

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Johnston Community Council held on 13th February 2023 in the Johnston Institute, Church Road, Johnston, and also online using the Zoom video-conferencing platform.

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

1549 - Declarations of known Interests

None

1550 – To receive the minutes from the January 2023 monthly meeting

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

Matters arising

1551 - Discussion of purchase of WW1 commemorative memorial seat

In hand with C’Ilr Spilsbury.

1552 - Discussion of quotation for work on bus shelter, St. Peter’s Road

No further update regarding the timetable for replacing the St. Peter’s Road bus shelter had yet been received.

1553 - Discussion of link footpath from Church Road to Hayston View

Members noted no change, with the open, but the road sign still not re-erected. Also, the hydrant indicator post was still awaiting re-fixing, and there were problems with the street-lighting in the area. Clerk to contact P.C.C. to raise the issue of inadequate lighting of the path while adoption was awaited.

1554 - Discussion of arrangements for future maintenance of defibrillators

Members were informed that the new pads and bag were currently on order. C’Ilr Len Gale to cover checks on the defibrillators for February.

1555 - Discussion of establishment of vexatious communication policy

Matter still in hand with Clerk.

1556 - Discussion of needed boundary repairs to Vine Field

Members were very grateful for the assistance that had been offered by Chris Wilkins to date. C’Ilr Neil James asked him to carry out some further scraping along the right-hand side of the field, and this was in hand.

Members noted the complaints received about the fencing along the northern boundary, following the recent installation of the new playpark. C’Ilr Neil James had sourced the emails from 2008, when the boundary fence had been dealt with previously. Members were agreed that the community council needed to take steps to ensure that the field boundaries were secure, as a duty of care.

Clerk to arrange with Infinity Play to put up Heras fencing temporarily, for up to a month. Clerk to send a message to the owners of No. 13 Brickhurst Park, to make them aware of the intention to erect temporary fencing at the earliest opportunity,

and to arrange for a permanent chainlink fence to be erected in a month or so to meet the council's statutory duty of care, and also in due course to place an entrance gate at the field entrance. Message to invite them to make contact if they wished to discuss any of their own proposals for securing the common boundary. Clerk to seek quotation for a 5' high chainlink fence to be erected across the rear boundary adjacent to No. 13 Brickhurst Park.

1557 - Discussion of possible one-way system in Glebelands

Members discussed a number of recent and ongoing problems with obstructions, pavement parking, and general difficulty driving around the estate, especially on football match days. Clerk to contact P.C. Neil Lees to raise this as a concern, ask if patrols on match days might be a possibility, and to seek his advice. Other measures, such as possibly canvassing householders, approaching the football and cricket clubs, and considering possible additional car park provision, to be discussed in an agenda item in March.

1558 - Discussion of arrangements to commence grant project for Vine Field, including consideration of revised quotation from Sovereign Play

Members were informed that the playpark was now substantially complete. Letter to be sent to neighbour who had been very helpful in providing access to an electricity supply when needed, and to send a cheque for £10 as a gesture towards the cost of this. Thanks were also offered to C'Ilr Christine Wilkins' husband for the assistance offered by him during the works.

C'Ilr Neil James confirmed that a quotation for post and rail / sheep netting fencing around the playpark had been requested from Simply Landscaping, and was currently awaited. Members agreed in principle to the approval of the fence provision, depending on final cost (proposer C'Ilr Neil James, seconder C'Ilr Christine Wilkins).

Clerk to arrange amendments to the asset register and insurance policies to incorporate the new equipment installed.

1559 - Discussion of arrangements for siting of 'Stop and Chat' bench

The Clerk informed Members that the seat had been sent back by Norman Industries, and had been re-surfaced. Clerk to ask Infinity Play to install the seat as per their quotation previously provided (proposer C'Ilr Neil James, seconder C'Ilr Janet Jeffries). C'Ilr Neil James to be consulted by them regarding the precise location for this. Infinity Play to also be asked for a quotation for provision and installation of two further picnic benches at the site.

1560 – Correspondence on fenceline.

Nothing had been heard back from the landowners. Clerk to re-check on the situation with the condition of the fence behind their trees, in case a further contact was deemed necessary.

1561 - Discussion of Community Council Biodiversity Enhancement report

Updating of the report in hand with C'Ilr Aled Thomas.

1562 - New Council houses at Cranham Park

No change, with construction still ongoing.

1563 - Fibre optic cable installation works, The Close.

Members reported ongoing problems with weekend closures of the footpath on Langford Road, but without any pedestrian provision. Clerk to raise this with P.C.C. Streetcare as a safety issue.

