

**Minutes of the monthly meeting of Johnston Community Council held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 online, using the Zoom video-conferencing platform.**

**Present: Cllrs Young, Neil James, Jeffries, Philpott, Rowlands, Spilsbury, Wilkins; Peter Horton (Clerk);**

**Apologies : C’llrs Warlow, Morgan, Pratt, Fran. James, Jones.**

**1070 – Declarations of known Interests**

C’lr Janet Jeffries noted an intention to declare an interest in the subject of the work on the St. Peter’s Road bus shelter if there was any substantive discussion.

**1071 – To receive the minutes from the December 2021 monthly meeting**

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

**Matters arising**

**1072 - Discussion of purchase of WW1 commemorative memorial seat**

Sill in hand with C’lr Spilsbury following up with the fabricators.

**1073 - Discussion of possible request for yellow lines in Hall Court**

Members still awaiting a start to work on the junction.

**1074 - Discussion of problems with lighting on footbridge, Langford Road**

Still waiting for replacement of the existing lights with LEDs.

**1075 - Discussion of possible one-way system, Glebelands**

Currently on hold due to the pandemic. Matter to be placed on agenda for discussion in February.

**1076 - Discussion of requirement to report on progress towards producing a plan to encourage biodiversity**

Matter still on hold for review in Spring 2022.

**1077 - Discussion of situation at Silverdale, including possible changes of use.**

No change in situation regarding submission of a planning application.

**1078 – Work needed on Glebelands Field and adjacent land.**

The Clerk had heard from J.R.J. Garden Services that they were hoping to make a start soon.

**1079 - Discussion of any works needed as a result of the most recent playground inspection report for The Close Field Playpark**

The Clerk had been informed that the glass had been removed from the playground by P.C.C. C’lr Spilsbury was still awaiting a commencement to necessary repairs.

**1080 - Discussion of possible footpath provision between Bulford Road and new roundabout.**

C’lr Rowlands was still awaiting a meeting with officers from P.C.C. to progress the matter. Members to be informed when the meeting was scheduled, so that others could attend if possible.

**1081 - Discussion of bench collection from Milford School.**

The Clerk undertook to arrange to pick up the bench as soon as possible.

**1082 - Discussion of quotation for work on bus shelter, St. Peter's Road**

C'llr Jeffries informed Members that an accident had affected the work schedule for the firm, and the project was on hold for the time being. Members were sorry to hear that this had happened, and left the matter for discussion / review in February.

**1083 - Discussion of request for zebra crossing outside school**

Members were informed that P.C.C. had now agreed to fund a crossing patrol, and arrangements were being made for this to be implemented. Members were delighted that the matter had at last been resolved due to the hard work and persistence of Members.

**1084 - Discussion of W.G. proposals for new inland border post**

Nothing further to date, with matter still in hand with the Welsh Government. It was understood that no decision had yet been made regarding the site to be chosen.

**1085 - Discussion of link footpath from Church Road to Hayston View**

No change. Clerk to try and chase the matter up with officers in the Planning Department.

**1086 – Large van parked on pavement at the entrance to Hall Court.**

Matter unresolved, with the van still present. C'llr Rowlands undertook to chase up the matter again in County Hall.

**1087 - Any necessary discussion of possible redevelopment of Vine Field**

An email had been received from P.C.C. to state that the maximum funding available would be £14291, and not £18649 as applied for in the application. Members agreed to undertake to match fund the additional £4358 to enable the scheme to proceed as planned if the grant should be approved (proposer C'llr Rowlands, seconder C'llr Philpott). Clerk to inform P.C.C. accordingly.

**1088 - Discussion of Johnston Institute Committee letter concerning legal fees**

C'llr Neil James informed Members that a further contribution towards the legal costs was due to be discussed at a forthcoming meeting of the Institute Committee.

**1089 - Discussion of arrangements for future maintenance of defibrillators**

The Clerk confirmed that details of all the defibrillators had been sent to Calon Hearts, who had arranged to carry out an inspection the previous weekend. The report from this inspection was currently awaited.

**1090 - Discussion of arrangements to celebrate Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

The Clerk confirmed that there were no suitable grant schemes available for planting of a tree circle or similar.

C'llr Neil James had looked into the possibility of obtaining commemorative pen sets, and shared details with Members of one possibility. Members felt this could be a possibility. Matter to be considered again in February, with Members investigating the options in more detail in the meantime. Matter to be placed on the agenda for discussion in February.

## **1091 - Planning**

There were no plans for consideration this month.

