**AMBLESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

A meeting of Ambleston Community Council was held remotely via Skype on Monday 24th August 2020. Meeting commenced at 7.30 pm.

Present were: - Messrs. Julian Harries (Chair), Kevin Morris, Gareth Owen, Cllr. David Howlett, Mrs. Gail Davies and Mrs. Eirian Forrest (Clerk)

1. **Apologies:** - David Ambrey
2. **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting (27.07.20)**

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1. **Matters arising from the Minutes**
2. Defibrillator – No update.
3. Dwr Cymru Welsh Water – no response received.
4. Casual Vacancy – no interest received.
5. Streetlight in Wallis – unsure if this has been repaired. The Clerk will check with Dai.
6. Highway matters reported:
   * 1. Blocked drain on cross roads on left turning to Ambleston – Gail was unsure if this has been done.
     2. Blocked drain at bottom of Pencastell Hill – unsure if this has been done.
     3. Pothole outside Chapel House has been done.
     4. Road surface 20 – 30 yards after Woodstock Cross to Walton East is rough – response received, this is a BT issue and the matter will be forwarded on.
7. **Highway matters**

Kevin reported a streetlight not working by the bus stop in Woodstock - The Clerk will report.

1. **Planning**

20/0330/PA – Conversion of agricultural outbuilding to residential unit with self-contained annexe at Scollock Bill, Ambleston – it was agreed to support this proposal. Kevin declared a personal and prejudicial interest and did not take part in the discussion.

1. **Ambleston Broadband update**

Cllr Howlett gave an update – a meeting with broadband providers is being held every 3 weeks. Majority of the surveying work has been done. Welcome letters have been sent to all who express an interest. Ad vans are in the area, Clarbeston Road at the moment and will relocate every 2 – 3 weeks. Not too late for anyone to express an interest and a post has been put on the community Facebook page. New Moat is running in parallel with Ambleston.

1. **Annual Audit**

Audit paperwork has not been returned by David Weatherburn yet, however, he is aware of the deadline of 31st August 2020.

1. **Wallis Pond**

Bench – Dai has made the broken bench safe. A new bench will be purchased as a replacement. It was agreed to purchase a recycled plastic bench for durability. Julian supports buying one locally. The Clerk will try and find a local supplier.

1. **Border issue with Kyrenia, Ambleston**

The Clerk hasn’t received a response from PCC regarding this. The Clerk will chase up.

1. **Correspondence**
2. PCC Precept £533.00 received 19 August 2020
3. Paul Sartori Hospice at Home – Thank you for the donation letter.
4. Sandy Bear Children’s Bereavement Charity – Thank you for the donation letter.
5. **Other matters**
6. Kevin has been in contact with Margaret Griffiths regarding the Hall Committee AGM. At the AGM they normally ask for a representative from the Community Council to sit on the committee. Kevin offered the position to anyone if they are interested, otherwise he will continue.
7. Dai had asked Gail and the Clerk about when we could hold the meetings in the hall again. It was agreed that we are unable to at present and to wait for any changes in the legislation.

NB: Due to the meeting being held remotely the signing of minutes and cheques etc. will be done at a later date.

There being no further matters the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.55 pm. Next meeting via SKYPE arranged for 28th September at 7.30pm.