

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Johnston Community Council held on 9th September 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, Janet Jeffries, Martyn Spilsbury, Christine Wilkins, Grayham Passmore; Peter Horton (Clerk).

Apologies : C'Ilrs. Neil James, Kaidan Alenko, Louise Jones,

2175 - Declarations of known Interests

None.

2176 – To receive the minutes from the July 2024 monthly meeting

The minutes of the July 2024 monthly meeting were approved as written (proposer C'Ilr Aled Thomas, seconder C'Ilr Nina Philpott).

Matters arising

2177 - Discussion of link footpath from Church Road to Hayston View

C'Ilr Neil James had reported that the necessary work was still outstanding. C'Ilr Aled Thomas had subsequently spoken to P.C.C. officers concerning the matter, and they had indicated that they would deal with the matter with the developer using formal processes to get the work completed.

2178 – request for path along main road from Bulford Road to roundabout.

Preliminary survey work was understood to be in hand. C'Ilr Nina Philpott had seen some surveying work being done there.

2179 - Discussion of speeding problems and pavement provision, Hayston Road and Church Road

No change.

2180 – Flower / bulb planting along trunk road.

In hand – nothing further to report to date

2181 - Discussion of arrangements for future community website provision

Clerk to attend planned training session on 24th September.

2182 - 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 or not. C'Ilr Nina Philpott reported that the caravan in Hillcroft was still parked on the highway.

2183 - Discussion of arrangements for repair of bus shelter broken panes

C'Ilr Aled Thomas had spoken to Owen Roberts of P.C.C., and he had passed the matter on to their Building Maintenance section. They had said they had no capacity to carry out the necessary repairs, but could provide a list of approved contractors. C'Ilr Aled Thomas to pass this to the Clerk once received, and Clerk to seek to get the work carried out.

2184 - 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. Clerk to chase up again.

2185 - Community Council documentation.

Still in hand with C'llr Neil James

2186 - Discussion of encroaching growth around the Milford Road bus shelter (northbound side of road)

Members reported that the cutting back work had been completed.

2187 - Discussion of need for adult pad replacements on three community defibrillators

The Clerk confirmed that the defibrillator battery had been renewed as required.

2188 - Taxi parked on pavement opposite Orchard Court.

No change to situation with vehicle parking on pavement. Members to continue monitoring the situation.

2189 - Discussion of arrangements for completion of license application for memorial bench installation at Church Road

Nothing had been heard back from Andrew Gray. Clerk to chase up. Members felt it would be good to get the bench installed before Remembrance Sunday if possible. Clerk to explain this to Andrew Gray.

2190 - Discussion of recent damage to cycle path entrance along Brickhurst Park road

Members were informed that this had been reported to P.C.C. However, nothing had been done to repair the fence. Clerk to report again.

2191 - Footpath through Fairview towards school.

C'llr Nina Philpott reported that the condition of the path was good, and that the work would appear to have been done.

Planning matters

2192 - Application consultations received

24/0330/PA – Installation of 6no. EVC bays and associated infrastructure

Site Address: Haverford West Service Station, Vine Road, Johnston, Haverfordwest, SA62 3PJ – no comments.

24/0450/PA – Expansion of holiday let business with indoor swimming pool for personal & on-site holidaymakers use only with ecological enhancements.

Site Address: Johnston Hall, Church Road, JOHNSTON, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3HD – no comments.

2193 - Consents notified

24/0209/PA – Proposed single storey extension to south elevation to dwelling.

Site Address: 42, Langford Road, Johnston, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3PX

24/0314/PA – Single storey rear extension, entrance porch and double garage.

Site Address: 32, Bulford Road, JOHNSTON, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3EU

24/0282/PA – Extension and Alterations; Site Address: Vine Moor, Kiln Road, JOHNSTON, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3PF

2194 - Planning refusals notified

23/1092-PA - Expansion of holiday let business to include 3 new shepherd huts together with proposed indoor swimming pool for personal & on-site holidaymakers use only with associated car parking and ecological enhancements; Site Address: Johnston Hall, Church Road, JOHNSTON, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3HD

2195 - Planning application withdrawal notices notified

24/0199/PA - Proposed Extension and Attic Conversion

Site Address: 3, Brickhurst Close, JOHNSTON, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3PH

