

**Minutes of the monthly meeting of Johnston Community Council held on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021 online, using the Zoom video-conferencing platform.**

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

**0662 – Declarations of known Interests**

None

**0663 – To receive the minutes from the February 2021 monthly meeting**

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

**Matters arising**

**0664 – Bus shelter / seat outside NISA Shop**

P.C.C. had indicated that they still expected to complete the work in March.

**0665- Close Field Skatepark**

Matter still in hand with C’lr Rowlands.

**0666 - Discussion of purchase of WW1 commemorative memorial seat**

Matter still in hand with C’lr Spilsbury, who was awaiting further details from the fabricators.

**0667 - Discussion of possible request for yellow lines in Hall Court**

Nothing further had been heard from P.C.C. in response to the request for more details of the extent of ownership of the Highway at this location. Clerk to try to obtain this information by other means.

Members also understood that the adjacent Club premises, currently owned by Mr. Merrick Evans, were understood to be for sale.

**0668 - Discussion of problems with lighting on footbridge, Langford Road**

Members were informed that bulb replacement on lights in Langford Road had still not been carried out. C’lr Neil James mentioned that a few broken lights in the area had recently been replaced with led bulbs, which were a lot brighter.

**0669 - Discussion of possible one-way system, Glebelands**

Matter to be kept on hold until after the lockdown was over, with a view to carrying out a survey of residents then.

**0670 - Discussion of requirement to report on progress towards producing a plan to encourage biodiversity**

Nothing further to report at present.

**0671 - Discussion of Community Land Trusts**

Matter still on hold with C’lr Rowlands for possible discussion with the Biodiversity Implementation Officer during the planned site meeting yet to be arranged. C’lr Neil James commented that there was huge potential for doing something down there to

improve the area, and the sooner a meeting could be arranged with the biodiversity officer, the better.

**0672 - Discussion of hedges / fenceline behind Moors Road**

C'llr Philpott confirmed that the metal fencing was there awaiting collection. Clerk to ask P.C.C. to pick this up.

**0673 – Cycle path adjacent to Glebelands Field.**

Cycle path still awaiting further clearance work. Members noted that the path at Cunnigar Lane had been completed, and looked very good. However, bad fly-tipping from the adjacent estate had occurred.

**0674 - Discussion of situation at Silverdale, including possible changes of use.**

Clerk to chase up progress on the planning enforcement investigation.

The Clerk confirmed that he had reported the problems of misuse of the bus shelter in St. Peter's Road to Pobwl, and they had undertaken to have a word with the residents.

**0675 - Signage at the end of Brickhurst Park.**

No change. Matter to be removed from the agenda, as in reality the situation there was not too bad.

**0676 - Cars being parked near access to cycle path.**

Nothing further had been heard from Streetcare. Clerk to chase up again.

**0677 – Work needed on Glebelands Field and adjacent land.**

C'llr Neil James reported that the work had been completed on the concrete path and also around Cocky's Pond. A good job had been done. Around the far side, a reasonable sized tree had been felled and laid near the edge of the pond to deter people from going too close to the edge of the pond.

A recent occurrence of moles on the football pitch had been reported to West Wales Pest Control for action.

Members discussed the problem of rubbish dumped around the edge of the Glebelands Field. Nathan Jones had provided a quotation of £360 + waste transfer charges to clear this, and the undergrowth as well. Members resolved to accept the quotation (proposer C'llr Philpott, seconder C'llr Fran. James). Clerk to notify Mr. Jones accordingly, and check that the quotation definitely included removal of the growth as well.

Regarding discouraging future dumping of rubbish, Members considered possibly carrying out a letter drop to the properties in Glebelands. Clerk to obtain a costing for this prior to the April meeting. In the meantime, Clerk to contact P.C.C. to ask if they could take any action to address the issue of residents in Glebelands dumping rubbish over the fence into Cunnigar Lane. C'llr Philpott also mentioned that she would try and arrange for a mention of the problem to be made on the Facebook page.

**0678 - Discussion of arrangements for playground inspections.**

The Clerk confirmed that arrangements were in place for inspections to be organised by P.C.C. from April. The Clerk had asked P.C.C. for confirmation of whether or not

an inspection had been done at the Vine Field to cover the period up until April 1st. No response had yet been received.

