

M 02/17 - Minutes of the monthly meeting of Johnston Community Council held on 13th February 2017 in Johnston Institute.

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

Apologies : C'llrs Neil James, George Grey, F. James.

8622 – Declarations of Interests

None

8623 – Public Forum (ten minutes maximum)

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

8624 – Minutes of January 2017 monthly meeting

The minutes were accepted as an accurate record, and signed by the Chairman (proposer C'llr Harvey, seconder C'llr Young).

Matters arising

8625 – Cunnigar Lane. It was reiterated that responsibility for maintenance was unlikely to be accepted by P.C.C.

8626 - Proposed solar farm adjacent to Pope Hill.

Members noted that work had commenced on the project. Questions were asked about when the promised community benefit monies would be paid. Clerk to contact the developers to ask about this. Clerk to also contact Freystrop Community Council to ask if they have heard anything.

8627 – Narrow footpath by Johnston Farm.

Still awaiting further developments by the Welsh Government.

8628 – Bus shelter, Glebelands.

Repair work to both bus shelters was still in need of completion. C'llr Ken Rowlands to pursue this.

8629 – Cashpoint outside Nisa Shop.

Members noted that the problem was still ongoing, despite the new signage.

8630 – New school, Langford Road.

Members were informed that there had been teething problems with lighting issues and safe pedestrian access, especially at the crossing point. C'llr Rowlands had attended meetings with officers from P.C.C. about the crossing issue. He reported that the matter was in hand, with

additional signage is due to be installed. C’Ilr Harvey mentioned speed activated signage that she had noticed in other areas, and that seemed to be very effective. C’Ilr Rowlands pointed out that there is such signage in Langford Road already, but that it needs re-calibrating to reflect the new 20mph speed limit.

C’Ilr Warlow mentioned that cars parking in Fairview in connection with the school were creating problems for local residents. Some felt that more parents should be walking instead of using vehicles so much. However, obviously this was not enforceable. C’Ilr Rowlands mentioned that a second pavement had been sought along Langford Road, but ruled out on budgetary grounds.

C’Ilr Wilkins asked if it was intended to put a pavement through the field towards the garage next to Brookside. It was pointed out that there is already a pavement through the skatepark, though this is not quite such a direct route. C’Ilr Rowlands felt it likely that something might be forthcoming in time on this front. C’Ilr Morgan mentioned the lack of pavement provision from The Close to Langford Farm. He felt that the owners with property frontages along this section could be asked to contribute to the cost of a pavement, thus leaving a relatively short distance to be made up by P.C.C. C’Ilr Wilkins suggested re-starting the walking bus, which had previously been a success.

8631 – Road and pavement problems.

C’Ilr Rowlands was due to arrange a site meeting with P.C.C. regarding the issues in The Close.

C’Ilr Warlow mentioned problems with a number of sunken patches on Langford Road close to the junction with the main road. She had witnessed an incident there one evening that seemed directly linked to one of the sunken areas, and said that more had since formed in the same general area. C’Ilr Rowlands undertook to look into this matter.

8632 – Defibrillator provision.

The Clerk informed Members that letters had been sent out to twenty local businesses, based on a list provided by C’Ilr Jeffries. K. & O. Carpets had generously donated £1350 to cover the cost of one defibrillator. Clerk to send out a letter of thanks to them, and invite their suggestions regarding a possible location for the unit, possibly on The Vine Inn. Members decided in principle to site the second unit on the side of the NISA Shop. Clerk to write to them asking for their formal agreement to this. Members agreed that a final decision should be made at the next meeting if at all possible regarding acquisition of the defibrillators and exact siting locations.

C’Ilr Jeffries to check availability of the Village Institute for a potential public handover / training meeting, and pass a selection of possible dates to the Clerk. Once received, Clerk to contact Cariad to discuss possible dates, and generally move matters forward as possible.

8633 - Cycle track.

C’Ilr Rowlands had attended a meeting in P.C.C. with Ben Field, the officer involved with co-ordinating such matters. The efforts to pursue a possible cycle track were being pursued with him, as well as in conjunction with efforts to move forward the possible acquisition of the Arnold’s Yard site for use as a cycling centre. C’Ilr Rowlands was planning to bring the matter up at a future meeting planned jointly with Sustrans and Welsh Water.

8634 - Risk Assessment.

Still in hand.

8635 - Church Roll of Honour.

Still in hand.

8636 - Rubbish problems.

