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Minutes of the monthly meeting of Johnston Community Council held on 10th October 2016 in Johnston Institute.

Present: Cllrs Jeffries, (vice-Chair), Grey, F. James, Morgan, Pratt, Young, Rowlands, Spilsbury, Warlow, Wilkins; Peter Horton (Clerk).

Apologies : C'llrs Harvey, N. James

The meeting was chaired by C'llr Jeffries.

8442 - Minutes of the September 2016 monthly meeting

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record, and signed by the Chairman (Proposer C'llr Spilsbury, seconder C'llr Pratt).

Matters arising

8443 - Bolton Hill Quarry.

The site visit had not yet been rescheduled. It was felt important that C'llr N. James should have the opportunity to attend. It was anticipated that the visit would happen on a Saturday morning within the next few weeks.

8444 - Proposed solar farm adjacent to Pope Hill.

Nothing further to report.

8445 - Exception site housing development at Langford Road

No further information at present, pending planning committee hearing.

8446– Church Road Car Park.

Still awaiting forthcoming tribunal.

8447 – Narrow footpath by Johnston Farm.

C'llr Morgan had received a copy of a letter from John Davies to the Secretary of State for Wales expressing concern over the matter, which was read to Members. Clerk to contact Paul Davies and the Welsh Government once again, attaching copy of John Davies' letter.

8448 – Skateboard Park.

The agreed work was still awaiting completion.

8449 – Bus shelter, Glebelands.

Matter still under discussion in County Hall.

8450 – Cashpoint outside Nisa Shop.

Nothing further to report at present.

8451 – New school, Langford Road.

Members were informed that the school was due to open in January, with staff to have access from half term. More information to be found in C'llr Rowland's newsletter. Members questioned the need for the further road closure in Langford Road for four weeks. Could the road be opened over weekends / evenings? C'llr Rowlands undertook to look into this.

8452 – Road and pavement problems.

C'llr Rowlands mentioned that a site meeting with P.C.C. officers was still pending. He also mentioned that the matter of abandoned cars had been discussed with P.C.C., and some progress made regarding this matter, with some vehicles having been successfully removed.

8453 – Remembrance Day.

C'llr Grey was concerned to ensure that proper arrangements were in place with the new chapel minister and the local vicar. C'llr Rowlands confirmed that all this was in hand. Arrangements for the road closure were also in hand with P.C.C.

8454 – Parking bays, Glebelands.

No further progress at present.

8455 – Hall Court sign / pavement.

Still in hand.

8456 – Japanese knotweed problem at Arnold's Yard site.

Matter still under review in P.C.C. C'llr Rowlands said that it was possible that the Authority would set up trusts to fund and oversee various facilities, such as libraries, leisure facilities, etc., as part of the budgetary restructuring currently taking place. If so, he had suggested that, maybe, the site could be purchased by a trust to site a velodrome.

8457 – Defibrillator provision.

Members were informed that the Chapel had not ruled out siting a defibrillator at the chapel, in the foyer. Members felt that it would be preferable to site it outside. C'llr Morgan mentioned that B.T. was currently abandoning many under-used telephone kiosks. He asked if the kiosk opposite the chip shop could potentially be used to house a defibrillator. Clerk to contact B.T. regarding the matter.

8458 – Streetlight, Church Road.

The replacement was in the hands of the developer. It was understood that they had obtained the lampstand, and just needed to install this.

8459 – Code of Conduct training for Members.

It was reported that the training had been very beneficial. Agenda item to be tabled for November to discuss relevant points from the meeting.

8460 - Cycle track.

C'Ilr Grey suggested involving Planed to help get a cycle path made along the old railway track. As C'Ilr Rowlands was in regular contact with both Planed and P.A.V.S., Members left it with him to follow this up.

8461 - Risk Assessment.

Still in hand.

8462 - Church Roll of Honour.

C'Ilr Jeffries said that she would speak to the vicar about this matter.

8463 - Rubbish problems.

C'Ilr Warlow reported that the overhanging bush was still posing a problem adjacent to the empty property in The Close. C'Ilr Rowlands undertook to have a look at it, and report it again, in case P.C.C. had not correctly identified the location after last month's meeting.

8464 - Johnston In Bloom.