#### **0679 - Discussion of request for dog bin provision, Hillcroft**

C'llr Neil James had looked into the possible provision of dog poo septic tanks. It was reported that the success of these was limited, as people would tend to use them for depositing ordinary litter. The cost of installation was around £2000 per unit. In view of the fact that the land at Hillcroft was not owned or controlled by the Community Council, a decision was made for the Clerk to send a message to P.C.C. to let them know that a request had been received for dog bin provision at Hillcroft.

#### **0680 - Discussion of possible development of land adjacent to Johnston School**

C'llr Young informed Members that the situation had now changed, as the funding being sought by the school had not been awarded. It was thought possible that there might be another opportunity to obtain funding later on. In the meantime, development of the land was continuing as possible.

C'llr Wilkins raised the possibility of some kind of grant being given to the school from Community Council funds. C'llr Young undertook to get an update on the situation from the school.

#### **0681 – One Voice Wales.**

C'llr Rowlands had informed the Clerk that he had received a message from the C.E.O. of One Voice Wales. He had indicated that the organisation would be supportive of Councils experiencing anti-democratic action directed against them, and would be writing to the community council to say so.

#### **0682 – Playground equipment.**

C'llr Spilsbury informed Members that he had arranged for no-obligation site visits to be carried out by two playground equipment suppliers, with a view to getting some suggestions on possible installation ideas, and initial costings. Members agreed that this would be a good idea for the Vine Field site, where it was suggested that a purpose-built toddler play area might work well. It was left with C'llr Spilsbury to take the first step regarding the site meetings. Matter to be discussed further in April.

#### **0683 – Cranham Park.**

The Clerk had contacted the P.C.C. Project Officer for the site, and received assurances that the problem of mud and dust on Cranham Park would be addressed. However, C'llr Philpott indicated that it was still a problem. Clerk to contact P.C.C. again to raise the issue as a concern, and to request that a road sweeper and wheel-washing facilities be provided to address the issue.

#### **0684 – Discussion of Community Garden project**

The Clerk reported that repeated messages had been received from Carmarthenshire County Council asking for an interim report on the project, and specifying that all funding needed to be spent by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021. Members felt that pursuing the project in the way required by the grant conditions would not be feasible. It was also felt that it would be better to have a free hand to develop projects without external influence. It was also considered that spending

money on community recreational areas might be better directed to the area around Cockey's Pond.

Matter of possible works to be carried out at Cunnigar Woods to be tabled for discussion in April, with C'Ilr Neil James to consider some possibilities before then to inform the discussion.

Members considered that some kind of garden / planted area might be worth considering in conjunction with any scheme development for play equipment at the Vine Field. C'Ilr Young undertook to look into possibilities for grant funding for a tree-planting scheme.

As far as the £2500 grant money received for the Community Cohesion grant was concerned, Members were united in their view that this should be returned with thanks. In reaching this decision, written representations from local residents expressing concerns over the proposal to form a community garden at the Vine Field were taken into consideration. This authorised in 'Accounts' below. Clerk to inform Terri Harrison / Annette Brenchley accordingly.

### **Planning matters**

#### **0685 - Applications**

**20/0866/PA – Proposed change of use of annex to holiday let; Site Address: 42, St Peters Road, JOHNSTON, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3PJ – No comments.**

**20/0911/PA – Demolition of existing 3 x display conservatories & erection of new showroom (In Retrospect) and advertisement; Site Address: Tru Plas Ltd, Vine Road, JOHNSTON, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3NZ – No comments.**

**20/0975/PA – Proposed roof replacement / extension to create additional accommodation, bedrooms and playroom; Site Address: 23, Langford Road, JOHNSTON, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3PS – No comments.**

**20/1032/PA – Proposed change of use of an existing annex into a short term holiday let; Site Address: Johnston Farm, 2, Milford Road, JOHNSTON, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3EY – No comments.**

#### **0686 - Decisions**

**19/1315/PA - Conversion of an outbuilding into an annexe for use ancillary to main dwelling; Site Address: BRIDGE COTTAGE FARM, Popehill Bridge, POPE HILL, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3NX.**

### **Correspondence**

**0687 - Sarah Bowen, Carmarthenshire C.C. – Letter requesting interim report on Community Cohesion project – dealt with in 0685 above.**

