of known Interests**

None

**1934 – To receive the minutes from the October 2023 monthly meeting**

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

**1935 - Presentation by designer of WW1 commemorative bench**

Members welcomed to the meeting Laura Stevens, and Wayne Stevens, who were attending in connection with arrangements for a commemorative bench. They had brought along a large-scale plan of the proposed design. They proposed a stainless steel 316 material for fabrication of the bench. Samples of the tubing and plate were passed around for discussion. Members were very happy with the bespoke design, and approved it for further preparation.

Following the discussion, Laura and Wayne Stevens left the meeting.

**Matters arising**

**1936 - Discussion of link footpath from Church Road to Hayston View**

C'llr Aled Thomas was awaiting info from P.C.C. on the situation with the adoption process. In the meantime, C'llr Neil James mentioned that the street lights were still non-functional. C'llr Aled Thomas undertook to contact the developer about this.

**1937 - Discussion of arrangements for future maintenance of defibrillators**

C'llr Aled Thomas had checked the units in October, and all was in order.

C'llr Christine Wilkins was scheduled to carry out checks for November.

**1938 – Close Field playpark matters.**

**Earth bank near skatepark.** Agenda item to be tabled for December to discuss in detail.

**Boundary chainlink fencing.** The Clerk reported that Infinity Play had attended to replace the affected section of chainlink. Manufacturing defects had been discovered in the new chainlink, which was now due to be replaced.

**Littering problem.** No recent litter-picking had been carried out. Situation to be monitored on an ongoing basis.

**1939 – request for path along main road from Bulford Road to roundabout.**  
Currently in hand with the Welsh Government to carry out feasibility studies and produce plans of a proposal for pavement provision. Nothing further heard to date.

**1940 - Loose drain cover on main road by chip shop.**  
Members reported that work to repair the cover had been completed

**1941 – Community school governor vacancy.**  
C’Ilr Neil James informed Members that he had been invited to fill the position.

**1942 - Discussion of traffic issues at junction of Langford Road / Main Road**  
C’Ilr Aled Thomas had discussed the matter with Paul Davies, S.M., who had agreed to draft up a joint letter to the Welsh Government about the issue. This was currently in hand. C’Ilr Aled Thomas also made reference to an online petition that he understood was circulating, seeking a removal of the 20mph speed limit along the main road in Johnston.

**1943 - Discussion of Wales Audit Office letter regarding 2020/21 accounts**  
Members were informed that the matter was totally completed, and the requisite legal notice had been published in the Western Telegraph, as required by the Auditor General for Wales.

**1944 - Discussion of tree damage along Langford Road**  
The Clerk confirmed that the trees had been reported to P.C.C.

**1945 – Remembrance Day arrangements.**  
Members were informed that the arrangements had gone well, with a good attendance. Members considered a donation to Harry Armstrong (saxophonist) for his assistance with the music for the service of £20, and Milford Haven Junior Town Band of £50 with a letter of thanks. These donations were approved (proposer C’Ilr Nina Philpott, seconder C’Ilr Len Gale). C’Ilr Aled Thomas undertook to obtain contact details for Harry Armstrong for the Clerk to make arrangements.

#### **1946 - Planning matters**

There were no planning matters for consideration this month.

#### **Correspondence**

**1947 - P.C.C. –** Details of recommended designs for new gate at entrance to Glebelands Field from cycle path – dealt with in agenda item below.

**1948 - Wales Audit Office –** confirmation of acceptance of draft of public notice concerning 2021/22 accounts – noted.

**1949 - Local resident –** Enquiry about situation regarding ‘men’s shed’ project in Johnston – C’Ilr Len Gale had attended a meeting concerning this, but no-one else had turned up. Clerk to respond to say that J.C.C. was pursuing a replacement for the wooden pavilion, was currently looking into potential funding streams, and that space in it could potentially be made available in it for a men’s shed once complete.

**1950 - Boundary Commission –** Notification of proposed community council boundary review in Pembrokeshire – noted, as it was understood that the review would not affect Johnston Community Council.

**1951 - Infinity Play –** Playground inspection reports - noted.

**1952** - Fire Authority – notification of strategic plan consultation – noted.

**1953** - P.C.C. – Message seeking confirmation of flower order for 2024 season – the Clerk confirmed that this had been actioned.

**1954** - Zurich – Insurance renewal documentation – Members accepted the renewal as quoted, and based on the ongoing long-term arrangement.

### **Accounts**

#### **1955 - Payments for approval**

David Banfield (bus shelter cleaning)	:	£ 72-00
LocallQ (public notice, Western Telegraph)	:	£524-88
Infinity Play (bin installation)	:	£982-39
Harry Armstrong (donation)	:	£ 20-00
Milford Haven Junior Town Band (donation)	:	£ 50-00
Zurich (insurance renewal).	:	£1147-91

The above payments were approved by Members (proposer C'Ilr Nina Philpott, seconder C'Ilr Martyn Spilsbury).

#### **1956 - Any necessary discussion of issues connected with Vine Field**

**Litter bin.** Installation of the bin was now complete. The Clerk confirmed that he had asked P.C.C. to instigate bin emptying, as per the previous decision made. A local resident had been in contact about the ruts caused at the field entrance. Members were told that Infinity Play had attended and resolved this. The resident had also raised issues about parking problems in Brickhurst Park, and litter on the playing field. Members noted that concerns over traffic / parking had been received previously, and there was nothing further that could be done to address the matter. The debris was largely thought to be blowing over from the adjacent industrial estate. Clerk to write to Stephen Lewis at the industrial estate, to mention that litter and debris was blowing into the playing field from skips on the industrial estate, and ask if they could do anything to address this.

**Goalposts.** Delivery of the goalposts had been delayed, but was thought to be imminent.

#### **1957 - Discussion of provision of roller-skating rink in Close Field Playpark**

C'Ilr Kaidan Alenko had obtained quotations from G.D. Harries. It was thought that further quotations should be sought, due to the size of the quotations, which had been around £56k for the entire project. C'Ilr Neil James suggested contacting Andrew Gray for a quotation. Members thought an Enhancing Pembrokeshire grant application could be a possibility for some of the funding, but not all of it. C'Ilr Neil James also suggested contacting Sinead Heneghan in P.C.C. for advice, as she had been helpful on previous occasions.

The Clerk advised that three quotations would be required anyway, and that some kind of drawings / specification would be needed, to ensure like-for-like quotations. C'Ilr Martyn Spilsbury offered input with preparation of drawings.

C'Ilr Aled Thomas undertook to speak to Sinead Heneghan in P.C.C., and seek advice, as well as pursuing some other potentially useful contacts.

#### **1958 - Discussion of possible replacement of wooden pavilion**

In hand with C'Ilrs Neil James and Nina Philpott, to arrange a meeting regarding seeking funding from the National Lottery.

