

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Johnston Community Council held on 9th November 2020 online, using the Zoom video-conferencing platform.

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

0466 – Declarations of known Interests

C’Ilr Rowlands restated his personal and prejudicial interest in the ongoing matter concerning the land opposite the Johnston Institute.

C’Ilr Philpott restated her personal but non-prejudicial interest in the matter concerning car parking in Hillcroft.

0467 – To receive the minutes from the October 2020 monthly meeting

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

Matters arising

0468 – discussion of street-naming for new development off Cranham Park

Members noted that this was now complete as far as the Community Council’s involvement in selecting the name was concerned. It was now with P.C.C. for the remaining formalities to be completed. Members felt it important that, if the final name had been suggested by more than one child, each one should receive a prize.

0469 – Discussion of biodiversity-related issues

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

0470 – Bus shelter / seat outside NISA Shop

Nothing further received from P.C.C. Clerk to chase up again.

0471- Close Field Skatepark

No further progress to date. Clerk to contact Neil McCarthy in P.C.C., and ask if any available definite proposals can be made available to the Community Council for consideration.

0472 - Discussion of purchase of WW1 commemorative memorial seat

Matter still in hand with C’Ilr Spilsbury, who was awaiting drawings from the fabricators. Members were encouraged to consider possible sites for the bench, for consideration at the December meeting.

0473 - 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.

0474 - Discussion of Highway safety issues, Langford Road

C’Ilr Rowlands undertook to speak again with Darren Thomas of P.C.C., to seek prices for the updated type of speed-activated signage, and enquire about progress towards the possible implementation of a 20mph speed limit along Langford Road.

0475 - Discussion of possible request for yellow lines in Hall Court

C'llr Rowlands commented that P.C.C. had indicated that the current arrangements were viewed as adequate. C'llr Rowlands undertook to discuss the matter again with Darren Thomas of P.C.C. In the meantime, C'llr Fran James to forward any available photographs illustrating the problem to the Clerk.

0476 - Discussion of problems with lighting on footbridge, Langford Road

The Clerk had received a response from P.C.C. to say they had trimmed trees, and were confident that the arrangements were adequate. C'llr Nina Philpott commented that the arrangements were not adequate at all, as it was impossible to walk across the bridge safely at night. Clerk to respond to P.C.C. to relay this, and ask for lights to be put on the bridge itself (proposer C'llr Rowlands, seconder C'llr Neil James).

0477 - Discussion of possible one-way system, Glebelands

A response had been received from P.C.C. asking for a petition / survey to be carried out by the Community Council to canvas local opinion. Members were agreed that this was impracticable at present, due to Coronavirus. Matter to be deferred for further consideration in January.

0478 - Discussion of requirement to report on progress towards producing a plan to encourage biodiversity

Nothing further to report at present.

0479 - Discussion of Vine Field play equipment, etc.

C'llr Rowlands commented that the Community Council needed to formulate a plan for this area. Clerk to contact Neil McCarthy of P.C.C. and ask for a survey report and indication of repair costs for the existing equipment, to inform a further discussion of the best way forward (proposer C'llr Rowlands, seconder C'llr Philpott).

0480 - Discussion of Community Land Trusts

Matter still on hold with C'llr Rowlands for possible discussion with the Biodiversity Implementation Officer during the planned site meeting yet to be arranged.

[NOTE – C'llr Spilsbury left the meeting at this point]

0481 - Review of mole control contract and bus shelter-cleaning contracts.

To be placed on agenda for discussion in December.

0482 - Discussion of link footpath between Hayston View and Church Road.

Members reported that the footpath had now been cleared. Members were concerned about future responsibility for maintenance of the fencelines along either side of the path. Clerk to contact the Road Adoptions Officer to seek their advice on this matter (proposer C'llr Rowlands, seconder C'llr Neil James).

0483 - Discussion of problems with illegal parking outside chip shop

P.C.C. had carried out monitoring on several days, but not noted any problem. Members undertook to continue gathering footage / photographs as possible, for these to be passed on to P.C.C.

0484 - Discussion of hedges / fenceline behind Moors Road

Clerk had written again to the administrators, and again had received no response. Clerk to write again and also try phoning in an effort to elicit a response. Matter to be further reviewed in December. In the meantime it was noted that the hole in the fenceline had been temporarily repaired.

0485 – Cycle path adjacent to Glebelands Field.

Clerk had contacted P.C.C. about the problem. However, Members were reporting that it was still unresolved. Clerk to contact Sean Tilling to ask him to meet C'llrs Philpott and Jeffries on site to look at the problem first hand.

0486 – Hedge along Church Road.

Members reported that P.C.C. had been down and cleaned the pavement, but had left an approximately 5m long section uncleaned, a little way up from C'llr Rowland's property. Additionally, the hedges had not been cut back. Clerk to report again, citing H&S concerns.

0487 – Flowers displays. C'llr Fran. James hoped to complete the planting up of the boxes the following week. Members expressed their thanks to her for the work, and for covering the cost.

0488 – Village Institute.

C'llr Neil James reported that all the necessary sanitisation equipment, etc., was on order. It was hoped that some groups may be able to start using the hall again before the end of the year. The matter would be kept under review, including in relation to the possible resumption of physical meetings of the Community Council.

0489 – Remembrance Day commemoration.

C'llr Neil James thanked all Members who had attended, and made the event, though small, meaningful and dignified.

