

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Johnston Community Council held on 12th October 2020 online, using the Zoom video-conferencing platform.

Present: Cllrs Wilkins, Neil James, Jeffries, Philpott, Spilsbury; Peter Horton (Clerk);

Apologies : C’Ilr Young, F. James, Jones, Liz Warlow, Morgan.

0412 – Declarations of known Interests

None.

0413 – To receive the minutes from the September 2020 monthly meeting

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

0414 – discussion of street-naming for new development off Cranham Park

Members welcomed to the meeting Jo-Anne Jones of P.C.C., who was co-ordinating the process to name the new development. A list of suggested names had been produced by the children of Johnston School. Members considered the list of names suggested. In order of preference, they selected (1) Old School Lane, (2) Old School Close, and (3) Old School Fields (proposer C’Ilr Philpott, seconder C’Ilr Neil James). Jo-Anne Jones undertook to take this choice back to P.C.C. for final evaluation. She also mentioned that some kind of publicity in conjunction with the School was likely to be organised in time, as well as a possible article submitted to the Western Telegraph. Thanks were conveyed by her to C’Ilr Louise Jones, for the assistance provided in getting the lists of names from the school during a time of particular difficulty due to an incidence of Coronavirus at the school.

[NOTE – following the discussion on this item, Jo-Anne Jones left the meeting].

Matters arising

0415 – Discussion of biodiversity-related issues

Nothing further at present. Matter in hand with C’Ilr Rowlands.

0416 – Bus shelter / seat outside NISA Shop

The Clerk had received a holding message from P.C.C. They were still attempting to open a dialogue with the landowner of the NISA shop, but so far without success.

0417- Close Field Skatepark

Still in hand with C’Ilr Rowlands.

0418 - Discussion of purchase of WW1 commemorative memorial seat

Matter still in hand with C’Ilr Spilsbury, who was awaiting drawings from the fabricators.

0419 - Discussion of action to discourage badger activity on sports field

Matter still in hand with C’Ilr Pratt, who was due to speak further with Sean Tilling of P.C.C. to seek a quotation for altering the gates.

0420 - Discussion of problems due to closure of cycleway boardwalk

Members were informed that work was ongoing, with an opening of the affected section understood to be imminent.

0421 - Discussion of Highway safety issues, Langford Road

Matter still in hand with C'Ilr Rowlands, and on hold at present.

0422 - Discussion of possible request for yellow lines in Hall Court

Matter still in hand with C'Ilr Rowlands / P.C.C.

0423 - Discussion of problems with lighting on footbridge, Langford Road

Matter still in hand with C'Ilr Rowlands / P.C.C. Highways. Clerk to follow up with P.C.C., in order to achieve some progress before winter if possible.

0424 - Discussion of possible one-way system, Glebelands

The Clerk had heard nothing further from Ben Blake of P.C.C. following the request for a clockwise system to be implemented. Clerk to follow up with Darren Thomas of P.C.C., as it was understood that Ben Blake was off work.

0425 - Discussion of requirement to report on progress towards producing a plan to encourage biodiversity

Nothing further to report at present.

0426 - Discussion of Vine Field play equipment, etc.

Matter in hand with C'Ilr Rowlands.

0427 - Discussion of Community Land Trusts

Matter still on hold with C'Ilr Rowlands for possible discussion with the Biodiversity Implementation Officer during the planned site meeting.

0428 - Review of mole control contract and bus shelter-cleaning contracts.

To be placed on agenda for discussion in November.

0429 - Discussion of link footpath between Hayston View and Church Road.

Members reported that the footpath was still almost completely blocked, and barely passable. Clerk to report this again to the Planning Enforcement Officer.

0430 Discussion of situation regarding land opposite Johnston Institute

The most recent messages from Price and Kelway were considered by Members. Clerk to continue the follow up with the solicitors.

0431 - Request for help in addressing perceived parking problems in Hillcroft.

The Clerk had received a follow up message from Rob Evans of P.C.C. He was following up the matter with their Building Maintenance and Traffic Sections, to see if any markings would be advantageous.

0432 - Discussion of problems with illegal parking outside chip shop

Clerk to chase up Darren Thomas following his email of 15th September, undertaking to refer the matter to Parking Enforcement. C'Ilr Martyn Spilsbury had taken some recent photographs of parking on the pavement opposite the chip shop, and undertook to forward these to the Clerk, to be passed on to P.C.C.

0433 - Discussion of hedges / fenceline behind Moors Road

The Clerk had written to the Dawnus administrators regarding the matter, but had heard nothing back. The hole in the fence had been temporarily barriered off by P.C.C. Clerk to write again to the administrators to seek input from them in achieving a more permanent solution.

