

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Johnston Community Council held on 11th September 2023 online using the Zoom video-conferencing platform.

Present: Cllrs Nina Philpott (Chairman), Janet Jeffries, Yvonne Llewellyn, Martyn Spilsbury; Peter Horton (Clerk).

Apologies : C'llrs Kaidan Alenko, Neil James, Aled Thomas, Len Gale, Louise Jones, Christine Wilkins, Tracey Young.

1864 - Declarations of known Interests

C'lr Nina Philpott noted a personal and prejudicial interest in any potential discussion about the caravan parked on the road opposite her house.

1865 – To receive the minutes from the July 2023 monthly meeting

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

1866 – To receive the minutes from the E.G.M. held on 24th July 2023

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

Matters arising

1867 - Discussion of purchase of WW1 commemorative memorial bench.

C'lr Martyn Spilsbury confirmed that it had been planned for the graphic designer to attend the meeting to present large scale drawings of the proposed bench, but that this had not been suitable for a Zoom presentation. He expected that she would be able to attend the next meeting in the Village Institute.

1868 - Discussion of quotation for work on bus shelter, St. Peter's Road

Members confirmed that the work was complete, and were very happy with the end result.

1869 - Discussion of link footpath from Church Road to Hayston View

It was not known whether or not the streetlights along the path were now functioning or not, or the latest situation regarding the proposed adoption of the path. Matter to be kept open for the time being.

1870 - Discussion of arrangements for future maintenance of defibrillators

C'lr Nina Philpott confirmed that she had checked the defibrillators in August. All was in order, but it was noted that a number of pad sets were due for replacement. Clerk to arrange this as necessary. C'lr Martyn Spilsbury to arrange to check the units in September.

1871 - Discussion of establishment of vexatious communication policy

No change, with matter still in hand with Clerk.

1872 – Close Field playpark matters.

Earth bank near skatepark. Members reported quite substantial damage to the earth bank. This had also been flagged up on the most recent playground inspection report. Clerk to ask the playground inspector for any suggestions / recommendations on how this could be tackled.

Boundary chainlink fencing. Members reported that the problem of access and egress over the damaged chainlink fencing was ongoing. The Clerk informed Members that the investigative work to the chainlink fencing was expected to be completed prior to the October meeting.

Littering problem. Members reported a serious problem with littering around the playground and surrounding areas. C’Ilr Nina Philpott mentioned that P.C. Lees was due to attend a litter-picking session with local youths the following week. It was hoped that this might encourage proper use of the litter bins. Clerk to write to the school to ask them to cover the problem of littering and importance of using litter bins in one of their daily assemblies.

1873 - New Council houses at Cranham Park

Members had noted steady progress on the development.

1874 – fly-tipping on land behind Acorn Drive.

The Clerk confirmed that this had been passed to the P.C.C. fly-tipping unit for action.

1875 - Discussion of community litter bin provision

P.C.C. had confirmed with the Clerk that they did not currently hold stocks of bins for installation. Clerk to obtain price for supply and installation of a new litter bin for Vine Field.

Regarding the litter bin in Glebelands, it had been flagged up by P.C.C. that additional black bags of litter had been left by the bin for collection, which was not acceptable. Members thought it likely that these had been left there by litter-picking groups. The importance of using the correct red bags for this purpose was emphasised.

1876 – request for path along main road between Bulford Road and roundabout.

Currently in hand with the Welsh Government to carry out feasibility studies and produce plans of a proposal for pavement provision.

1877 - Loose drain cover on main road by chip shop.

The Clerk had reported the matter to the T.R.A. They had subsequently been back in touch to confirm that they had inspected the cover, found it to be defective, and served a notice on B.T. to fix it. Members did not know whether or not the cover and frame had since been repaired.

1878 - Discussion of situation at Silverdale

Matter currently in hand with C’Ilr Aled Thomas to make arrangements with the P.C.C. Cabinet member to attend a future meeting.

1879 - Johnston Development Trust.

It was confirmed that the trust had been dissolved, and funds to the amount of £880-33 had been transferred to J.C.C.

1880 – Community school governor vacancy.

The Clerk confirmed that he had been in discussion with the P.C.C. Governor Support Services team about the vacancy. They had confirmed that C’Ilr Kaidan Alenko’s previous appointment had been void, due to incorrect procedures having been followed. The process had since been re-commenced, and J.C.C. had now been invited to submit fresh nominations (one or more) for consideration. Members voted to nominate C’Ilrs Kaidan Alenko and Neil James for consideration, both of whom had expressed an interest / willingness to carry out the role (proposer C’Ilr Nina Philpott, seconder C’Ilr Martyn Spilsbury). Clerk to pass the nominations to P.C.C. accordingly.

1881 - Discussion of parking problems at Hillcroft

It was reported that there was no change in the situation, with the caravan still parked as previously. Matter to be reviewed next month.

[NOTE – as there was no discussion of the matter, C’Ilr Nina Philpott did not need to declare an interest or leave the meeting].

1882 - Discussion of traffic issues at junction of Langford Road / Main Road

In hand with C’Ilr Aled Thomas. Clerk to enquire from C’Ilr Thomas as to any available updates / progress reports.

1883 – volunteer community litter-picking.

The valuable efforts of the two local children who had been carrying out litter-picking was again mentioned, with Members being most appreciative of their efforts, and impressed by the community-minded actions. It was arranged that C’Ilr Nina Philpott would arrange to purchase some small gift as a gesture of thanks to them, and arrange to pass this to them the following week.