0490 - Discussion of situation with brick pavilion, Glebelands Field

The Clerk had checked the planning consents for the building when constructed. On the planning applications, the Sports Association had been the applicants. They had also stated themselves as landowners on the applications.

Members were agreed that the matter did not directly concern the Community Council, and it was agreed to leave it in abeyance.

0491 - Discussion of situation at Silverdale, including possible changes of use

Members were informed that a further meeting sponsored by P.C.C. had been scheduled for 5-30pm on Wednesday 11th November. C'llrs Philpott, Rowlands and Neil James to attend, along with the Clerk.

0492 - Signage at the end of Brickhurst Park.

Still in hand with C'llr Philpott to report to P.C.C. Streetcare.

Planning

0493 - Applications

20/0620/PA - Extension and alterations - 28, Brickhurst Park, JOHNSTON, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3PA – no comments.

0494 - Decisions

20/0415/PA - Variation of condition 2 (amended design) of planning permission 18/1136/PA (erection of a dwelling); Site Address: Land adjacent to Highwinds, 38, Brickhurst Park, Johnston, SA62 3PA.

Correspondence

0495 - Darren Thomas, P.C.C. – Response regarding highway-related issues – dealt with in Matters Arising above.

0496 - P.C.C. – Response regarding request for one-way system in Glebelands – dealt with in 0477 above.

0497 - P.C.C. Streetcare – Response regarding parking issues outside Chip Shop – dealt with in 0483 above.

0498 - P.C.C. – Reminders regarding Remembrance Day commemorations – noted.

0499 - P.C.C. – Response regarding lighting issue on footbridge, Langford Road – dealt with in 0476 above.

0500 - Police – Message following recent online meeting to discuss Silverdale – noted.

0501 - Zurich – Insurance Renewal quotation – Clerk to make enquiries with O.V.W. regarding possible alternative providers, and seek some competitive quotations. Matter to be placed on December agenda for decision.

0502 - P.C.C. – Invitation to order flowers for 2021 season – agreed (proposer C’lfr Fran James, seconder C’lfr Rowlands).

0503 - Bryan Morgan – Request for dispensation to miss meetings – agreed (proposer C’lfr Rowlands, seconder C’lfr Philpott).

0504 - Liz Warlow – Request for dispensation to miss meetings – agreed (proposer C’lfr Rowlands, seconder C’lfr Philpott).

0505 - H.L.O. Housing – Invitation to meeting to discuss Silverdale – dealt with in 0191 above.

0506 - Price and Kelway – Messages regarding ongoing legal matters connected with car park – dealt with in agenda item below.

0507 - Robert Dickie – Letter regarding flower bed on verge near to Mormon Chapel, stating that he would be unable to continue looking after it from now on, suggesting someone who might be willing to take it on, and making some suggestions on possible planting schemes – Clerk to send Mr. Dickie a letter of thanks for all the effort he had made into looking after the flower bed so well for many years, and wishing him all good wishes for his future projects and activities. As the flower bed was not on land owned or controlled by the Community Council, it was not felt advisable to proactively Ask anyone else to take it on. Members resolved to leave the matter in abeyance, and see if any contact was made by any third parties regarding the matter (proposer C’lfr Philpott, seconder C’lfr Wilkins).

0508 - Rob Pratt – Request for dispensation to miss meetings – agreed (proposer C’lfr Rowlands, seconder C’lfr Philpott).

Accounts

0509 - Payments

David Banfield (bus shelter cleaning)	:	£ 60-00
Johnston F.C. (post season grass-cutting)	:	£ 200-00
Johnston F.C. (contribution towards work to wooden pavilion):	:	£ 100-00
Royal British Legion	:	£ 75-00

Members resolved to make the above payments, including increasing the amount to be paid to the Royal British Legion from the invoiced amount to a total £75 donation payment (proposer C'Ilr Neil James, seconder C'Ilr Rowlands).

0510 – Members' allowances.

Members resolved that cheques for the Members' allowances should be sent out to all Members who had not informed the Clerk in writing by Friday 13th November of their wish to waive the payment (proposer C'Ilr Philpott, seconder C'Ilr Neil James).

0511 - Charitable donations

Matter to be tabled as an agenda item for consideration in December.

0512 - Consideration of any necessary actions from asset risk assessment

No change from the previous month.

Any other business

0513 - Cars being parked near access to cycle path. C'Ilr Spilsbury raised this as a problem.

0514 – L.D.P. C'Ilr Rowlands mentioned the importance of keeping abreast of any developments in the L.D.P. Clerk to make enquiries with P.C.C. and C'Ilr Joseph regarding the current situation, especially in relation to potential sites alongside Church Road. Matter to be placed on December meeting agenda for discussion.

0515 – Dog bins, Hillcroft. C'Ilr Jones had received requests to have dog bins placed on Hillcroft Field. Matter to be placed on agenda for discussion in December.

0516 – Cunnigar Woods. C'Ilr Neil James reported that the Fire Brigade had been called to Cunnigar Woods, as someone had set fire to the picnic table and bench. The general consensus was that there was no urgent reason to replace these.

0517 – Parking, The Close. C'Ilr Jeffries mentioned increasing problems with parking provision in The Close.

[NOTE – C'Ilr Rowlands left the meeting at this point].

0518 - Discussion of situation with car park opposite Village Institute

Members discussed recent correspondence and communications from the solicitor in connection with the forthcoming court hearing.

The meeting concluded at 9-35pm.

Next scheduled meeting – Monday 14th December 2020.

Signed.....Chairman

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