AMBLESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

A meeting of Ambleston Community Council was held on Monday 22nd January 2018 at the Memorial Hall, Woodstock. Meeting commenced at 7.30 pm

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

1. Apologies.

None

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 said that the second training session has now taken place.

**Adopt a Kiosk & Defibrillator –** Dai Ambrey and Kevin Morris are yet to make arrangements with Bryn Vaughan to install the defibrillator inside the kiosk.

1. **Pond at Wallis –**David Ambrey has started cleaning the pond. Has cleared most of the weed which has been placed on the bank. Chris Lawrence, NRW will arrange the clearing of the silt. The permission expires 01.02.18.
2. **Flooding issues in Wallis** - Area Maintenance have been out and cleaned the gullies etc. however there is further work to do. Mr. Darborn is happy with what has been done so far.
3. **Drains outside Bryn Vaughan’s house** have not been looked at. Cllr Howlett will report this matter.
4. **SLOW sign** – Dai Ambrey had given an incorrect location for the worn out road sign. The sign is on the road entering Wallis Village which has been resurfaced. Cllr Howlett advised that as the road has been resurfaced this should be on the list to repaint.
5. **Blocked drains near Woodstock Cross** – It was understood that the drain had been cleaned; however the problem is ongoing. The Clerk to report this matter again.
6. **Filing cabinet** has been sold for £35. Bryn Vaughan gave the cash to the Clerk to bank.
7. **Street lights –** David Ambrey asked how the Community Council could ensure that lights are repaired and not decommissioned. Areas in Wallis only have one light in sporadic locations. Cllr Howlett responded that he has made enquiries regarding this and has been told that there are no funds available.

4. Highway Matters

Bryn Vaughan reported flooding issues (approx. 7 inches deep x 30 yards in length) near Hook Farm. There are also various surface water issue points along the road towards Trifelton. Julian Harries noted that if these ditches were cleaned and maintained this would save the council money as it would prevent road surfacing problems in the long term.

5. Planning

For information - Planning application 17/0738PA –Cromlech Lodge, Ambleston which was considered at the last meeting has been approved.

8. Correspondence

1. PCC - Local Development Plan Review Important Update – Letter from Julie Kirk, Development Plans team and copy of PowerPoint presentation and Seminar Feedback attached (the presentation and seminar feedback was circulated). Following the recent seminars, a letter from Welsh Government Minister was received inviting Pembrokeshire County Council to consider preparing a joint Local Development Plan (LDP) with Ceredigion and Carmarthenshire. Progress on the LDP Plan will now be delayed whilst consideration is given to this invitation. A request was made to provide a Councilor name and email address as an additional contact during the LDP plan Review. Julian Harries agreed to be nominated as the Councilor contact.
2. Welsh Government – Section 137 Expenditure Limit for 2018 -19 - £7.86 per elector.
3. Pembrokeshire County Council – Budget Reductions and Medium Term Financial Plan – Notified all Town/Community Councils before the precepts were set for 2018-19, that from April 2018 all Town/Community Councils will be recharged for expenditure incurred by a Returning Officer in relation to the holding of an Election for a Town/Community Councilor. The Actual cost for Ambleston CC if contested in May 2017 – N/A

Average cost for Town/Community Council if contested in May 2017 - £5765.79 (Ambleston would be approximate £3500.00)

Cost per non-contested Town/Community Council election in May 2017 - £255.86

Due to the lack of contested elections in this Ambleston, it was proposed by Julian Harries and seconded by Bryn Vaughan to keep the precept amount the same.

**Information circulated:**

1. LDP Review - PowerPoint presentation and Seminar Feedback.
2. Clerks & Council direct newsletter
3. One Voice Wales minutes 26.09.17 and 07.11.17
4. Paul Davies Advice Surgery Timetable - posters issued to Bryn Vaughan, Anne James and David Ambrey to display in local notice boards. One poster was displayed on Woodstock Memorial Hall notice board.

7. Any Other Business.

1. Recycled waste - Bryn Vaughan noted had seen three lorries carrying waste up to Oxford which will be dumped as landfill and enquiring why this was happening – Cllr Howlett responded that different materials need to get shipped to different locations. Black bag waste is shipped from Pembroke Dock to Sweden where they burn the waste for fuel. Members of Spittal Community Council recently visited Withyhedge Tip to look how they operate. Cllr Howlett will make enquiries to see if Bryn Vaughan and others can also visit. The proposals in the Waste Consultation will involve more recycling for householders. David Ambrey said that supermarkets and others need to reduce their packaging and make more packaging recyclable.

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

Date of the Next Meeting – Monday 26th February 2018 at 7.30 pm.