

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Johnston Community Council held on 8th July 2024 in the Johnston Institute, and also online using the Zoom video-conferencing platform.

Present: Cllrs Aled Thomas (Chairman), Nina Philpott (vice-Chairman), Yvonne Llewellyn, Len Gale, Neil James, Grayham Passmore, Louise Jones; Peter Horton (Clerk).

Apologies : C'Ilrs. Janet Jeffries, Kaidan Alenko, Martyn Spilsbury, Christine Wilkins,

2148 - Declarations of known Interests

None.

2149 – To receive the minutes from the June 2024 monthly meeting

The minutes of the June 2024 monthly meeting were approved as written (proposer C'Ilr Louise Jones, seconder C'Ilr Yvonne Llewellyn).

Matters arising

2150 - Discussion of link footpath from Church Road to Hayston View

C'Ilr Aled Thomas had been informed that outstanding work was due to be completed later that week.

2151 – request for path along main road from Bulford Road to roundabout.

C'Ilr Aled Thomas had been informed that a shared use footpath was due to be installed later in 2024.

2152 - Discussion of speeding problems and pavement provision, Hayston Road and Church Road

No change.

2153 - Discussion of possible purchase of planter for village entrance

C'Ilr Aled Thomas had met with officers from the Trunk Road Agency (SWTRA) to look at the site, and discuss possibilities. The outcome was that SWTRA had been against the idea of placing planters on the verge areas. However, they had undertaken to fund and undertake the planting of bulbs and flowers at a number of locations through the village in the autumn.

2154 - Discussion of littering problem in community

Currently in hand with C'Ilr Nina Philpott to obtain the names of the pupils involved in recent litter-picking sessions. Agenda item to be tabled for discussion in September.

2155 - Discussion of arrangements for future community website provision

Clerk to attend planned training session in September.

2156 - Discussion of abandoned caravans and vehicles in community

No change, with Members uncertain whether or not the black Rover parked in Hillcroft had been removed.

2157 - Discussion of arrangements for repair of bus shelter broken panes

C'Ilr Aled Thomas to pursue possible repairs with Owen Roberts of P.C.C.

2158 - Discussion of possible litter bin provision, Hillcroft field

Response still awaited from P.C.C. to the request for a litter bin to be installed in the vicinity of Hillcroft Playing Field.

2159 - Community Council documentation.

Still in hand with C'Ilr Neil James

2160 - Discussion of encroaching growth around the Milford Road bus shelter (northbound side of road)

The Clerk confirmed that this matter had been reported to W.G., and had been acknowledged.

2161 - Discussion of need for adult pad replacements on three community defibrillators

The Clerk confirmed that the defibrillator pads had been changed, and were all now in date. The battery replacement had proved more difficult, with a battery for this unit costing around £200. Members agreed to approve the purchase of the battery, as it was recognised as important to keep the defibrillator in use (proposer C'Ilr Aled Thomas, seconder C'Ilr Nina Philpott).

2162 - Taxi parked on pavement opposite Orchard Court.

C'Ilr Aled Thomas had attempted to contact the owners, but unsuccessfully. However, it was noted that the situation seemed to be generally better of late. Members to monitor the situation.

2163 - Planning

Application consultations received

24/0282/PA - Extension and Alterations; Site Address: Vine Moor, Kiln Road, JOHNSTON, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3PF - No comments.

24/0314/PA - Single storey rear extension, entrance porch and double garage. Site Address: 32, Bulford Road, JOHNSTON, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3EU - No comments.

Consents notified

24/0052/PA - Variation of Condition 1 (Approved Plans) of planning consent refs. 01/0737/PA (outline - residential development), 04/0070/PA (reserved matters - residential development) and 07/0698/PA (Section 73) to allow for the provision of a turning head and additional parking for plots 59 - 60 and 82 - 86; Site Address: Site to the east of the existing petrol station, Pond Bridge, Johnston, Haverfordwest

2164 - Correspondence

- 1) Welsh Water - Information on 'Stop the Block' initiative - Clerk to respond positively, and seek advice on what they would like the community council to do to support the initiative.
- 2) Treeworks - Tree report on Community Council-owned land - The report had identified 21 trees that would need to come down. Agenda item for October to discuss details. In meantime, C'Ilr Neil James to assess and make enquiries regarding possible arrangements to get the necessary work done without inordinate cost to the community council. C'Ilr Neil James also mentioned the Sycamore tree in Cunnigar Lane, concerning which P.C.C. had been going to communicate with the landowner. Clerk to chase up P.C.C. for an update on the situation with this tree.

- 3) Infinity Play - Annual and routine Inspection reports on Close Field and Vine Field playparks - Dealt with in agenda item below.
- 04) Glenn Murray - Request for financial assistance for electrical installation work carried out at the sports pavilion - The cost had amounted to £565. Members recognised the work done as very useful to the wider community, as a very useful facility. It was agreed that a donation of £565 would be made to the Johnston Football Club in connection with this (proposer C'Ilr Neil James, seconder C'Ilr Louise Jones).

