AMBLESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

A meeting of Ambleston Community Council was held on Monday 22nd October 2018 at the Memorial Hall, Woodstock. Meeting commenced at 8 pm

Present were: - Messrs. Bryn Vaughan, Julian Harries, David Ambrey, Cllr David Howlett, Mrs. Anne James & Mrs. Eirian Forrest (Clerk)

**1. Apologies:**

No apologies.

**2. Minutes of the Last Meeting.**

Copies of the minutes of the last meeting had been distributed to members. Due to not being able to sign the July minutes last month, the minutes of the July and September meeting were agreed and signed.

**3. Matters arising from the Minutes**

1. Speed watch – This has achieved good results to date. Judith Parr now has a new post, and there is uncertainty about who will take over. Cllr Howlett agreed to make enquiries.
2. Defibrillator – the Clerk had written to the owner/occupier of the two properties adjacent to the kiosk to advise that the defibrillator would be fitted soon and to request that the access to the kiosk remains unobstructed. It was agreed to arrange to install it in the kiosk at Ambleston.
3. Pond at Wallis – Concern was raised over the amount of silt building up on the pond and the effect on the eco system. David Ambrey will chase this up with Chris Lawrence, NRW.
4. Drain outside Bryn Vaughan’s house – Cllr D Howlett spoke with Emrys Llewellyn on 25th September 2018 who agreed to contact Bryn Vaughan. Due to the heavy rain forecasted the following day the Clerk had also sent a request through on 11th October 2018. Workmen did attend to unblock the drain.
5. SLOW sign – No update.
6. Recycled waste – no update
7. Dwr Cymru Welsh Water – Edward Merriman has left Dwr Cymru and Ed Russell from Cooke & Arkwright is now dealing with this matter. He is in contact with Jim Dunkley, Common Registration Officer at PCC.
8. Street light 802219 is working but not very effective.
9. Cabinet Secretary Julie Jones will give a Broadband update on 23rd October 2018.

**4. Highway Matters**

Anne James reported:

1. A blocked drain between Hayog Farm and Glandwr, Ambleston.
2. Since the roads have been resurfaced between Trifelton Bridge and Spittal Mill the drains are at a lower level than the road and need raising to the same level as the road.

The clerk will report these two matters.

**5. Planning**

For info: the LLysyfran trail route has been approved.

**6. Audit Report**

The Annual return for the period ended 31st March 2018 received. The findings of the audit were:

1. Internal Auditor engagement letter – the letter was sent after the internal audit had taken place. It is recommended that the Council receive an engagement letter before the Internal Audit takes place.
2. Timing of internal audit – The Council approved the Accounting Statement on the Annual Return on 23 May 2018 and had responded ‘Yes’ to assertion 6, confirming that the Council has maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the Council’s accounting records and control systems. The Internal Auditor completed his element on 20 June 2018; 28 days after the Council gave a positive response to assertion 6. If the Council gives a positive response to assertion 6 before the independent auditor completes their report, the Council must explain on what basis it was appropriate to give a positive response.

The Notice of Completion is published on the website, and placed inside the notice boards in Ambleston and Woodstock.

**7. Correspondence**

1. Barclays Bank – Account information update. The form was completed and will be returned by post.
2. PATCH – Christmas toy appeal – request for toys, wrapping paper and sticky tape.
3. Sinead Henehan, PCC – Broadband connectivity within the County – reporting of poor speeds and unreliable provision. Results of speed tests are to be sent to Lee McSparron. Cllr Howlett will forward this email to all of his email contacts to raise awareness.

 **8. Any Other Business**

There were no AOB to report.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.45 pm

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