

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Johnston Community Council held on 9th April 2018 in Johnston Institute.

Present: Cllrs Morgan, Warlow, Jones, N. James, F. James, Rowlands; Peter Horton (Clerk).

Apologies : C’llrs Jeffries, Philpott, Young, Wilkins, Spilsbury

In the absence of the chair and vice-chair, the meeting was chaired by C’llr N. James.

9190 – Declarations of known Interests

None.

9191 – Public Forum (ten minutes maximum)

There were no members of the public present.

9192 – Approval of minutes of March 2018 monthly meeting

Item 9150 – ‘in P.C.C.’ was added in after ‘Due to pressures of work’ on line 2 for clarity. With that amendment, the minutes were agreed as an accurate record, and signed by the Chairman (proposer C’llr F. James, seconder C’llr Jones).

Matters arising

9193 – Public Forum

C’llr Rowlands said that the matter raised by Kath Spurling concerning the damage to the Christmas tree is due to be taken up at the Community Police Forum on Thursday.

Mr. Paul Davies, A..M., had agreed to attend the June meeting to discuss issues of concern, including the footpath works needed outside Johnston Farm.

9194 – Bus shelter / seat outside NISA Shop

C’llr Rowlands was hoping to be able to schedule a meeting shortly, but no specific date had yet been arranged. He said that he would try to arrange this for a Friday, and any interested members were encouraged to attend. Members felt it important to keep pushing the matter to achieve progress.

9195- Close Field Skatepark

C’llr Rowlands had been in discussion with officers in P.C.C. It had been revealed that a substantial sum of money had been spent on playpark equipment repairs over recent years. There was confidence that savings could be achieved by the installation of CCTV, due to the deterrent effect on vandals. C’llr Rowlands was currently investigating the best way of obtaining funding, whether directly from J.C.C., or via the Johnston Development Fund. P.A.V.S. were currently advising him on this matter. Matter left with C’llr Rowlands to pursue as possible.

9196 – Road and pavement problems.

C’llr Rowlands to incorporate this into the planned site meeting with officers of P.C.C.

9197 – Publicity for recently-acquired defibrillator provision

Nothing further to report. Still in hand with C’llr Pratt.

9198 – Boundary fenceline with Dawnus development

C'llr Rowlands had spoken to the company secretary. However, the new C.E.O. had not responded regarding the matter. Clerk to write a letter to Dawnus expressing concern, and asking for action to address the problem. Name of C.E.O. to be supplied to the Clerk by C'llr Rowlands.

9199 – Excessive weed growth around Village.

C'llr Rowlands to incorporate this into the planned site meeting with officers of P.C.C.

9200 - Discussion of possible formal signage provision for businesses around railway bridge

Meeting to be arranged by C'llr Rowlands, if possible for Thursday 12th April – time to be confirmed. C'llrs Jones and F. James planned to attend along with C'llr Rowlands. C'llr Rowlands to confirm arrangements directly with them.

9201 - Discussion of Community Risk Assessment

Deferred for consideration in May.

9202 - Discussion of responsibility for boundary fencing at Hayston View development

C'llr Rowlands had been in discussion with the responsible officer in the Planning Department in P.C.C., and a site meeting was planned.

9203 - Discussion of overhanging tree, Church Road

Still in hand with C'llr Rowlands. C'llr Rowlands to arrange a meeting with the relevant P.C.C. officers, with a view to getting rid of the tree.

9204 - Bolton Hill Quarry fence

C'llr Rowlands had received a quotation from the Quarry of £2450 + VAT to provide the necessary fencing. However, no mention had been made of cost-sharing. C'llr Rowlands to discuss the matter further with them.

9205 – Speed-activated signage, Langford Road

C'llr Rowlands to discuss possibility of re-calibrating signage to 20mph at forthcoming site meeting.

9206 - Discussion of ways to promote community spirit via community events

In hand with C'llrs Jones and Philpott.

9207 - Walkway under railway bridge on cycle path

Members reported that nothing had yet been done to repair the timber decking, which was now worse than ever. C'llr Rowlands to pursue the matter again with P.C.C. Highways / Sustrans.

9208 – Rubbish collection problems, Hayston View

C'llr Rowlands informed Members that P.C.C. officers had been sent round to the houses concerned to offer appropriate advice. Members to monitor over next month, to see if any improvement was apparent.

9209 – Fence, Cunnigar Lane

C'llr Rowlands had raised the issue with P.C.C. officers. It was felt highly unlikely that they would finance any new fencing, and it was thought that J.C.C. would probably have to finance it directly if it was ever to happen.

9210 – Pavement parking, The Close

C'llr Rowlands and any other interested Members to attend the forthcoming meeting with P.C.C. officers, at which this matter could be raised further. It was hoped to be able to identify possible specific projects, and then obtain indicative costings. C'llr Warlow mentioned that the problem of pavement parking was still ongoing. C'llr Jones reiterated her previous comments that some redundant areas of grass could easily be used for parking provision, with some work to facilitate this.

9211 - Concerns about dog-fouling of cycle path, littering of railway track, and quarry—related noise issues, raised by Mr. Bonwick

C'llr Rowlands had spoken to Mr. Bonwick, who had been satisfied with the actions that C'llr Rowlands explained that he was pursuing with P.C.C. and the Quarry. Regarding noise monitoring, C'llr N. James asked whether J.C.C. should request noise monitoring from the quarry on an ongoing basis. However, C'llr Rowlands explained that as monitoring could be done on demand for any concerned residents, there would seem little point in requesting more. This was left in abeyance.

9212 - Discussion of status of land behind Mike Howlin Motors

Issue of possible registration still in hand with C'llr Rowlands to discuss with solicitor. Members wished to pursue this so as to protect the land for future generations.

