**CYNGOR CYMUNED TREAMLOD / AMBLESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

A meeting of Ambleston Community Council was held at Ambleston Memorial Hall on Monday 23rd January, commenced at 7.30 pm.

Present: Gareth Owen (Chair), Kevin Morris, Julian Harries, Gail Davis, Dai Ambrey and Eirian Forrest (Clerk)

1. **Apologies** – Rosie McDonald, Cllr. David Howlett
2. **Minutes of the last Meeting (28.11.22)**

 Copies of the last meeting had been distributed to members which was agreed by all that

 the minutes were to be signed.

1. **Matters arising from the minutes**
2. Dog fouling in Ambleston – Signs yet to be put up in Woodstock. Gareth reported that one of the signs on the stone plinth at Wallis Pond has been removed/fallen off, and will put a note of the Facebook page.
3. Willow trees near Wallis Bridge – Not done.
4. Audit Wales invoices – no response received.
5. Two blocked drains between Pencastell and Wallis bridge – Done.
6. Street light that had been removed from by the bus shelter in Woodstock – the streetlight has been reinstated.
7. **Highway matters**

Julian reported a blocked drain on the east side of Cwarre Duon which has caused approximately one foot off the side of the road. Gareth also reported surface water pooling on the other side of the junction. Eirian will report.

1. **Planning**

22/0636/PA – Portal frame shed for livestock storage at Middle House, U3352 Ambleston – Approved.

1. **Wallis Pond**

Since the last meeting, David Howlettrang Mair Rees. Mair advised that NRW were very risk adverse in agreeing work for all land, including SSSI without land management plans when the funding was channelled through them. This is a problem with similar sites across Wales and senior people in NRW including their legal department are still trying to resolve this issue. He told Mair that this delay was causing much local frustration and suggested if delays continued, he could get Paul Davies to e-mail senior people in NRW to try to get them to resolve this. Mair said when the funding was not channelled through NRW e.g. fund elsewhere, it would be a quicker process as NRW have less responsibility.

Mair contacted Pete Howe, PCC to explore funding options. Pete told Eirian that an application had been made to The Marine Challenge Fund to desilt a third of the pond, and if funding was approved, Pete would manage the finance element and Mair would manage the project by getting the necessary permits etc. arrange the contractor etc. If funding is approved, then an option would be to apply for the Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant for phase 2 and 3.

Russell Evans had told Gail that he had emailed Mair about the dumping of the silt on his land but has not had a response. Members are frustrated with the slow progress and lack of communication from Mair Rees.

1. **Defibrillator for Woodstock & Wallis**

The cabinets have not been fitted; Eirian had sent a text to Tom Bevan who replied that they would be fitted by Friday 27th January.

1. **Annual Audit Conclusion**

The audit conclusion for the year ended 31st March 2022 was unqualified with no matters arising and recommendations. A notice and a copy of the accounting statement has been displayed in the three notice boards.

1. **Payments:**

Election recharge payment - £225.00. The charge is made up of staff time in relation to drafting and publishing the notices, nomination costs and some IT costs.

Members felt that paying for services even though an election was not held in Ambleston was unfair, but agreed it had to be paid, therefore, it was proposed by Gareth, seconded by Kevin to pay the invoice.

1. **Correspondence**
2. PCC – Precept remittance - £900.00 on 7 December 2022
3. PCC - Keep Warm Keep Well in Pembrokeshire campaign – Noted and to be posted on Facebook
4. PCC – Soup Initiative – Noted and has been posted on Facebook.
5. PCC – Operation Nightingale 23 launched - noted.
6. **Any other business**
7. Dai has been in discussion with Jim Dunkley, PCC regarding grazing rights on part of the moor, he has purchased four pigs to graze approximately one acre piece of land. He is waiting to hear back from Jim.
8. Gareth is aware that there is £6400 available in the Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant fund and consideration should be given to applying on a suitable project. Eirian will find out when the next round of applications are.
9. Gail sent her apologies in advance of the next meeting.

There being no further matters the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.25pm. The next meeting will be 27th February 2023 at 7.30pm.

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

**Date………………………………………………….**