**AMBLESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

A meeting of Ambleston Community Council was held on Monday 25th March 2019 at the Memorial Hall, Woodstock. Meeting commenced at 7.30 pm

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

**1. Apologies:** - N/A

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

Copies of the minutes of the last meeting had been distributed to members and it was agreed that they were a true record and signed.

**3. Matters arising from the Minutes**

1. Speed watch – Cllr Howlett has spoken to Naomi Hicks who thinks that DBS checks need to be carried out every year and is checking this. Commitment needed and an email will be sent to all on the list to check if they wish to carry on.
2. Defibrillator – Bryn has asked Mr. Chilvers who fitted the defibrillator in Spittal for a quote. He believes it wouldn’t cost as much as the quote Kevin had. It was proposed by Kevin, seconded by Anne that Mr. Chilvers should go ahead with the works required.
3. Pond at Wallis – Dai has spoken to Chris Lawrence who advised that the locals should consider cleaning the pond themselves. If the community puts a plan in place he would be happy to visit the site to consider the plan. Works would be unable to be carried out at this time of year, and it was agreed to postpone discussing this further until later in the year.
4. Recycled waste – Bryn and Eirian visited Withybush Tip on Monday 4th March. The only waste that goes there is bulky items after any recycled parts are removed. Orange bags, food and black bags are no longer taken here.
5. Dwr Cymru Welsh Water – Formal Notice of Entry dated 21.03.19 received from Dwr Cymru. Works have not commenced.
6. Broadband – No update.
7. Directional sign – The Clerk had spoken to Kevin Shales at PCC regarding the Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant. Kevin suggested that due to the limited amount available in the Ambleston fund to wait a couple of months as PCC are reviewing the process whereby communities with a low number of second homes can apply for £5000.

**4. Highway Matters**

The Clerk is to report the pothole near Slouthy again.

**5. Planning**

For info:

1. 18/1093/PA – The Old Post Office, Ambleston – Alterations and extensions – approved.
2. 18/1003/PA – North Farm, Woodstock Cross – Erection of agricultural storage and animal housing building – approved.
3. LLysyfran Country Park works have stopped and the park has been closed due to the recent news regarding Dawnus going into administration.

**6. General Allowance form**

The forms were issued to each member and were returned. One member opted to claim the £150.00 allowance.

**7. Auditor for Annual Audit**

It was agreed to ask Mr. David Weatherburn to carry out the internal audit for 2019. The Clerk will send a letter to Mr. Weatherburn.

**8. Standing Orders & 9. Financial Standing Orders**

Both documents were handed to Bryn and David, and they would be emailed to Kevin, Julian and Anne. They were asked to read and consider the contents and any changes required will be discussed at the next meeting.

**10. Casual Vacancy**

Anne and Dai have been asking around if anyone is interested in becoming a Community Councillor with no interest. It was suggested and agreed to post flyers through letter boxes. Cllr Howlett will email the Clerk the number of houses in the ward so that the Clerk can prepare the flyers.

**11. Correspondence**

1. One Voice Wales Membership – it was proposed by Bryn, seconded by Julian to pay this fee of £48.00.
2. Email from Hugh Craddock, Open Spaces Society who have objected to the application to deregister the common land at Stradland Farm and enquiring if the Community Council would be objecting. It was agreed that no response would be sent.
3. Pembrokeshire County Council – Appointment of Community Council Member of the Standards Committee – no interest.

**12.Any Other Matters**

There being no further matters the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.25 pm

Date of the Next Meeting – Monday 29th April 2019 at 8.00 pm