9213 - Discussion of needed maintenance work on Glebelands Field Pavilion

The Clerk informed Members that the letter agreeing to the work had gone out as requested, but that nothing further had been heard. The working assumption was that the Football Club was currently arranging the necessary work.

9214 – Road problems, Langford Road

C'llr Warlow mentioned that there were still problems, with some covers protruding. C'llr Rowlands undertook to chase up the matter with Highways once again.

Planning

9215 - Applications

17/1282/PA (Proposal: Proposed garage, Plot of land near, 15, Brookside Avenue, Johnston, Pembrokeshire, SA62 3PQ)

Comments had been received from a local resident concerned about possible commercial use of the proposed building.

Clerk to carry out Land Registry search and pass the information to C'llr Rowlands for any necessary discussion in Planning.

Clerk to send in a consultation response making reference to concerns over possible commercial use of the building, and proximity of the electricity sub-station. Also, reference to be made to the proposed building being inappropriate development for the site, given its large size, and apparent similarity in design to a dwelling, but on a very small plot. If the Land Registry search revealed the land to be in ownership other than the applicant, mention also to be made of this fact in the consultation response, with a request for consideration to invalidating the application.

Correspondence

- 9216** - Quarry – quotations for fencing works – covered in 9204 above.
- 9217** - P.C.C. – Details of forthcoming surface dressing programme – noted.
- 9218** - P.C.C. – Invitation to submit candidate sites for next L.D.P. – noted.
- 9219** - One Voice Wales - Invitation to submit motions for consideration at forthcoming A.G.M. – C’Ilr Rowlands stated his intention to attend the A.G.M. Clerk to look out for notification of this and inform Members accordingly.
- 9220** - P.C.C. – Playground inspection report – KR had spoken to Neil McCarthy in P.C.C. regarding this, and play area issues in general. The carousel surface and rocker see-saw surface were listed as high risk items. C’Ilr Rowlands to ask P.C.C. to repair the two high risk items.
- 9221** - Ombudsman – Notification of complaint lodged by Mr. Greg. Bishop against Community Council members (ref. 201707636) – noted.
- 9222** - Ombudsman – Notification of decision not to investigate complaint ref. 201707636 – noted.
- 9223** - Ombudsman – Notification of decision not to investigate complaint ref. 201706295, lodged by Mr. Greg. Bishop against the Community Council and C’Ilr Ken Rowlands – Members pleased that the complaint had been dismissed.
- 9224** - Paul Davies, A.M. – copy of letter from Welsh Government with update on proposals for work to improve pavement width outside Johnston Farm – Concerns over lack of progress to be raised with Paul Davies in the meeting in June.
- 9225** - One Voice Wales – Info. on Fields in Trust - Active Spaces Grants Programme – noted.
- 9226** - P.C.C. – Information on ‘Enhancing Pembrokeshire’ grant funding opportunity, and invitation to forthcoming event to publicise this, to be held on 16th May 2018 in County Hall, Haverfordwest – noted. C’Ilr Rowlands commented that the grant was complicated, and probably not that relevant to J.C.C. in its current form.
- 9227** – One Voice Wales – Response to the Welsh Government Community and Town Council Review – noted.

Accounts (to include budget update)

9228 - Payments

David Banfield (bus shelter cleaning)	:	£ 60-00
West Wales Pest Control	:	£456-00
Clerk (computer costs)	:	£243-57

9229 - Budget review

Balance brought forward to April 2017	:	£27388-54
Income received during 2017/18 (to date)	:	£38747-27
Expenditure during 2017/18	:	£20661-01
Balance carried forward to April 2018 (provisional)	:	£45474-80
Deduct precepted sums for 2016/17, 2017/18 as yet unpaid (legal fees / village maintenance)	:	£ 9400-00
Deduct sum set aside from solar farm grant	:	£10000-00
Sum available for general use	:	£26074-80

Full accounts report to be presented at the A.G.M. on May 14th 2018.

The above items were approved by Members (proposer C’Ilr Morgan, seconder C’Ilr Rowlands).

9230 - Discussion of Risk assessment actions required

Deferred until May.

9231 - Discussion of Langford Road traffic-related issues

C’lir N. James felt it important to continue pushing for proper traffic management at the junction, especially due to building work going on and planned. He asked if P.C.C. would support efforts to try and get the Trunk Road Agency to make improvements to the junction. C’lir Rowlands thought they would, but that in the end it would be a T.R.A. decision. C’lir Rowlands to pursue the matter with P.C.C. Matter to be brought up for discussion at meeting with Paul Davies in June. C’lir Warlow also mentioned that the chip shop was up for sale, and that if it were bought by the adjacent garage and demolished, that might solve the problem.

9232 - Discussion of Remuneration Panel Report 2018

Deferred for consideration in A.G.M.

9233 - Discussion of possible improvements to Village war memorials in readiness for the forthcoming commemorations of the W.W.1 100th anniversary

C’lir N. James suggested using part of the £10000 solar farm contribution funds for providing new service sheets for the annual Remembrance Day commemoration service. Members agreed for C’lirs N. James and Rowlands to arrange a meeting with the various interested parties to agree the details, and move the matter forward. Agreement by Members for them to proceed long these lines (proposer C’lir Rowlands, seconder C’lir Jones).

9234 - Discussion of situation regarding land opposite Johnston Institute

C’lir Rowlands reported to Members on the current situation, which was that the Land Tribunal hearing was scheduled to take place in May.

Any other business

9235 - Excavations, Bulford Road. C’lir Morgan expressed concern over recent excavations carried out in Bulford Road in an apparently abortive attempt to locate an electricity main.

The meeting ended at 8-45pm.

Next scheduled meeting to be held on Monday 14th May 2018, to commence with the 2018 A.G.M.

Signed.....Chairman

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