1564 - Discussion of arrangements to recognise service of recently-retired members

Members had received a card of thanks from Liz Warlow, and a telephone call from Bryan Morgan's daughter thanking the council for the gesture made.

1565 - Orchard Court

No change reported, with the matter of grit bin provision understood to be still under discussion.

1566 – fly-tipping.

C'Ilr Nina Philpott reported more bags of fly-tipped rubbish at the same location adjacent to the cycle path entrance by Hillcroft. Clerk to report to P.C.C. C'Ilr Christine Wilkins reported dumping of rubbish from houses in Acorn Drive onto the land between their rear gardens and the cycle path. Clerk to contact ATEB about the problem.

1567 – Damaged trees at Glebelands.

C'Ilrs Yvonne Llewellyn and Janet Jeffries had carried out repairs to the damaged trees. Two were thought to have at least a reasonable chance of regenerating. A third one was thought to be likely to be beyond regeneration. Progress to be monitored during the coming growing season.

1568 – Damaged panel on bus stop, Glebelands.

The Clerk undertook to chase up yet again, as this was still not repaired.

Planning matters

1569 - Planning application consultations received

22/0991/PA - Erection of open sided single storey roundhouse to provide additional outdoor learning space for the community linked to Johnston school; Johnston Cp School, Langford Road, JOHNSTON, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3PY – no comments.

1570 - Planning consents issued.

22/0684/PA - Two storey side extension to dwelling; 22, Langford Road, JOHNSTON, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3PX

Correspondence

1571 - P.C.C. – Work on Glebelands Field – dealt with in agenda item below.

1572 - P.C.C. – Update on situation with link footpath to Church Road – dealt with in 1553 above.

1573 - I.C.O. – Renewal reminder – dealt with in 'Accounts'.

1574 - O.V.W. – King's Coronation garden party invitation for nominations – Members had agreed for C'Ilr Neil James to be nominated.

1575 - Local resident – issues over new playpark – dealt with in 1556 above.

1576 - Fran James – resignation – Clerk to send letter of thanks for her invaluable contributions during her time as a Member.

1577 - PRL – Playpark operational inspection reports – noted.

1578 - Johnston School – donation request – Clerk had requested some further details of the requested donation. Agenda item for March, with hope that more information would be forthcoming before then. In principle Members were agreed that a donation would be appropriate. Clerk to send a holding reply to the school accordingly.

1579 - Local resident – concerns over playpark – dealt with in 1556 above.

Accounts

1560 - Payments for approval

David Banfield (bus shelter cleaning January)	:	£	72-00
Harper Spares (defibrillator spares)	:	£	248-35
Neil James (reimbursement for bin bag purchase)	:	£	23-99
P.C.C. (playpark sign provision)	:	£	47-00
(Clerk to arrange for Infinity Play to put up the new sign)			
I.C.O. (renewal of data protection registration)	:	£	40-00
Sovereign Play (playpark equipment supply and installation)	:	£	32428-73
M. Lloyd (contribution to electricity usage)	:	£	10-00
C’Ilr Christine Wilkins (Member allowance for 2022/23)	:	£	150-00

The above payments were approved by Members (proposer C’Ilr Neil James, seconder C’Ilr Yvonne Llewellyn).

1561 - Discussion of arrangements for renewal of community risk assessment

C’Ilr Neil James undertook to review this prior to the end of March 2023.

1562 - Discussion of community litter bin provision

Members discussed the recent movement and relocation of litter bins around the community, carried out by P.C.C.

Clerk to ask P.C.C. for an explanation of the rationale behind moving the bins, and also to request a bin to be provided at Orchard Court by the entrance to the cycle path.

1563 - Discussion of closure of GP surgery for maintenance

C’Ilr Aled Thomas had made representations to the Welsh Government Minister for Health regarding the closure. A response was awaited. Matter to be placed on March agenda for discussion.

1564 - Discussion of possible provision of roller skating rink in community

C’Ilr Kaidan Alenko had been approached by some residents concerned at the use of pavements, roads, and the cycle path, for roller skating. This was a safety concern, and it was felt that the provision of a dedicated roller skating rink might help to alleviate the problem. As the MUGA surface was not suitable for this purpose, the construction of a skating rink between the MUGA and the toddler play area was being proposed as a possible solution. In connection with this, C’Ilr Kaidan Alenko had consulted parents at the local school about the idea, and the vast majority had been in favour. One other possibility would be to re-surface the MUGA, though this could result in potential clashes over usage.

Agenda item to be tabled for further discussion in March, with C’Ilr Kaidan Alenko carrying out some further research in the meantime, especially on suitable design.