2165 - Accounts

Payments for approval

Boverton Nurseries (for flower provision, 2024 season)	:	£ 453-60
Treeworks (tree report 2024)	:	£ 709-50
Wales Audit Office (2020/21 accounts audit)	:	£1944-00
Clerk (reimbursement for defibrillator batteries)	:	£ 17-99
Johnston F.C. (donation for electrical installation)	:	£ 565-00
New defibrillator battery for unit on the Village Institute	:	£ 153-60
David Banfield (bus shelter cleaning, June)	:	£ 72-00
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The above payments were approved by Members (Proposer C'Ilr Aled Thomas, seconder C'Ilr Nina Philpott).

Regarding the donation to the Johnston Football Club, Members felt that it would be good to get some publicity for the donation. This could potentially be publicised on social media, in the local press, etc. Clerk to mention this to Glenn Murray, and ask him to make himself available for a photo-session, possibly in conjunction with a future scheduled football match.

2166 - Any necessary discussion of issues connected with Vine Field

Pedestrian gate from No. 13 Brickhurst Park. It was confirmed that this had still not been installed, despite messages sent by the Clerk following the June meeting. Clerk to write once more, to inform the owner that if the gate had not been installed by 9th September, then the gap would be permanently fenced.

Annual inspection / routine inspection of playground equipment. The reports were discussed in detail. As there were no items with a risk factor greater than 'Low', it was not considered urgent to address these, and the matter was left for more detailed discussion in a future meeting. The partially detached swing was due to be repaired by the playground inspector during his next visit.

2167 - Discussion of issues in Close Field (including possible consideration of CCTV coverage, and consideration of measures to address unauthorised excavations around Skate Park)

CCTV. C'Ilr Aled Thomas had spoken with Gem Services regarding this. A meeting had been deferred until after the General Election, but was not planned for the following week, to look at the detail of a possible installation.

Annual and routine inspection reports on play equipment. Members considered both reports. Clerk to action the following :

- Infinity Play to be asked to action all medium and high-risk items mentioned in the annual report (note - in the case of the wetpour repairs needed, quotation to be sought first);

- Infinity Play to be asked to install new playpark sign to replace the one previously vandalised (note - new one for Vine Field to also be installed).
- Infinity Play to be asked to obtain clarification on the status of the skate ramp equipment cited as non-compliant in the annual inspection report;
- Infinity Play to be asked to replace the existing non-compliant skatepark signage with compliant signage.

Litter bin relocation. Clerk to confirm with Infinity Play the bin needing relocation to replace the one recently removed from close to the skatepark, and ask for this to be actioned.

Unauthorised excavations around skatepark noise barrier. Members noted that this seemed to have settled down, with no recent activity. Members agreed to monitor the situation, and re-visit as necessary in future meetings.

2168 - Discussion of possible provision of roller-skating rink in Close Field Playpark

Surveys had been distributed by C'Ilr Kaidan Alenko. A considerable number of responses had been received back via the various channels set up. Members agreed to extend the deadline by a couple of weeks to allow time for further responses to be received. Agenda item to be tabled for discussion of the results in the September meeting.

2169 - Discussion of progress towards possible replacement of wooden pavilion

A meeting of members working to push forward the project was planned shortly. Agenda item to be tabled for discussion in September.

2170 - Any necessary discussion of progress on project to develop land at Glebelands Field

Clerk to ask George Bevan to cut back lane edges, etc., the same as for 2023, and to include cutting around the newly planted trees (proposer C'Ilr Neil James, seconder C'Ilr Aled Thomas).

Clerk to contact Aled Bowen to pre-book him to carry out the annual maintenance as for 2023. Message to stress that this would need to be scheduled in for October, and not left later, as had happened in 2023 (proposer C'Ilr Neil James, seconder C'Ilr Aled Thomas).

2171 - Discussion of arrangements for completion of license application for memorial bench installation at Church Road

Members discussed the Streetworks license application form, and recognised that a qualified contractor with the necessary accreditation would be needed to complete the paperwork and undertake the work.

Clerk to contact Andrew Gray to ask if he would provide a quotation for the paperwork and installation of a suitable concrete slab. Clerk to provide details of slab size needed to him for this purpose.

2172 - Discussion of 2024 Remembrance Day arrangements

C'Ilr Neil James confirmed that he had been in discussion with Bronwen Walters regarding arrangements, and all was in hand. There was no need to keep this item on the agenda for future meetings.

2173 - Discussion of recent damage to cycle path entrance along Brickhurst Park road

It had been reported by C'llr Christine Wilkins that the gate and fence at the cycle path entrance close to her property had been damaged. Clerk to contact Sustrans to ask them to look at it and undertake necessary repairs.

2174 - Any other business

Footpath through Fairview towards school. C'llr Louise Jones mentioned the severely overgrown state of the path, with encroachment from grass and brambles obstructing the pathway. C'llr Aled Thomas undertook to raise this as a concern with P.C.C., with a request for consideration to the route being categorised as a priority route, and included on regular maintenance schedules.

The meeting ended at 8-45pm. Next scheduled meeting – Monday 9th September 2024.

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