

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Johnston Community Council held on 14th June 2021 online, using the Zoom video-conferencing platform.

**Present: Cllrs Spilsbury, Jones, Wilkins, Neil James, Young, Jeffries, Rowlands, Philpott, Fran. James; Peter Horton (Clerk);
Apologies : C’lrs Warlow, Morgan, Pratt.**

0806 – Declarations of known Interests

None

0807 – To receive the minutes of the 2021 A.G.M.

The minutes were accepted as an accurate record, and retained for signature by the Chairman following the meeting (proposer C’lr Spilsbury, seconder C’lr Fran. James).

0808 – To receive the minutes from the May 2021 monthly meeting

The minutes were accepted as an accurate record, and retained for signature by the Chairman following the meeting (proposer C’lr Spilsbury, seconder C’lr Philpott).

Matters arising

0809- Close Field Skatepark

An email had come through with costings from P.C.C. for an electricity supply and pole for the Close Field. As it had only arrived that day, the matter was deferred for consideration in an agenda item to be tabled in July.

0810- Discussion of purchase of WW1 commemorative memorial seat

Sill in hand with C’lr Spilsbury to follow up with the fabricators.

0811 - Discussion of possible request for yellow lines in Hall Court

C’lr Philpott had attended a site meeting with Steven Bengner of P.C.C. Mr. Bengner had been helpful in suggesting measures to address the problem. He had undertaken to discuss the matter with fellow officers in P.C.C. His ideas had been to extend the pavement by the tree, and extend the yellow line parking restrictions on the opposite side. Nothing further had been heard from P.C.C. since the meeting. Clerk to chase up a response.

0812 - Discussion of problems with lighting on footbridge, Langford Road

Work to replace bulbs still not complete.

0813 - Discussion of possible one-way system, Glebelands

Matter still on hold until after the lockdown was over, with a view to carrying out a survey of residents then.

0814 - Discussion of requirement to report on progress towards producing a plan to encourage biodiversity

Nothing further to report at present. Matter still in hand with C’lr Rowlands to arrange a site meeting with the Biodiversity Officer following the lifting of restrictions.

0815 - Discussion of Community Land Trusts

C'llr Rowlands felt that a Trust should be established to look at the possibilities for the area of land owned by the Community Council, but unaffected by the limitations due to the proximity of the quarry.

Members considered the possibility of forming a committee to look at this, and all the projects currently under consideration by the Community Council. However, it was decided that on balance it would be better to keep discussions informal, so as to avoid the administrative burden associated with committee meetings. All matters could be brought to the full Council for discussion / ratification as appropriate. In general, C'llr Neil James felt it would be better to complete some of the somewhat smaller projects currently in hand before moving onto bigger ones being contemplated.

Regarding the land around Cunnigar Woods, C'llr Neil James felt it would be a good idea to have a proper survey carried out.

0816 - Discussion of situation at Silverdale, including possible changes of use.

Members were informed that the planning application needed for the structures and changes of use was currently awaited in P.C.C. With regards to the use of the premises to house homeless people, Members understood that the arrangement had been extended, but did not know for how long.

0817 – Work needed on Glebelands Field and adjacent land.

C'llr Neil James had visited the site with Nathan Jones, who was currently in the process of preparing a quotation for the work needed.

0818 - Discussion of possible development of land adjacent to Johnston School

Nothing further had been heard since the grant bid had been unsuccessful. C'llr Young undertook to try and find out more about the current situation, and report back to Members.

0819 – One Voice Wales.

Nothing further had been heard regarding this matter.

0820 - Concerns over highway safety issues on A4076 at northern end of Village.

C'llr Rowlands had attended a site meeting regarding this matter. He had been told that officers thought it unlikely that they could persuade the T.R.A. to do what was being asked. C'llr Rowlands thought it was likely to be a long drawn-out process, and the eventual outcome uncertain. However, he undertook to continue pursuing the matter as possible.

0821 - Consideration of any necessary actions from newly-reviewed financial and asset risk assessments

Regarding maintenance works on bus shelters, the Clerk confirmed that he had not received any quotations by email. C'llr Jeffries sent a message to the person concerned, and a quotation was forwarded by email during the meeting from DecoTec. This was entered into Correspondence, and deferred for detailed consideration in an agenda item to be tabled for July.

0822 - St. Peter's Road bus shelter.

Nothing further had been heard to date regarding the railing repairs. Clerk to chase up with the T.R.A.

0823 - Discussion of any works needed as a result of the most recent playground inspection report for The Close Field Playpark

All required works currently in hand with C'llrs Neil James and Spilsbury.

0824 - Discussion of possible footpath provision between Bulford Road and new roundabout.

Matter in hand with C'Ilr Rowlands to pursue with P.C.C.

0825 - Litter-picking around School.

The Clerk confirmed that he had sent letter as requested following the previous meeting.

0826 - The Close Field playpark.

The Clerk confirmed that he had submitted the request to P.C.C. for removal of the broken glass. C'Ilr Philpott hadn't noticed any glass during a recent walk, so it was thought possible that the matter had been attended to.

Planning

0827 - Applications

21/0140/PA – Attic conversion and two storey extension to rear and side (south & west elevations); Site Address: 7, Bulford Road, JOHNSTON, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3EU – No comments.

