

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Johnston Community Council held on 11th December 2023 in the Johnston Institute, and also online using the Zoom video-conferencing platform.

Present: Cllrs Nina Philpott (Chairman), Christine Wilkins, Louise Jones, Janet Jeffries, Aled Thomas, Yvonne Llewellyn, Martyn Spilsbury; Peter Horton (Clerk).

Apologies : C’llrs Neil James, Kaidan Alenko, Tracey Young.

1965 - Declarations of known Interests

None

1966 – To receive the minutes from the November 2023 monthly meeting

The record of Members in attendance was corrected to show that C’llr Louise Jones had been absent from the meeting. Spelling of C’llr Neil James was corrected. With those amendments, the minutes were accepted as an accurate record, and retained for signature by the Chairman following the meeting (proposer C’llr Nina Philpott, seconder C’llr Martyn Spilsbury).

Matters arising

1967 - Presentation by designer of WW1 commemorative bench

Nothing further to report this month.

1968 - Discussion of link footpath from Church Road to Hayston View

C’llr Aled Thomas reported that P.C.C. had arranged to get the lighting inspected, and subsequently passed the matter to Uzmaston Properties for action. It was anticipated that all lighting would be functional by the end of the week. It had been stressed that as it was linked to a designated safe route to school, this was a priority.

1969 - Discussion of arrangements for future maintenance of defibrillators

C’llr Christine Wilkins had been unable to check the defibrillators. However, as they had been checked in connection with the fitting of new paediatric pads, this was not of concern. C’llr Tracey Young was due to carry out inspections in December.

1970a - Close Field playpark matters.

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

Boundary chainlink fencing. The Clerk reported that Infinity Play was awaiting some parts necessary for the replacement of defective chainlink fencing, and expected this to be complete shortly.

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

1970b – request for path along main road from Bulford Road to roundabout.

Nothing further heard to date.

1971 - Discussion of traffic issues at junction of Langford Road / Main Road

C'llr Aled Thomas confirmed that a letter had been sent to the Welsh Government regarding the matter, and a reply was currently awaited.

1972 - Discussion of tree damage along Langford Road

The Clerk confirmed that the trees had been reported to P.C.C. Members reported that no action appeared to have been taken. Clerk to report again.

1973 – Remembrance Day arrangements.

The Clerk confirmed that the approved donations to the Milford Haven Junior Town Band and to the saxophonist both remained outstanding, due to non-availability of the necessary bank details. C'llr Aled Thomas had made enquiries, and explained that the saxophonist would need to contact J.C.C. to confirm these details, as they could not be released otherwise due to data protection regulations. C'llr Aled Thomas also undertook to contact the Junior Town Band, as the Clerk's email to them requesting details had gone unanswered.

1974 - Discussion of proposals for boundary fencing at Old School Lane housing development site

C'llr Aled Thomas had made enquiries with P.C.C. officers regarding this issue. It had been confirmed that where boundary fences were in good condition, these would not necessarily be replaced. C'llr Aled Thomas undertook to circulate a map of the proposed boundary fencing arrangements as they currently stood.

1975 - Discussion of purchase of replacement paediatric pads for defibrillators

Members were informed that the paediatric pads had now been replaced. As a separate matter, C'llr Louise Jones reported that the school defibrillator had apparently been used that morning, but that there was a problem with accessibility, due to the code being missing. It was pointed out that this was not a community council responsibility. However, C'llrs Nina Philpott and Aled Thomas undertook to try and get the matter resolved.

1976 - Discussion of arrangements for maintenance / planting of planters sited at Village entrances

The Clerk had been asked to contact P.C.C., to ask if they would provide a new concrete planter for siting at the northern Village entrance, and arrange for planting of this, on a rechargeable basis, or alternatively to provide a small flower bed. The Clerk confirmed that no response had yet been received. Clerk to chase this up with P.C.C.

Planning

1977 - Application consultations received

23/0560/PA - Erection of self-catering holiday lodges and associated infrastructure
Site Address: Land to rear of The Larder, Vine Road, Johnston, Haverfordwest, SA62 3NZ – no comments.

Correspondence

1978 - Local resident – concerns over speeding in Hayston Road / Church Road – dealt with in agenda item below.

1979 - Local resident – Application to join community council – dealt with in agenda item below.

1980 - P.C.C. – Confirmation of agreement to carry out bulb-planting in Glebelands Field / Cunnigar Woods – noted.

1981 - Welsh Government – Confirmation of Sec. 137 expenditure limits for 2023/24 – noted.

Accounts

1982 - Payments for approval

David Banfield (bus shelter cleaning)	:	£ 72-00
Direct 365 (paediatric defibrillator pads)	:	£439-68
Elder Meadows Nursery (Christmas trees)	:	£960-00
Clerk (salary and fixed expenses, October – December, including backpay for period April – September, following conclusion of pay negotiations on N.J.C. pay award)	:	As per contract
H.M.R.C. (P.A.Y.E. tax on above salary)	:	As per contract
Clerk (incidental expenses, June – November 2023)	:	£122-82

The above payments were approved by Members (proposer C’Ilr Nina Philpott, seconder C’Ilr Louise Jones).

1983 - Any necessary discussion of issues connected with Vine Field

Litter bin installation. This was confirmed as complete.

Goalposts and replacement chainlink fencing. This was hoped to be completed before Christmas, weather permitting.

Traffic and parking problems in Brickhurst Park. The ongoing issue was once again mentioned as a problem, but it was recognised that while parking was carried out legally, however inconsiderately, there was little that could be done.

1984 - Discussion of possible provision of roller-skating rink in Close Field Playpark

C’Ilr Aled Thomas had discussed the matter with Sinead Heneghan of the P.C.C. Economic Regeneration Unit. She had suggested that the Enhancing Pembrokeshire grant would likely be the best route to follow. 20% match funding would be needed. A robust public consultation to gauge support would also be needed. Due to recent changes in the way the fund is administered, she had also stressed the importance of any application being of high quality.

C’Ilr Martyn Spilsbury undertook to do some preliminary work on a public consultation exercise. Use of social media and Microsoft forms were considered for a possible online consultation exercise. Use of a community newsletter, and assistance from the school, were also suggested as possible ways to spread awareness and canvas opinion locally.

1985 - Discussion of progress towards possible replacement of wooden pavilion

Nothing further was reported. C’Ilr Nina Philpott hoped to arrange a meeting in the New Year to discuss possible grant funding sources. Matter to be tabled for discussion in January.

1986 - Any necessary discussion of progress on project to develop land at Glebelands Field

Bulb planting. This was understood to be in hand.

Tree-planting. This still remained to be done.

Aled Bowen. It was understood that he had been in to carry out grass-cutting, etc. as requested.

Andrew Gray. He had indicated that he intended to carry out stoning work early in the New Year. Clerk to chase him up for a quotation for the gateway installation, which was yet to be provided.

1987 - Discussion of advertisement to fill open casual vacancy

Matter deferred. Agenda item to be tabled for discussion in January, when it was hoped that more Members would be in attendance. Clerk to send holding response to the local resident who had expressed an interest.

1988 - Discussion of speeding problems and pavement provision, Hayston Road and Church Road

Deferred for consideration in January.

1989 - Any other business

None.

The meeting ended at 7-50pm. Next scheduled meeting – Monday 8th January 2024.

Signed.....Chairman Date.....
