

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Johnston Community Council held on 14th November 2022 online, in the Johnston Institute, Church Road, Johnston, and also online using the Zoom video-conferencing platform.

**Present: Cllrs Neil James, Tracey Young, Aled Thomas, Nina Philpott, Fran James, Kaidan Alenko, Janet Jeffries, Yvonne Llewellyn, Len Gale, Martyn Spilsbury, Christine Wilkins; Peter Horton (Clerk);
Apologies : C'Ilr Louise Jones**

1455 – Declarations of known Interests

None

1456 – To receive the minutes from the October 2022 monthly meeting

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

Matters arising

1457 - Discussion of purchase of WW1 commemorative memorial seat

Still in hand with C'Ilr Martyn Spilsbury, with the hope that some progress might be achieved within the following week or so.

1458- Discussion of possible request for yellow lines in Hall Court

The work to alter the junction had been completed, but no double yellow lines installed. However, due to the narrowing of the carriageway at this point, Members felt they were needed more than ever. It was not certain whether or not these had been included as part of the original scheme. Clerk to check on this with P.C.C.

1459 - Discussion of quotation for work on bus shelter, St. Peter's Road

Still in hand with P.C.C., who had plans to replace the bus shelter within the current financial year.

Separately, Members reported that the front panel of the Glebelands bus shelter was broken. Clerk to contact P.C.C. with a request to repair this.

1460 - Discussion of link footpath from Church Road to Hayston View

Members were reporting that the path was open and accessible. However, C'Ilr Neil James reported that the road sign and hydrant post still needed resetting. Clerk to report the road sign to P.C.C. as needing replacing.

1461 - Discussion of arrangements for future maintenance of defibrillators

C'Ilr Aled Thomas informed Members that the press release was ready, and just needed circulating to Members for any comments.

1462 - Discussion of establishment of vexatious communication policy

Matter still in hand with Clerk.

1463 - Discussion of needed boundary repairs to Vine Field

C'Ilr Nil James informed Members that the work had been completed satisfactorily. He felt that some scraping and levelling of the exposed ground areas would be needed to prevent a recurrence. C'Ilr Christine Wilkins thought that her husband could possibly do this with his tractor, if needed. Members appreciated this gesture, and it was left for C'Ilr Christine Wilkins to try and arrange this if needed, by arrangement with C'Ilr Neil James.

1464 - Discussion of possible one-way system in Glebelands

Nothing further heard back from P.C.C. following the request made for an update after the September meeting. Clerk to chase up with P.C.C.

1465 - Discussion of Remembrance Day service arrangements

Members reported that the service had gone successfully, and the new orders of service were excellent, as was the music and reading (done by C'Ilr Aled Thomas). Regarding music arrangements, C'Ilr Tracey Young had spoken with the headmaster, who thought it was possible that someone in the school might be able to assist with the music in future years. C'Ilr Neil James mentioned the need for two wreaths for 2023. Clerk to make arrangements for this.

1466 - Discussion of arrangements to commence grant project for Vine Field, including consideration of revised quotation from Sovereign Play

C'Ilr Spilsbury had received a telephone call that afternoon from Sovereign. Negotiations with adjacent landowners were currently in hand for placing containers, etc., on land, to finalise the arrangements for installation.

1467 - Discussion of arrangements for siting of 'Stop and Chat' bench

This still to be carried out in conjunction with the work on Glebelands Field, due to commence the following day.

1468 – Church Road.

Members were informed that the pavement cleaning had now been completed.

1469 – Correspondence on fenceline.

Members were informed that the Playground Inspector had looked at this, and confirmed that the existing fence was obstructed by the trees growing over from the adjacent property. Clerk to write to them to say that work to improve / repair the fence could be done, but only after the property owners had arranged to cut back the trees to beyond the fenceline, and reduced their height to no more than 2m in height.

1470 - Discussion of Community Council Biodiversity Enhancement report

In hand with C'Ilr Neil James to complete by the end of 2022.

1471 - School catchment areas. C'Ilr Aled Thomas mentioned that there was a new ongoing problem with 27 Johnston children not having dedicated transport provided to the new Haverfordwest High School. He said this was an ongoing issue, subject to current review within P.C.C.

Planning

1472 - Applications received

22/0507/PA – Change of use from existing retail storage space to self-contained first floor flat; Site Address: 20, St Peters Road, JOHNSTON, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3PR – No comments.

22/0617/PA - Annex and associated works; Site Address: 41, Brookside Avenue, JOHNSTON, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3PQ – No comments.

1473 - Consents granted

19/0703/PA - Variation of condition 24 (noise monitoring scheme) of planning permission 18/0383/MN (Variation of conditions 14 (blast monitoring review scheme), 17 (blast monitoring scheme) and 25 (ground water and surface water monitoring scheme) of permission ref: 07/0705/MN (extension to Bolton Hill Quarry and associated soil stripping, creation of screen bunds/ soil stockpiles and related restoration works) to allow for alternative timeframes)); Site Address: Bolton Hill Quarry, TIERS CROSS, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3ER

Correspondence

1474 - P.C.C. – Response to further message about Church Road – noted.