2196 - Correspondence

- 01) Sustrans – Acknowledgement of message about broken fence, Brickhurst Park – dealt with in 2190 above.
- 02) Infinity Play – Clarification of items listed as high risk on annual inspection report – noted.
- 03) P.C.C. – Update on situation with unsafe tree adjacent to Cunnigar Lane – noted.
- 04) David Charles – Request for confirmation of requirements for Christmas tree provision – Members resolved to choose the cheaper option (proposer C’Ilr Nina Philpott, seconder C’Ilr Martyn Spilsbury). Clerk to inform David Charles accordingly.
- 05) Local resident – concerns over school transport arrangements from Johnston to Haverfordwest High School – Members discussed in detail. It was noted that the P.C.C. rules on catchment areas / relevant distances from schools was very clear. C’Ilr Aled Thomas to forward the email he had received concerning this from P.C.C. to the Clerk, for circulation to all Members. C’Ilr Aled Thomas also mentioned that he was chairing a working group to look closely at school catchments for all Pembrokeshire schools, though that exercise would not be completed for several years. Members recognised that little could be done, apart from advocating for a change back in the catchment area to the previous situation. It was recommended that Members communicate as much as possible with local parents, to convey the details of the situation, and also to gauge local feeling on the matter. It was noted that, in the absence of information to the contrary, there did not seem to be any serious discontent with the current situation among Village residents.

2197 - Accounts

Payments for approval

George Bevan (grounds clearance, Glebelands)	:	£ 864-00
Infinity Play (Repair works, Close Field and Vine Field)	:	£ 450-60
David Banfield (bus shelter cleaning August)	:	£ 72-00
One Voice Wales (2024/25 subscription)	:	£ 391-00
Wales Audit Office (Audit of 2021/22 accounts)	:	£ 280-00
Clerk (salary / fixed expenses, July – September)	:	As per contract
H.M.R.C. (P.A.Y.E. tax)	:	As per contract

The above payments were approved by Members (proposer C’Ilr Aled Thomas, seconder C’Ilr Christine Wilkins).

2198 - Discussion of arrangements to mark recent efforts of local schoolchildren in litter-picking

C'llr Louise Jones was not present to provide the names of the children who had carried out the litter-picking. This would be needed for certificates to be organised, and a presentation (probably in a school assembly) to the children involved.

C'llr Aled Thomas undertook to try and obtain the names from C'llr Louise Jones, and, once received, to make arrangements for certificates to be printed. It was felt by Members that the initiative to recognise the positive actions of the children involved could have a motivating effect on others. A possible competition later in the year for litter-picking was mentioned as a possibility, but not discussed in detail.

2199 - Any necessary discussion of issues connected with Vine Field

Members reported that the bin emptying had now resumed.

Members reported that the pedestrian gate from 13 Brickhurst Park had still not been installed. Clerk to ask Infinity Play to put in hand arrangements to fence across the gap, and specify the earliest possible date for this to be done (week commencing 23rd September if possible). Clerk to let landowner know of the actions in hand, a date, and let landowner know (proposer C'llr Aled Thomas, seconder C'llr Martyn Spilsbury).

2200 - Discussion of issues in Close Field (including possible consideration of CCTV coverage)

CCTV. C'llr Aled Thomas confirmed that he was looking into getting a quotation for the work. This was in hand, but was likely to be expensive, especially with the ancillary costs of providing an electricity supply, etc. C'llr Aled Thomas undertook to investigate the possibility of grant assistance with P.C. Neil Lees, though he thought this was probably unlikely to be successful.

Playground re-surfacing repairs. Members resolved to accept the Infinity Play quotation SQ-134, forwarded to Members 15th July, for safer surfacing repairs around the play equipment, to be completed in black wetpour (proposer C'llr Aled Thomas, seconder C'llr Nina Philpott).

Playpark sign. Clerk to ask Infinity Play to replace the sign.

Litter bin. It was noted that this had been reinstated as required.

Hole in boundary fence alongside Moors Road. Members were unsure if this had been repaired. Information to be passed to Clerk if anyone should notice this.

2201 - Discussion of possible provision of roller-skating rink in Close Field Playpark

Members were in possession of the survey results, both those submitted in print, and online. C'llr Aled Thomas undertook to collate the results into a spreadsheet for consideration at the October meeting. Agenda item for review of the results to be tabled for discussion in October.

2202 - Discussion of progress towards possible replacement of wooden pavilion

In hand with Members involved with the working group to progress the project.

2203 - Any necessary discussion of progress on project to develop land at Glebelands Field

It was noted that the paths had been strimmed back recently. Aled Bowen was due to go in imminently to carry out further works.

2204 - Discussion of safety concerns over Rosemarket resident using Langford Road to walk between Johnston and Rosemarket

Members understood that the individual concerned was probably in hospital at present. C'llr Aled Thomas had suggested to P.C.C. officers that, if she came out again, a proper care package would need to be in place. Members to liaise as necessary with Rosemarket C.C., monitor the situation, and report if necessary to the relevant authorities.

2205 - Any other business

Cars parked at railway station. C'llr Grayham Passmore had passed details of some untaxed / out of M.o.T. vehicles parked here to the Clerk. Clerk to report those mentioned in emails. Clerk to check land ownership, as it was noted that this was probably private land.

The meeting ended at 8-10pm. Next scheduled meeting – Monday 14th October 2024.

Signed.....Chairman

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