C’Ilr Rowlands informed Members that this matter was currently in hand with P.C.C., with officers directly in contact with the complainant. C’Ilr Morgan reiterated comments previously made regarding the inadequate ‘No Through Road’ signage at the entrance to the old Bulford Road. C’Ilr Rowlands offered to try and set up a site meeting with officers from P.C.C., which local residents from Bulford Road could attend if they wished to do so, to discuss these issues directly.

8637 - Disabled access between Woodlands Park and Church Road.

Nothing further to report. C’Ilr Rowlands had received comments suggesting that such an access improvement might not be worthwhile, as it only goes through into the narrow Church Road, which does not have any pavement provision.

8638 - Map of Community

Currently in hand with C’Ilr Neil James and C’Ilr Rowlands.

8639 – School Roll of honour plaque board.

C’Ilr Rowlands informed Members that arrangements for the event at which the plaque board will be unveiled would probably be held on a Saturday evening within the next few weeks. Meetings were scheduled to discuss detailed arrangements.

8640 – Insurance policy.

Members were informed that, following the recent inspection report, C’Ilr Rowlands had been asked to arrange for P.C.C. to carry out the necessary repairs to the swings in the Vine Field play area.

8641 – Mrs. Bassett, 20, Bulford Close.

C’Ilr Rowlands mentioned that P.C.C. is dealing with this matter directly.

8642 - Pope Hill Chapel graveyard.

C’Ilr Rowlands was still awaiting responses regarding this matter.

8643 – Planning application ref. 16/0971/PA (Conversion of old telephone exchange, St. Peter’s Road, to laundrette).

Members noted that the laundrette has opened, even though there has been no notification that the planning approval has been approved. Clerk to check up on the current situation, and request an investigation if it appears that there is a breach of planning control.

8644 - Discussion of roadway opposite Johnston Institute.

C’Ilr Rowlands reported that the matter was ongoing. A letter had been received from P.C.C. setting out in details their reasons for rejecting the request to have the road registered as Highway. C’Ilr Rowlands mentioned that, in connection with the forthcoming Land Tribunal, he has had to deal with multiple individuals, making the matter unduly complicated. His objections as a private individual and as County Councillor had been ‘withdrawn’, but it was hoped that all the substantive comments had been incorporated into the objections lodged on behalf of the Community Council. The matter was now in the hands of the Land Tribunal, and details of dates and venue were awaited.

Planning

8645 - Applications

16/1040/PA (roof space extension, 12, Bulford Road, Johnston SA62 3EU) – no comment.

Correspondence

8646 - P.C.C. – Invitation to nominate a Member for the governing body of Ysgol Gymraeg Glan Cleddau – noted.

8647 - Trunk Road Agent – Reply to letter regarding vegetation by bus shelter – noted.

8648 - Welsh Government – Reply to letter regarding growth around bus shelter – Clerk to reply and ask them to let us know the outcome of their actions regarding the matter.

- 8649** - Paul Davies, A.M. – Posters of advice surgery dates, 2017 – Clerk to place copies of the surgery date posters in noticeboards.
- 8650** - Zurich – Annual Inspection report on play equipment in The Close Playing Field – copy passed to C’Ilr Rowlands for action via P.C.C. It was also reiterated that P.C.C. would be asked to undertake the necessary works at the Vine Field.
- 8651** - Sppot – information on dog-walking service – noted.
- 8652** - P.C.C. – Letter regarding status of land opposite Johnston Institute – dealt with in 8644 above.
- 8653** - P.C.C. – Emails concerning crossing point outside new school in Langford Road – dealt with in 8630 above.
- 8654** - Welsh Government – Consultation on delivery of government in Wales – noted.
- 8655** - P.C.C. – Consultation on what constitutes a ‘local connection’ for housing purposes – noted.

Accounts

8656 - Payments

Norrard Electrics (additional work at Glebelands) : £227-52
 C’Ilr Rowlands undertook to check up with Norrard Electrics regarding the bill for the main work carried out, which was yet to be received.

8657 - Income

K. & O. Carpets (defibrillator donation) : £1350
 The above payment was approved by Members (proposer C’Ilr Morgan, seconder C’Ilr Young).

Other business

8658 - Double Yellow lines by chip shop. C’Ilr Spilsbury asked for an update on the situation regarding installation of the double yellow lines. C’Ilr Rowlands mentioned that it was currently going through the legal process of making the traffic order to enable the lines to be put down.

8659 – Highway outside Orchard Court. C’Ilr Jeffries mentioned that a pothole was developing outside Orchard Court. C’Ilr Rowlands undertook to look into this.

The meeting closed at 8-15pm.

Next scheduled meeting to be held on Monday 13th March 2017.

Signed.....Chairman

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