1475 - P.C.C. – Holding message about bus shelter replacement – noted.

1476 - Tour of Pembrokeshire – Invitation to assist with running of event – noted.

Accounts

1477 - Payments for approval

Bert Edwards (printing)	:£ 145-00
R.B.L.(wreath donation)	:£ 75-00
Simply Landscaping (sleeper edging)	:£1440-00
Simply Landscaping (vegetation removal)	:£3000-00
David Banfield (bus shelter cleaning)	:£ 72-00
W.H. Darby (supply and engraving of bars for chain of office – chain of office left with C'Ilr Nina Philpott)	:£ 62-30
Zurich (insurance)	:£ 876-05
Large Garden winner, Johnston in Bloom, 44, Hillcroft	:£ 20-00
Large Garden runner-up, Johnston in Bloom, Fairlawns, Neyland Road	:£ 10-00
Small Garden Winner, Johnston in Bloom, 12, Hall Court	:£ 20-00
Small Garden runner-up, Johnston in Bloom, 14, Bulford Road	:£ 10-00

The above payments were approved by Members (proposer C'Ilr Nina Philpott, seconder C'Ilr Fran James).

1478 - Discussion of possible replacement of wooden pavilion

C'Ilr Neil James reported that this was still in hand. He commented that it would need a concerted effort to move forward successfully, and that the existing pavilion would definitely need replacing within five years or so.

1479 - Discussion of determinations based on I.R.P. 2022/23 report

The discretionary allowances stipulated in the I.R.P. 2023 report were determined as follows, for the 2023/24 financial year :

Determination 45 (Senior Role Payment)	:	Not approved.
Determination 46 (Reimbursement of travel expenses)	:	Approved
Determination 47 (Reimbursement of overnight stay costs)	:	Approved
Determination 48 (Financial loss compensation)	:	Approved
Determination 49 (Attendance allowance)	:	Not approved
Determination 50 (Chairman allowance)	:	Reserved for payment if deemed appropriate
Determination 51 (vice-Chairman allowance)	:	Reserved for payment if deemed appropriate

Clerk to check the exact situation with reimbursement of caring / childcare costs, and circulate this information to Members when available.

1480 - Discussion of project to develop land at Glebelands Field

C'Ilr Neil James reported that work was due to commence that week on the work on the corner of Glebelands Field. Regarding the work to be carried out by the P.C.C. Biodiversity Group, nothing further had been heard. Clerk to make contact with P.C.C., to seek information on the proposed timescale for carrying out the work.

1481 - Discussion of Johnston in Bloom competition results

The judging had been completed by C'Ilrs Nina Philpott and Fran James. The results were as follows :

Large Garden winner	:	44, Hillcroft
Large Garden runner-up	:	Fairlawns, Neyland Road
Small Garden Winner	:	12, Hall Court
Small Garden runner-up	:	14, Bulford Road

Clerk to send letters, accompanying certificates and cheques to the winners and runners-up (£20 for winners, £10 for runners-up). Formal approval of the cheques covered in 'Accounts' above. Due to lack of competition, it was decided to suspend the 'Commercial' category for 2022. It was decided to suspend the award of shields for the 2022 season, due to the work involved. This to be reviewed in 2023.

1482 - Discussion of arrangements for recently-retired members

After much discussion, Members decided that attendance at a formal event might be difficult for some of the ex-Members, due to health concerns, etc. An event, possibly in the Johnston Institute, was not ruled out, possibly for the New Year. However, for the present, it was decided to seek prizes for Christmas hampers, to be given as gifts to Ken Rowlands, Bryan Morgan, and Liz Warlow. A budget of £100 each was set for these, with a request that they should be available in time for the December meeting. C'Ilr Tracey Young undertook to investigate local suppliers. It was also arranged that bouquets of flowers would be obtained for Mrs Rowlands and Mrs Morgan. C'Ilr Neil James to arrange printing of the 'Freedom of Johnston' certificate for Bryan Morgan to be ready by the December meeting. Clerk to check on funding restrictions for paying for these items in advance of the December meeting.

1483 - Discussion of formation of Community Council Whatsapp Group

Clerk to set up a Whatsapp group for all Members for the general exchange of information, but not for formal decision-making (proposer C'Ilr Nina Philpott, seconder C'Ilr Aled Thomas). This to be reviewed in a few months' time.

1484 - Discussion of appointment of representative to Sports Association

Left in abeyance for the present. Members did not feel that the appointment of a Member at this time was necessary, since the Sports Association could approach the Community Council with any concerns.

Any other business

1485 - New Council houses at Cranham Park. Members enquired as to the timetable for project completion. This was thought to be scheduled for spring 2023.

1486 - Fibre optic cable installation works, The Close. C'Ilr Janet Jeffries commented on the mess left during recent installation works. C'Ilrs Nina Philpott and Aled Thomas undertook to make contact with O.G.I. to raise concerns over this.

1487 - December meeting. C'Ilr Neil James offered apologies in advance for not being available to attend the December meeting.

The meeting ended at 8-40pm. Next scheduled meeting – Monday 12th December 2022.

Signed.....Chairman
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