AMBLESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

A meeting of Ambleston Community Council held on Monday 27th November 2017 at the Memorial Hall, Woodstock. Meeting commenced at 7.30 pm

Present were: - Mr. David Ambrey (Chairman), Messrs. Kevin Morris, Julian Harries, Mrs. Anne James, Councilor David Howlett, Pembs County Council, and the Clerk. Also, in attendance was Mr. Roger Daborn

1. Apologies.

Bryn Vaughan

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

1. **Speed watch –** Cllr Howlett provided an update that the first training session which Cllr Howlett and Bryn Vaughan attended had taken place at the Police Station. Another session will be arranged shortly. DBS checks have been done and are ready to proceed.
2. **Adopt a Kiosk & Defibrillator –** Dai Ambrey and Kevin Morris agreed to make arrangements with Bryn Vaughan to install the defibrillator inside the kiosk.
3. **Pond at Wallis –**David Ambrey has received from Natural Resources Wales a letter which gives consent to carry out works to the pond. The consent is valid from 01.11.17 to 01.02.18. Dai had visited John Griffiths to discuss the opening of the sluice gate. Dai and Kevin Morris will make arrangements to carry out the works over the Christmas period.
4. **Pension Regulator** – the Clerk has completed the Declaration of Compliance.
5. **Highway matters from the last meeting** - response received from Dorian Williams:

Tarmac cracked near Wallis Lodge – nothing to worry about. The crack is only on the surface, it’s where previous patching work has occurred.

1. Drains outside Bryn Vaughan’s house –Cllr Howlett had no update to report.
2. Cllr Howlett advised that the layby at the top of Preseli Mountains are the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority’s responsibility.
3. Cllr Howlett advised that he had reported the ‘Slow’ sign near Pencastell.
4. For information Cllr Howlett advised that the Planning Committee had approved the application for Llysyfran Business Centre.
5. Filing cabinet is still available. The Clerk has advertised it on PCC’s bulletin board, and hadn’t received any enquiries.

4. Highway Matters

1. Bryn Vaughan had sent a text to the Clerk to report blocked drains on the road between Woodstock Cross SA63 4TD and Longstone SA63 4TB (road leading to Walton East).
2. Mr Daborn attended the meeting to report issues with an open ditch and flooding problems above Wallis. A letter was handed to Cllr Howlett and The Clerk signed by the residents of: Corner Cottage, Corner House Farm, Wallis Farm and Wallis Cottage. The Clerk and Cllr Howlett agreed to report the issues to Area Maintenance.

5. Planning

There was one matter for consideration – 17/0738PA –Cromlech Lodge, Ambleston – demolition of existing house and rebuild new dwelling. Conversion of two barns (stables and cart house) into two self-contained holiday cottages by change of use. New double garage/workshop, new storage building (oil, logs, bins recycling) with a bat mitigation roof over. Julian Harries declared in interest in this application.

6 – Financial Report

The Clerk reported as of 31.10.17 a balance of £1744.46. Balance carried forward on 01.04.17 was £2952.88; plus Precept payments received £534.00 and £533.00 and a Wayleave payment of £248.28. Expenditure totaled £2523.70, which included £80.00 in charitable donations, previous Clerk’s salary £1375.00 and expenses £38.00, One Voice Wales Membership £43.00, Insurance £193.20, Defibrillator £600.00, Ambleston Hall £30.00, Purchase of Kiosk £1.00, and Wales Audit Office £163.50.

7. Clerk’s Salary and Expenses

Payment of clerk’s salary for first six months (July – December) - £525.00. This was proposed by Julian Harries and seconded by Kevin Morris.

Payment of expenses for the same term - £32.22. This was proposed by Julian Harries and seconded by Kevin Morris.

8. Correspondence.

1. Pembrokeshire County Council Local Development Plan 2 (LDP2) – Review Report and Delivery Agreement Consultation – comments to be received by 5pm Friday 5th January 2018. Engagement event taking place on Wednesday 6th December at 3pm – 5pm, and Wednesday 13th December 5.30pm – 7.30pm. No one was interested in attending.
2. Sign received to be displayed in the Kiosk – ‘BT no longer owns this kiosk’
3. Sign that was previously received to be displayed with Defibrillator was placed on the box in readiness to be displayed when this is installed.

**Information circulated:**

1. Consultation on Household Waste and Recycling Collection. Posters to be displayed on the notice boards in the village.
2. Review of Town & Community Council Sector - Consultation events.
3. Clerks and Councils Direct newsletter
4. Major Trauma Consultation.

7. Any Other Business.

1. Precept – This was discussed, and it was proposed by Julian Harries, seconded by Anne James to keep the same amount - £1600.00. All agreed.
2. Street lighting - Cllr Howlett advised that the policy is that bulbs will be replaced, however, if the repair means more than a change of bulb, and the light only provides minimal lighting/benefit, it will be decommissioned. The Community Council is able to take over the responsibility by agreeing to pay approximately £200.00.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.20 p m.

Date of the Next Meeting – Monday 22nd January 2018 at 7.30 pm.