The following prize-winners were announced :

Commercial - The Silverdale

Small garden - Winner : 5, Moors Road; runner-up : 17, Hall Court

Large garden - Winner : 38, Langford Road; runner-up : 6, The Crescent

Clerk to invite winners to the November meeting to receive their prizes.

8465 - Disabled accesses.

Discussions were still ongoing regarding this matter.

8466 – faded double yellow lines on Langford Rd. by junction

Matter still in hand.

8467 - Map of Community

Still in hand with C'Ilr N. James

8468 - Howlin Motors signage

This had been reported to the T.R.A., as the signage was on their land.

8469 - Roll of honour plaque board.

Members were informed that the board was now ready to go up, and arrangements were in hand for this.

Planning

8470 - There were no planning matters for consideration this month.

Correspondence

8471 - P.C.C. – Regular playground inspection report – noted.

8472 - Boundary Commission for Wales – Notification of publication of proposed constituency boundary changes – noted.

8473 - P.C.C. – Invitation to nominate Additional Community Governor to replace Mrs. Ellen Repton – noted.

8474 - Planed – Letter advertising their services – noted.

8475 - P.C.C. – Information regarding road closure for forthcoming Remembrance Day service – matter in hand with C’Ilr Rowlands.

8476 - P.C.C. – Guidance note on dispensation to speak / vote where potential conflict of interest exists – agenda item for November.

8477 - Mid and West Wales Fire Service – Consultation on draft corporate plan 2017-22 – noted.

8478 - Community Health Council – agenda for the forthcoming Pembrokeshire Locality Meeting - noted.

8479 - Welsh Government - Statement on Local Government reform – passed to C’Ilr B. Morgan for perusal.

8480 - Johnston Football Club – grass-cutting bill – dealt with in ‘Accounts’. Clerk to ask them to ensure that the gate to the Close Field is locked behind them after future visits.

Accounts

8481 - Payments

Clerk (expenses March – September 2016)	:	£ 113-19
D. Banfield (window-cleaning)	:	£ 60-00
Johnston Football Club (grass-cutting)	:	£4495-00

8482 - Budget review, April – September 2016

Income to date

As per precept, plus £775-33 VAT return received

Expenditure to date

Maintenance of public spaces	:	£1446-82
Clerk	:	£2070-15
Admin.	:	£ 455-00
Miscellaneous	:	£ 40-00

The Clerk reported that expenditure was within budgeted amounts.

The above items were approved by Members (Proposer C’Ilr Rowlands, seconder C’Ilr Spilsbury).

8483 - Discussion of flower bed planting for 2017 season

It was agreed for C'llr Rowlands to liaise with P.C.C., to discuss the possibilities, and the likely costs. Report to be made to the November meeting. It was agreed to defer a decision on the request of the Mormon Church until C'llr N. James was in attendance. C'llr Rowlands was unsure if it would be a good idea for them to enlarge the bed.

Other business.

8484 - Cycle path. C'llr Spilsbury mentioned a problem with leaves making the path slippery. C'llr Warlow mentioned that water from the overhead bridge was rotting the wooden decking alongside the railway tracks. C'llr Rowlands to raise these issues with P.C.C.

8485 - Car parking. C'llr Warlow mentioned that a white car had been parked in the car park in The Close without being moved for several weeks. C'llr Rowlands undertook to look into this.

8486 - Green area by junction of The Close and Langford Road. C'llr Warlow mentioned an issue with concrete breeze blocks scattered around one of the trees. C'llr Rowlands undertook to look into this.

8487 - Bulford Road signage. C'llr Morgan mentioned that the 'No Entry' sign was incorrectly positioned, and also too small to be effective. C'llr Rowlands to raise this matter with P.C.C. officers.

8488 - Newsletter. C'llr Rowlands distributed copies of the Autumn 2016 Johnston Community Newsletter to Members.

8489 - Reorganisation of Local Government. C'llr Morgan mentioned that possible local government reorganisation had again reared its head, with possible implications for Pembrokeshire. C'llr Rowlands mentioned that there was some information in the newsletter regarding this issue.

8490 - Lowered pavement highway access points. C'llr Jeffries mentioned the lack of these on the pavements in The Close. C'llr Rowlands undertook to look into this matter.

8491 - Entrance to petrol station forecourt area. C'llr Warlow asked if a one-way system might improve traffic flow and safety at the garage. C'llr Rowlands undertook to mention the matter to the garage owner.

The meeting closed at 8-30pm.

Signed.....Chairman

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