## **Correspondence**

**1092** - P.C.C. – Confirmation of glass removal from Close Field Playpark – noted.

**1093** - P.C.C. – Notification of appointment of community governor for Mary Immaculate School – noted.

**1094** - P.C.C. – Update on situation with development on old school site at Cranham Park – noted.

**1095** - P.C.C. – Request for increase of match-funding for Enhancing Pembrokeshire grant application – dealt with in 1087 above.

## **Accounts**

### **1096 - Payments for approval**

Norrards Electrics (lighting of Christmas Trees) : £360-00

David Banfield (bus shelter cleaning) : £ 72-00

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

### **1097 - Income**

Precept (final instalment) : £11666-00

### **1098 - Precept for 2022/23**

Members approved a final budget for 2022/23 of £76174. Taking into account funds anticipated to be on hand and available at the end of the current year, they approved a precept of £35000 for the 2022/23 year, with the precept thus being unchanged from the current year (proposer C'Ilr Philpott, seconder C'Ilr Jeffries).

### **1099 - Internal auditor for 2021/22 accounts**

Members approved the re-appointment of last year's internal auditor for the forthcoming audit of the current year's accounts (proposer C'Ilr Rowlands, seconder C'Ilr Philpott).

## **1100 - Discussion of work on Close Field towards eventual CCTV installation**

C'Ilr Rowlands had raised the matter further with P.C.C., but had not yet been able to meet with officers. Matter left with C'Ilr Rowlands to pursue.

## **1101 - Discussion of community land trust**

Regarding the proposed provision of a 'manshed', C'Ilr Rowlands was due to attend a meeting the following day at which it was expected this would be mentioned. Were viewed as potentially unsuitable due to possible concerns over vandalism, or due to them being earmarked for other development. However, the possibility of replacing the existing wooden pavilion with a new building on the same location for this purpose was viewed as potentially viable. C'Ilr Rowlands felt that a suitable scheme, if supported by detailed plans, could attract grant funding from various possible sources. It was left for C'Ilrs Nail James and Rowlands to arrange to visit the Golf Club in Rosemarket, where a steel framed building had been erected that could provide a pattern for the type of building that could possibly be suitable.

## **1102 – Discussion of venue for future meetings.**

Clerk to arrange to visit the school to view the facilities.

**1103 - Discussion of insurance for sound equipment**

It was confirmed that the equipment consisted of a portable sound system and two cordless microphones, with an estimated replacement value of £1000. The Clerk confirmed that this was not currently included on the community council insurance schedule. Members agreed that it should be added (proposer C’Ilr Rowlands, seconder C’Ilr James). Clerk to make necessary arrangements, and to check that cover would not be affected by the equipment being stored in the Johnston Institute.

**1104 - Discussion of establishment of vexatious communication policy**

Matter to be looked into further to obtain more details on what would be needed.

**1105 - Discussion of requirements of Local Government and Elections (Wales) 2021 legal requirements due to become effective in April 2022**

Matter of setting up a training plan for Members and Clerk to be placed on the agenda for discussion as soon as practicable after the forthcoming election.  
Matter of facilitating public representation to be addressed by offering any members of the public in attendance at meetings after April the opportunity to make representations on each agenda item to be discussed, this to happen at the beginning of the agenda item (proposer C’Ilr Philpott, seconder C’Ilr Rowlands). This would not mean that members of the public could participate in subsequent discussion / debate on tabled agenda items.  
Clerk to prepare an initial draft of the first annual report, due for publication as soon as possible after April 1<sup>st</sup> 2022.

**Any other business**

**1106 – Parking opposite the Johnston Institute.** C’Ilr Neil James had received a complaint from the Windsor about vehicles parking on the hatched lines in the car park, and also parking and turning in the car park of the Windsor. In response, C’Ilr James had called at the hall and spoken to the new leader of Slimming World, and encouraged them to park in the marked bays. He had also forwarded them the terms and conditions of the hall hire for the Johnston Institute again, for information. Members noted that while the community council and Johnston Institute were obliged to encourage people to park in the marked bays, this did not extend to policing the use of the car park.

**1107 – dog attacks / fouling in Glebelands Field.** Several Members had received reports of attacks by lurchers owned by an unknown person, this occurring in Glebelands Field. There was also an associated reported problem of dog fouling by the same individual. Matter to be tabled for discussion in February. In the meantime, Clerk to report the matter to the Dog Warden.

The meeting ended at 9-10pm. Next scheduled meeting – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

Signed.....Chairman  
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