0434 – Cycle path adjacent to Glebelands Field. Members reported that the affected section of the cycle path was still very overgrown, and had not been attended to. Clerk to report again to P.C.C.

0435 – Hedge along Church Road. Clerk to report again, as the overgrown hedges had not been cut back. Message to stress the safety issue, because it was impossible to walk on the pavement, with pedestrians being forced into the road.

0436 – Flowers displays. C'llr Fran. James had mentioned that she hoped to complete the planting up of the boxes the following week.

0437 – Village Institute. C'llr Neil James mentioned that there were no immediate plans to re-open the Institute for meetings. The Village Institute Committee was working to put in place the necessary provisions, but nonetheless it was unlikely that the Hall would be re-opened in 2020.

Planning matters

0438 - Applications

There were no applications for consideration this month.

0439 - Decisions

20/0161/PA - Single storey extension to rear of property - 17, Greenhall Park, JOHNSTON, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3PT.

Correspondence

0440 - Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority – consultation on draft corporate plan for 2021-26 – noted.

0441 - Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales – consultation on draft report for 2021 – noted. Clerk to send out email regarding Members' allowance for the current year to all Members, and matter to be placed on November agenda for discussion.

0442 - P.C.C. – Coronavirus reminders for Remembrance Day events – Members understood that events would be allowed, but only subject to all current restrictions governing outdoor activities. It was left for C'llrs Philpott and Neil James to liaise with involved parties to see what was possible under the current circumstances.

0443 - Johnston Baptist Church – request for grant assistance – noted. Matter of grants assistance to local organisations to be included on the November 2020 meeting agenda, in conjunction with the A.G.M.

0444 - P.C.C. – Invitation for input on street-naming of new development on site of old school – dealt with in item 0414 above.

0445 - PCC – response re. Hillcroft – dealt with in item 0431 above.

0446 - P.C.C. – Response re. bus shelter – dealt with in item 0416 above.

0447 - P.C.C. – Notification of proposed meeting of involved organisations to discuss ongoing issues at The Silverdale meeting – Members remained very concerned over the ongoing problems occurring at the Silverdale, and the disquiet being caused in the Village as a result of this. C'llrs Philpott, Neil James, and the Clerk, to attend the

planned P.C.C.-sponsored meeting. Clerk to contact P.C.C. to request that interested and affected private residents should also be invited to attend.

0448 - P.C.C. – Notification of Lottery Heritage Grants – noted.

0449 – 1st Johnston Scout Group – Invitation to forthcoming A.G.M. and annual celebration, to be held on Zoom at 19-30, 19th November 2020 – noted.

Accounts

0450 - Payments

David Banfield (bus shelter cleaning)	:	£ 60-00
Johnston F.A. (grass-cutting 2020 season)	:	£4585-00

0451 - Quarterly budget statement

The Clerk had circulated the latest quarterly budget review to Members.

Members approved the payments (proposer C’Ilr Philpott, seconder C’Ilr Neil James).

0452 - Discussion of situation with brick pavilion, Glebelands Field

The Clerk had not been able to locate any documentation relating to the pavilion ownership. The minute record in his possession only went back as far as 2006. As the pavilion had been constructed in the late 1990s, earlier minute records were needed. However, these were all believed to be in the Pembrokeshire Archives, which were currently closed due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Clerk to check planning history for the building, to see if these contained any relevant information.

0453 - Discussion of situation at Silverdale, including possible changes of use

Covered in item 0447 above.

0454 - Consideration of any necessary actions from asset risk assessment

Still awaiting contact from the Company responsible for the proposed construction of the ramp into The Close Field, in order to arrange a joint site meeting to look at protective works to the rear of the bus shelter.

Any other business

0455 - Signage at the end of Brickhurst Park. C’Ilr Wilkins had been contacted about the signage proliferating at the end of Brickhurst Park, on the highway verge by the Vine car park. C’Ilr Neil James commented that this was similar to the situation previously discussed, at the railway bridge. In respect of the signage by The Vine, Members felt that it was not very bad, or obstructing highway in any significant way. C’Ilr Philpott mentioned a trailer parked on verge by the turnoff to the Station, in use by the Garden Centre. She felt that this was unstable, and could pose a safety risk. C’Ilr Philpott undertook to report this to P.C.C. Streetcare.

The meeting concluded at 8-25pm.

Next scheduled meeting – Monday 10th November 2020.

Signed.....Chairman

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