Planning

1884 - Application consultations received

23/0201/PA - Change of use of first floor to create a self-contained flat; Site Address: 20, St Peters Road, JOHNSTON, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3PR – No comments.

23/0313/PA - Ground floor bedroom extension; Site Address: Vine Moor, Kiln Road, JOHNSTON, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3PF – No comments.

23/0328/PA - Replacement of lean-to utility with contemporary alternative, creation of front dormers for attic space and replacement of temporary container/log store with machinery/tools work store; Site Address: Auberon House, JOHNSTON, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3HJ – No comments.

23/0370/PA - Demolish existing building and construct new shed/store with rear offices; Site Address: Two sheds located adjacent to Glebelands, Johnston Football Club, Johnston – dealt with in agenda item below.

Correspondence

1885 - Wales Audit Office – Report into historical complaint by Greg Bishop – dealt with in agenda item below.

1886 - Sovereign Play – Undertaking to replace defective swing hangers at Vine Field – noted.

1887 – P.C. Neil Lees – Advice on legal position regarding caravan parked on highway – noted.

1888 - P.C.C. – Invitation for nominations to position of additional community governor, Johnston School – covered above.

1889 – P.C.C. – Notification that a bat survey would be required in connection with planning application ref. 23/0370/PA – dealt with in agenda item below.

Accounts

1890 - Income

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| Johnston Development Trust | : | £ 880-33 |
| P.C.C. (precept, second instalment) | : | £12,000-00 |

1891 - Payments for approval

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| Milsom Planning (Planning application fee) | : | £ 460-00 |
| Milsom Planning (Quantity Surveying fee) | : | £ 500-00 |
| SSE Electrics (Christmas electricity supply) | : | £ 77-62 |
| George Bevan (Grass-cutting) | : | £ 720-00 |
| Clerk (salary / fixed expenses, July – September) | : | As per contract |
| H.M.R.C. (P.A.Y.E. tax on above) | : | As per contract |
| David Banfield (bus shelter cleaning July and August) | : | £ 144-00 |

The above payments were approved by Members (proposer C’Ilr Nina Philpott, seconder C’Ilr Martyn Spilsbury).

1891 – Charitable donations. The Clerk informed Members that he had been unable to contact Get the Boys a Lift regarding arrangements to make a donation. C’Ilr Janet Jeffries undertook to try to make contact with them in order to move this forward. If unsuccessful, matter to be left in abeyance.

1892 - Discussion of Wales Audit Office letter regarding historical complaint by Greg Bishop

The Clerk had circulated the letters / report to Members. The Clerk explained that he had been in subsequent telephone discussion with the Auditor regarding a number of errors and omissions in the report / letter. As a result, the Auditor had agreed that the response deadline for the community council should be extended to the end of October, to allow time for any necessary amendments to the report to be made. Matter to be tabled for further discussion in October. In the meantime, Clerk to confirm the matters discussed with the Auditor in a letter to them, so that the issues discussed should be a matter of record.

1893 - Any necessary discussion of issues connected with Vine Field

The Clerk confirmed that Infinity Play hoped to complete the outstanding work at the Vine Field in advance of the October meeting. Complaints had been received from one resident complaining about Hawthorn left scattered around after recent hedge-cutting. Householder had been advised to report this directly to P.C.C., who were thought to have carried out the hedge-cutting, and as the complaint related to a private property.

1894 - Discussion of possible provision of roller-skating rink in Close Field Playpark

In hand with C'llr Kaidan Alenko.

1895 - Discussion of progress towards possible replacement of wooden pavilion

P.C.C. had advised that a bat survey was needed. Clerk to make arrangements for this, and seek further approval from Members if the cost was significantly higher than the expected amount.

C'llrs Nina Philpott and Neil James had met a local agent about assistance for seeking funding for the project, and matters were progressing with this aspect too.

1896 - Any necessary discussion of progress on project to develop land at Glebelands Field, including gating of ungated access from cycle path

Gate replacement onto cycle path. C'llr Janet Jeffries reported that this was still in hand with Sean Tilling of P.C.C. She undertook to follow this up as needed.

Grass-cutting / brush-cutting. This had been completed.

Funding for further planting. Aethne Cooke of P.C.C. had advised C'llr Neil James that they may be able to assist with obtaining funding for planting, etc., and this was currently in hand with them.

Cherry trees. C'llr Neil James had suggested that it might be good to consider obtaining a further four Cherry trees, to replace those recently damaged, and augment the planting.

1897 - Discussion of advertisement to fill open casual vacancy

The Clerk confirmed that no expressions of interest had been received. Matter to be kept on the monthly agenda. Clerk to forward the vacancy notice to C'llr Nina Philpott for posting on the community Facebook page.

1898 - Discussion of possible honours nominations

Members felt this was not currently relevant. Matter to be removed from agenda.

1899 - Discussion of Training for defibrillator use

The Clerk had attempted to contact the trainer from W.A.S., but without success. Clerk to chase up W.A.S. regarding the matter again.

Any other business

1900 – Tree damage and deterioration, Langford Road. Members reported some branches down and apparent deterioration of trees on Langford Road. Matter to be tabled for discussion in October.

The meeting ended at 8-40pm. Next scheduled meeting – Monday 9th October 2023.

Signed.....Chairman

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