**CYNGOR CYMUNED AMBLESTON / AMBLESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

A meeting of Ambleston Community Council was held at Ambleston Memorial Hall on Monday 26th September 2022, commenced at 7.30 pm.

Present were: - Gareth Owen (Chair), Dai Ambrey, Julian Harries, Kevin Morris, Rosie McDonald, Gail Davis, Cllr. David Howlett and Eirian Forrest (Clerk)

1. **Apologies** – Nil.
2. **Minutes of the last Meeting (25.07.22)**

 Copies of the last meeting had been distributed to members; it was agreed by all that they

 were to be signed.

1. **Matters arising from the minutes**
2. Dog fouling in Ambleston – The Dog Warden delivered various signage to display in problem areas. Signs taken by Gareth and Gail; a notice will be put on Facebook to let people know the signs are available to collect from Gail’s house and Gareth will put some up
3. Willow trees near Wallis Bridge – No update. Eirian will chase up with Mair Rees.
4. Address map in Ambleston – Not done. Gail has spoken to various delivery drivers who told her that they have Sat Nav and don’t have many problems finding addresses. It was decided to scrap this idea.
5. Pothole between Stoney Hook and Parc-y-Wern – Dai has taken a photo but hasn’t sent it to Eirian. Julian noted that patching works have commenced in this area.
6. NHS – Hywel Dda – A healthier Mid & West Wales Zoom meeting – Rosie couldn’t attend.
7. Save Withybush Campaign – Eirian checked if other Community Councils had supported this campaign, she couldn’t find any who had. It was agreed to not respond.
8. **Highway matters**

Kevin reported the numbers on the 30mph hour sign entering Ambleston from the Hook Farm Road are peeling off. Eirian will report.

1. **Planning**

22/0201/PA – Extension and alterations at Lower Little Hook, Ambleston has been approved.

1. **Ambleston Broadband update**

Approximately eight people turned up at the public event which was held in Ambleston Memorial Hall. Broadway Partners acknowledged that the project took longer than anticipated and are learning from their mistakes. There are still problems with downloading SkyQ but are working on resolving this issue. The majority apart of properties apart from a few properties in Tufton are now connected. Positive feedback has been received. The project has started in New Moat and other areas.

1. **Wallis Pond**

Kevin had discussed with Mr. Evans regarding the dumping of the spoil on his land, he is open to negotiation. Eirian will advise Mair Rees.

1. **Wallis Moor – Reintroduction of grazing**

The contractors have finished the fencing, three kissing gates are in situ with bilingual signage. Cattle have started to graze.

1. **Defibrillator for Woodstock & Wallis**

The two cabinets have been delivered. Rachel has agreed for the electric to be connected from her outbuilding (by the noticeboard in Wallis). A quote for the installation of the two cabinets has been received from TJB Electricals. Further quotes required. Eirian to contact Margaret Griffiths to find out where the cabinet is to be placed in the hall.

1. **Defibrillator training**

When both defibrillators have been installed, training will be arranged.

1. **Payments**
2. Audit Wales Invoice x 2 – 2019/20 £403.00, and 2020/21 £350.00, both amounts are significantly more than the previous invoices, which Members felt was unjustified for auditing a small Community Council and asked for clarification from Audit Wales before making payment. Eirian email Audit Wales
3. Dai Ambrey – General Allowance payment – cheque for £120.00 signed.
4. HMRC – Tax in relation to General Allowance payment – cheque for £30.00 signed.
5. **Correspondence**
6. PCC Precept remittance for August 22 - £900.00.
7. Paul Sartori Hospice at Home – Thank you for the donation letter.
8. PCC Dr Steven Jones – Ban of giving live animals as prizes – noted.
9. NHS Hywel Dda Stakeholder Workshop at Phoenix Centre – noted.
10. Woodland Creation Grant Scheme – noted and details to be put on the Facebook page.
11. PCC Development of Participation Strategy invite – Noted. Rosie may be able to attend.
12. PCC Code of Conduct training – Circulate to Rosie who may attend.
13. **Any other business**
14. Gail – received email asking to check the defibrillator in Ambleston as certain ones were being recalled as battery giving incorrect reading (showing full when it was not). After numerous calls, the defibrillator was eventually collected on 29th August and was delivered on 12th September. Gail is unsure if the battery was changed but it seems to be working ok. Eirian asked Gail to check the date that the pads are due to expire. Rosie suggested buying a new battery pack for it when the two new defibrillators are installed in Woodstock and Wallis.
15. Kevin – Harvest Thanksgiving in Woodstock Chapel on 27th September at 7 o’clock.
16. Gareth attended the Queen’s Commemorative service in St Davids Cathedral which was a lovely service.
17. David Howlett noted that Cllr Di Clements was invited to the Queen’s funeral.

There being no further matters the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.35pm. The next meeting will be 24th October 2022 at 7.30pm.

**Signed ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….**

**Date………………………………………………….**