0828 - Decisions issued

20/1032/PA – Proposed change of use of an existing annex into a short term holiday let; Site Address: Johnston Farm, 2, Milford Road, JOHNSTON, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3EY

20/1117/PA – Erection of 2 detached dwellings and catering storage shed (live/work) together with associated vehicular access, parking and landscaping; Site Address: Land at Brickhurst Park, Johnston, SA62 3PA

20/1175/PA – Alterations (windows / dormer window) (in retrospect); Site Address: 32, Bulford Road, JOHNSTON, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3EU

Correspondence

0829 - Rainbow Daycare – Request for financial assistance – Agenda item to be tabled for July, to consider this and other donations. In the meantime, Clerk to respond to seek more information on exactly what was being requested.

0830 - Trunk Road Agency (via C'Ilr Ken Rowlands) – response to request for additional white-lining on main road at northern end of Village – dealt with in 0820 above.

0831 - P.C.C. – Consultation on railway services provision – The Clerk confirmed that he had passed this to C'Ilr Morgan for attention, as the consultation deadline was before the meeting date.

0832 - St. Peter's Church – Request for financial assistance with grass-cutting costs – To be considered in conjunction with other donation requests in July. In meantime Clerk to send holding response.

0833 - P.C.C. – Notification of opening of bids for Community Works grant scheme – Members agreed for the Clerk to arrange submission of an application, with any necessary information to support this being obtained from C’lir Rowlands (proposer C’lir Philpott, seconder C’lir Spilsbury). Agenda item to be tabled for July to discuss any necessary details.

0834 – DecoTec – Quotation for maintenance work to St. Peter’s Road bus shelter – dealt with in 0821 above.

Accounts

0835 - Arrangements for public viewing of accounts

The Clerk informed Members that the notice had been published advertising the public right to view accounts during the period 5th – 30th July 2021.

0836 - Payments

Clerk (salary and fixed expenses, April – June 2021)	:	As per contract
H.M.R.C. (P.A.Y.E. tax for Clerk)	:	As per contract
Clerk (incidental expenses for December 2020 – May 2021)	:	£140-72
David Banfield (bus shelter cleaning)	:	£ 60-00
C’lir Jeffries (Member allowance)	:	£150-00
C’lir Spilsbury (Member allowance)	:	£150-00
C’lir Warlow (Member allowance)	:	£150-00
C’lir Pratt (Member allowance)	:	£150-00
C’lir Rowlands (Member allowance)	:	£150-00
C’lir Fran. James (Member allowance)	:	£150-00

The above payments were approved by Members (proposer C’lir Philpott, seconder C’lir Fran. James).

0837 - Discussion of possible purchase of playground equipment for Vine Field

C’lir Spilsbury updated Members on the current situation. One quotation / design had been received from Creative Play. Others were being sought at present. It was confirmed that three quotations would be needed to support any Enhancing Pembrokeshire grant application submitted. C’lir Spilsbury had discussed the project with Nathan Jones, who had indicated that he could provide quotations for any of the landscaping requirements of the project.

C’lir Rowlands undertook to obtain a list of play equipment suppliers from O.V.W. and pass these to C’lir Spilsbury.

Clerk to send in pre-application form in readiness for a full Enhancing Pembrokeshire grant application to be submitted at a future date.

Matter to be tabled again for discussion in July.

0838 - Discussion of progress towards installation of new bus shelter on main road

Members were informed that the new bus shelter was now in situ.

Members raised questions over ownership of the existing bus shelters along the main road.

C’lir Neil James confirmed that the Community Council definitely did not pay for any of the metal / perspex ones when they were installed. However, he thought it possible that they may have been installed subject to an arrangement for the Community Council to maintain them thereafter. Clerk to make enquiries concerning the ownership of the bus shelters.

0839 - Discussion of possible need for additional litter bin provision at entrance to Glebelands

Regarding extra litter bin provision, Members were generally agreed that more bins would not be worth providing, as people did not always use the ones that are already there. C’lfr Fran. James confirmed that the lady who had spoken to her suggested that more benches around the edge of the field would be a good idea. Members thought that in principle more benches might be a good idea. Clerk to make enquiries with Milford School to see if the bench they had donated was still available.

0840 - Discussion of purchase of litter-picking equipment

C’lfr Neil James confirmed that 8 sets of litter-picking equipment had been received from P.C.C., and were available for use by local residents. Clerk to make enquiries with P.C.C. to see if fluorescent vests could also be made available. C’lfr Philpott undertook to mention the availability of litter picking equipment on the Facebook page. C’lfr Fran. James offered to have a set to carry out litter-picking around her estate.

Any other business

0841 - Hedges down Church Road. C’lfr Fran. James reported that these were very overgrown.

[NOTE – C’lfr Fran. James left the meeting at this point].

0842 – Ash trees. C’lfr Wilkins reported some apparently dead Ash trees on the right hand side about 400m past the school going out of the Village. The Clerk undertook to report to P.C.C.

[NOTE – C’lfr Wilkins left the meeting at this point].

0843 – Grass-cutting. C’lfr Jones reported that the grass to the left of the entrance to The Close had not been cut.

0844 – Crossing point. C’lfr Jones mentioned that parents were getting annoyed with cars not stopping for them at the crossing point outside the school, and wanted a zebra crossing installed. Agenda item for July to discuss.

[NOTE – C’lfr Jones left the meeting at this point].

0845 – Trial bike use on Hillcroft. C’lfr Philpott had received a report from a resident about a child on a trial bike riding along the road in Hillcroft and also on the Hillcroft Field. The matter had been reported, and the Police had visited the offending parties.

0846 – Field behind The Windsor. Members understood that this land had been sold to Persimmon as a development site.

The meeting concluded at 9-15pm.
Next scheduled meeting – Monday 12th July 2021.

Signed.....Chairman
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