

**Minutes of the monthly meeting of Johnston Community Council held on 10th February 2025 in the Johnston Institute, and also online using the Zoom video-conferencing platform.**

**Present: Cllrs Yvonne Llewellyn, Christine Wilkins, Nina Philpott, Janet Jeffries, Rikki Schroeder, Neil James, Grayham Passmore, Louise Jones, Aled Thomas, Martyn Spilsbury, Tracey Young, Len Gale; Peter Horton (Clerk).  
Apologies : None.**

**2300 - Declarations of known Interests**

None.

**2301 – To receive the minutes from the January 2025 monthly meeting**

The minutes were approved (proposer C'llr Louise Jones, seconder C'llr Len Gale).

**Matters arising**

**2302 – request for path along main road from Bulford Road to roundabout.**

A public consultation was open, with a public meeting scheduled for the following Friday for any interested parties.

**2303 - Discussion of speeding problems and pavement provision, Hayston Road and Church Road**

Nothing further heard from P.C.C. to date.

**2304 - Discussion of arrangements for repair of bus shelter broken panes**

C'llr Aled Thomas mentioned that P.C.C. had suggested ACE Shelters, who could supply the Perspex for any competent local contractor to fit. Clerk to contact Ace Shelters regarding a quotation for Perspex.

The Clerk confirmed that a response had been received from the Trunk Road Agent regarding the growth around the Milford Road bus shelter.

**2305 - Discussion of possible litter bin provision, Hillcroft field**

C'llr Neil James had seen the P.C.C. litter-picking officer working around Hillcroft. Matter to be kept on the agenda for the time being.

**2306 - Discussion of arrangements for completion of license application for memorial bench installation at Church Road**

The Clerk had received no further communication to date from Andrew Gray. C'llr Nina Philpott undertook to try and make contact with him.

**2307 - Discussion of arrangements to mark recent efforts of local schoolchildren in litter-picking**

In hand with C'llr Aled Thomas to make arrangements with the school. Appointment of a new headmaster was currently under way, delaying matters temporarily.

**2308 - Any necessary discussion of school transport arrangements**

C'llr Aled Thomas reported that this matter had been discussed in the P.C.C. Cabinet. The matter was still under discussion and further review. Matter to be placed on agenda for any available updates in March.

### **2309 - Potholes.**

Members reported some recent work around the village, but were encouraged to continue reporting these via My Account on the P.C.C. website.

### **2310 - Planning**

#### **Planning consultations received**

**24/0931/PA** - Extension and Alterations; Site Address: The Rectory, Four Winds, Kiln Road, JOHNSTON, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3PF – No comments.

### **2311 - Correspondence**

- 01) P.C.C. – Active Travel consultation on Johnston to Steynton proposals - Public consultation open for those who wished to make representations.
- 02) Infinity Play – Routine inspection reports – noted.
- 03) Trunk Road Agent – Acknowledgement of message sent about growth around Milford Road bus shelter – noted.
- 04) Information Commissioner – Renewal notice for data registration – dealt with in ‘Accounts’ below.
- 05) Pembroke Dock Town Council – Request for their mayor to wear their chain of office in Johnston Community Council area – Members were content to approve the request. Clerk to notify them accordingly.
- 06) Boundary Commission – Final boundary proposals for Pembrokeshire town and community councils – noted.

### **2312 - Accounts**

#### **Payments for approval**

David Banfield (bus shelter cleaning, January 2025)	:	£	72-00
Easy Websites (direct debit for website / email provision)	:	£	37-20
Information Commissioner (data registration)	:	£	52-00

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

#### **Internal audit of 2024/25 accounts**

Clerk to make arrangements with the internal auditor as for the previous year.

### **2313 - Discussion of annual asset and financial risk assessments**

Clerk to carry out financial risk assessment. C’lIr Neil James to co-ordinate arrangements for completion of asset risk assessment.

Both risk assessments to be completed by end of March 2025 if at all possible.

### **2314 - Any necessary discussion of issues connected with Vine Field**

C’lIr Aled Thomas had visited the resident from No. 13, Brickhurst Park. The gate had not been completed. C’lIr Aled Thomas had informed him of the arrangements made for the gap to be fenced over, and encouraged him to complete the gate without further delay, to avoid losing the opportunity. Regarding the damage to the chainlink fence, the resident had suggested that the damage had been minor, with no remedial work needed. Clerk to inspect the fence, and report to Members.

### **2315 - Any necessary discussion of issues in Close Field**

C’lIr Aled Thomas had not made any further progress with Gem Services, and had contacted another company. He was currently making arrangements to discuss the matter further with them, with a view to obtaining quotations and recommendations.

**2316 - Discussion of possible provision of roller-skating rink in Close Field Playpark**

C’Ilr Aled Thomas to circulate data from the community survey to all Members. Matter to be placed on agenda for further discussion in March.

**2317 - Discussion of possible replacement of wooden pavilion**

Meeting of involved Members arranged for the following week. C’Ilr Neil James undertook to mention this to Glenn Murray, in case he wished to attend discussions.

**2318 - Any necessary discussion of progress on project to develop land at Glebelands Field**

C’Ilr Neil James had met Aethne Cooke of P.C.C. on the site the previous week. She had been positive about further funding, planned to plant more trees, was busy removing existing stakes from previously-planted trees that had now grown sufficiently, and planned to put up a sign to advertise the Places for Nature scheme. Stoning of the initial section of path, and provision of a boardwalk across the muddy part of the stream close to the pond had also been discussed.

C’Ilr Neil James had also spoken to Adrian Johns of Heavyside Landscapes about tree-felling required across the site. Members approved the quotation of £3400 + VAT for this to be carried out (proposer C’Ilr Louise Jones, seconder C’Ilr Yvonne Llewellyn). Clerk to contact Adrian Johns to confirm the request for work to commence as soon as possible. C’Ilr Aled Thomas confirmed that, based on discussions he had been involved with in County Hall, Places for Nature funding was likely to be extended for at least a further two years.

**2319 - Any other business**

**Boundary fence between Moors Road and Close Field.** C’Ilr Aled Thomas had received calls from residents concerned about the poor condition of the fence. Clerk to forward contact details for the fence owners to C’Ilr Aled Thomas.

**C’Ilr Spilsbury.** C’Ilr Martyn Spilsbury mentioned that he intended to step down from the council, with March likely to be his final meeting.

**Heart of Johnston.** C’Ilr Louise Jones mentioned that Pure Radio was funding a street party in Glebelands for 2<sup>nd</sup> August, following a competition that Heart of Johnston had entered and won. C’Ilr Louise Jones to ask Pure Radio to send a copy of the event risk assessment to the Clerk for filing.

**Street lighting, Moors Road.** C’Ilr Christine Wilkins had again received reports of non-functioning street lights in Moors Road. It was pointed out that, as the site was not adopted, this remained the responsibility of the site owners, Castle Homes.

**Haverfordwest town centre.** C’Ilr Christine Wilkins mentioned her impressions of the depressing and run-down state of the town centre, following a recent visit.

The meeting ended at 7-54pm. Next scheduled meeting – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

Signed.....Chairman

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