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# AMBLESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

A meeting of Ambleston Community Council was held on Monday 22nd May 2017 at the Memorial Hall, Woodstock following the Annual General Meeting.

Present were: - Mr David Ambrey (Chairman), Messrs Bryn Vaughan, Kevin Morris, Julian Harries, Mrs Anne James, Councillor David Howlett, Pembs County Council and the Clerk.

1A Members Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Members signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office forms and also signed the Councillors Declaration Book with the wording modified to include observation of the Code of Conduct.

1B. Apologies.

There were no apologies as all members were present.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting.

Copies of the minutes of the last meeting had been distributed to members. The minutes were agreed as being a true record and were signed.

## 3. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

(a) The water leak and pothole near Triffleton House is yet to be attended to. The Clerk to contact Welsh Water once again.

(b) There had been three applicants for the Clerk’s post on the Community Council. One person having withdrawn, the other two namely Mrs Eirian Forrest and Mr Stephen Evans had applied in writing and were present at the meeting. It was agreed that each member has a copy of the applicants letters to study and that an extraordinary meeting be held on Thursday 1st June 2017 at 8.0 p m at the Memorial Hall to appoint the new Clerk.

(c) Councillor Howlett reported that enquiries of Pembs County Council regarding the flooding near Hook Farm are ongoing.

(d) The Clerk had sent to the Natural Resources Wales Officer a map showing details of the areas between Wallis Pond and Pencastell where areas of scrub are to be cut back in the autumn.

(e) John Griffiths had attended the One Voice Wales Pembs Area meeting at County Hall on Tuesday 24th April 2017 and had submitted a brief written report.

4. Highway Matters.

(a) The irregularity in the surface of the B4329 outside Hafan, Woodstock which was reported to Pembs County Council in October 2016 and who were referring the matter to the utility company concerned has not been attended to and is now deteriorating further. The Clerk is to check through the minutes and report the matter to Pembs County Council once more.

(b) Broken glass, probably fro a vehicle’s shattered window is strewn across the road outside Brynteg, Ambleston. This matter to be reported to Pembs County Council via the Service Line.

(c) The Clerk had reported the extremely poor state of the unclassified road U3360 to Rock Cottage, Lower Wallis by letter to Mr Darren Thomas, Head of Highways and Construction, Pembs County Council following complaints from the residents living along the road. This road has been inspected and marked out in preparation for repair work to be carried out along with unclassified road U3361 Pencastell to Wallis Mill.

(d) Japanese Knotweed was reported between Rinaston Farm and Gwndwn Gwyn near the junction with the road to Wolfscastle. This matter to be reported to the Pembs County Council Officer responsible for Japanese Knotweed.

(e) A road accident occurred recently at the road junction between Parcyllyn Cross Roads and Rinaston Farm involving a car which was taking part in a rally. The four young lads in the car were uninjured but the vehicle was damaged.

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5.Planning.

There were no items of planning.

6. Insurance Renewal.

It was proposed by Bryn Vaughan, seconded by Kevin Morris and agreed to pay the premium of £193.20 to Zurich Municipal Insurance Company. The premium is the same as for the previous year with a small increase in the tax rate.

7 Correspondence.

(a) ONE VOICE WALES (OVW). Mrs Anne James and Mr David Ambrey both agreed to be nominated to represent the Community Council at OVW quarterly Area Committee meetings. The Clerk to print the OVW newsletter which is on the website. Details of OVW training sessions to be circulated.

(b) Pembrokeshire County Council Standards Committee. There were no nominations for this committee from Ambleston Community Council.

(c) The Community Council will be required by law to enrol into a Pension Scheme after 1st July 2017.

(d) Clerks and Councils Direct to be circulated.

8. Any Other Business.

(a) Councillor Howlett will attend a meeting regarding the Community Speed Watch Committee on Wednesday 24th May 2017 at Haverfordwest Police Station.

(b) Money will be available for a Defibrillator after 1st June 2017. Bryn Vaughan is to contact the British Heart Foundation Officer.

(c) Now with only two bank account cheque signatories remaining on the Community Council it was agreed that the Clerk obtains a Mandate form from Barclays Bank.

(d) The Clerk to advertise the Community Council Casual Vacancy in the news item and with Posters in the Notice Boards.

(e) It was agreed that the Clerk deposits old minute books and cash books in the County Council Archives in Haverfordwest.

(f) Mrs Anne James on behalf of all members made a presentation to the Clerk on her retirement after 31 years service. Mrs Margaret Griffiths thanked the members for their gift and good wishes.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.0 p m.

Date of the Next Meeting – Monday 26th June 2017 at 8.0 p m.