**0688 - P.C.C. – Update on situation with bus shelter provision outside NISA shop – dealt with in 0664 above.**

**0689 - C'Ilr Bryan Morgan – Request for information on a range of issues – Clerk to respond to queries raised. Regarding the matter raised about a path along the Milford Road from the new roundabout towards Bulford Road, Members noted the previous efforts made to get this provided, which had been rejected by the residents of the adjacent properties. Clerk to contact P.C.C. to request the provision of a link footpath along this section (proposer C'Ilr Philpott, seconder C'Ilr Jeffries).**

**0690 - Jane Walters – Concerns over proposed Community Garden at Vine Field – dealt with in 0685 above.**

- 0691** - O.V.W. – Consultation on W.G. Fly-tipping policy – noted.
- 0692** - P.C.C. – Consultation on active travel routes – noted.
- 0693** - Nathan Jones – Quotation for work at Glebelands Field – dealt with in 0678 above.
- 0694** - I.R.P. – 2021 report – dealt with in 0701 below.
- 0695** - O.V.W. – Training course schedule – noted. Agenda item to be tabled for to discuss the implications of the new Local Government legislation. Clerk to circulate relevant information prior to the meeting to inform the discussion.
- 0696** - P.C.C. – Playground inspection report for The Close Field – Matter to be tabled for discussion in April.

## **Accounts**

### **0697 - Payments**

Clerk (salary / fixed expenses January – March 2021)	:	As per contract
H.M.R.C. (P.A.Y.E. tax, January – March 2021)	:	As per contract
P.C.C. (repairs, Close Play area)	:	£ 108-60
Nathan Jones (repairs to path)	:	£ 180-00
Nathan Jones (path clearance around Cocky's Pond)	:	£ 540-00
David Banfield (Bus shelter cleaning)	:	£ 60-00
West Wales Pest Control (Mole control)	:	£ 456-00
Carmarthenshire C.C. (return of Community Cohesion grant)	:	£2500-00

The above payments were approved by Members (proposer C'llr Philpott, seconder C'llr Wilkins).

### **0698 - Discussion of making provision for public access to meetings**

The Clerk reported to Members that the provisions of the temporary Coronavirus Regulations permitting routing exclusion of the public from meetings during the pandemic was coming to an end on April 30<sup>th</sup> 2021. New Local Government legislation coming into effect would make permanent the provision to hold meetings online as and when desired. However, the arrangements regarding public attendance at meetings was reverting broadly to the situation that had prevailed prior to the pandemic. Members resolved to reinstate public access to the meetings effective from May 1<sup>st</sup> 2021. Members of the public would be invited to contact the Clerk for login details for the meetings. It was also resolved that the Public Forum would not be reinstated for the time being (proposer C'llr Fran. James, seconder C'llr Jeffries).

### **0699 - Discussion of situation with car park opposite Village Institute (to include consideration of court order requirements, and practical measures required in connection with cross-hatching of car park)**

The Clerk confirmed that the order had been placed with P.C.C. to carry out the cross-hatching and line-marking of the parking spaces. Members understood that a Mr. Brown from Bulford Road was responsible for quite a number of vehicles parked there. C'llr Jones undertook to contact Mrs. Brown, and ask her to get her husband to contact the Clerk, so that he could be informed when work had been scheduled.

### **0700 - Discussion of I.R.P. allowances for 2021/22**

Matter to be tabled for discussion in April. Clerk to send a schedule of the current determinations regarding the various allowances in advance of the April meeting.

**0701 - Consideration of any necessary actions from asset risk assessment**

C’llr Neil James confirmed that he would be carrying out the asset risk assessment, and would forward this to the Chairman and all Members for review once complete, later in March.

Clerk to drop noticeboard door to C’llr Neil James’ house.

C’llr Neil James reported that the recent work carried out around Cocky’s Pond had greatly improved the situation there from a safety standpoint.

The Clerk confirmed that he would complete a review of the financial risk assessment prior to the April meeting.

**Any other business**

**0702 - Cunnigar Lane.** C’llr Philpott raised concerns over the rubbish dumped alongside the Cunnigar Lane. It was left for further discussions to be held about this after the completion of work to clear rubbish from Glebelands Field, and dependent on the outcome if requests made to P.C.C.

The meeting concluded at 8-55pm.

Next scheduled meeting – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Signed.....Chairman

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