**AMBLESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

A meeting of Ambleston Community Council was held after the Annual General Meeting on Monday 3rd June 2019 at the Memorial Hall, Woodstock. Meeting commenced at 8.10 pm.

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

1. **Apologies:** - Mrs. Anne James
2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting (29.04.19)**

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.

1. **Matters arising from the Minutes**
2. Speed watch – Six DBS checks have been carried out so far and Cllr Howlett is waiting for the go ahead from PCSO Naomi Hicks.
3. Defibrillator – Dai confirmed that there is a live connection in the telephone kiosk, however there is no casing. The electrician is happy to install it free of charge when the case arrives. The defibrillator in Puncheston is battery operated and a question was raised if an electric connection is required. The Clerk will check if the casing should have been included with the defibrillator and whether it is battery or mains operated.
4. Dwr Cymru Welsh Water –Works have not commenced.
5. Pothole near Slouthy has been repaired.
6. Pothole near Cwarre Duon and Henne Lodge has been repaired.
7. Street light at Wallis – response received from Pembrokeshire County Council saying that the light could not be repaired and in line with their policy it is with regret that the light will not be replaced.
8. Japanese Knotweed on Wallis Moor – Jim Dunkley at PCC confirmed that Ambleston Community Council owns this parcel of land. Dai had been given a copy of a letter that was sent to the owner of Rock Cottage from Jim Dunkley advising him that the small stand of Knotweed does not constitute an issue as long as it is not disturbed.
9. Free trees for the community/Pembrokeshire Enhancing Grant – the clerk had printed off information from the Woodland Trust regarding free trees. She had also had a discussion with Sinead Henehan at PCC who is encouraging Community Councils to apply for the Pembrokeshire Enhancing Grant. Sinead suggested that Peter Howe and Trevor Theobald from PCC would be happy to meet up and discuss proposed works/projects at Wallis Pond, and the free trees could be incorporated into the scheme. It was agreed that the Clerk would make enquiries with Peter and Trevor regarding this.
10. **Highway Matters**
11. Cllr Howlett noted that resurfacing works had commenced in Walton East.
12. Kevin reported a small pothole in the middle of the road at Woodstock Cross.
13. **Planning**

Nothing to report

1. **Audit – Annual Governance Statement & Annual Accounts report**

The Governance Statement was signed by Kevin Morris, Chair.

1. **Casual Vacancy**

The Clerk had printed off 170 flyers, and various amounts were issued to members to circulate. Kevin agreed to do Clarbeston Road, Woodstock and some farms on the Ambleston list. Dai agreed to do Parcyllyn Rest Home, Wallis, Julian agreed to do Tufton, Wolfscastle, some off the Ambleston list, and Eirian agreed to do Ambleston village. Anne would be contacted to see which addresses she could do. Any on the list that could not be hand delivered would be posted.

1. **Insurance Renewal**

Renewal quote – 193.20. It was proposed by Julian, seconded by Dai and agreed to renew the insurance. Payment made.

1. **Correspondence**
2. Ambleston & Tufton Senior Citizens – enquiring whether or not the Community Council would appoint one member to sit on the Committee – It was agreed to discuss further at the next meeting when there was full attendance.
3. Ambleston Memorial Hall – request for the person who will represent Ambleston Community
4. Council on the Management Committee. It was proposed by Julian, agreed by Dai that Kevin would continue for a further year.
5. Cruse Bereavement Care – a thank you letter for the kind donation of 30.00
6. Clerks & Councils Direct
7. Paul Davies newsletter – displayed on notice board
8. Recycling changes poster – displayed on and inside notice boards
9. **Any Other Matters**
10. As it was Bryn’s last meeting, Kevin presented Bryn with a gift and thanked him for his loyalty over the past 34 years. He was a valued member the Community Council and will missed.
11. Cllr Howlett also thanked Bryn for his contribution and wished him all the very best for his move to Uzmaston.
12. A thank you was also given by all the other members.
13. Bryn will arrange to get a key for the Clerk from Margaret Griffiths.

There being no further matters the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.10 pm

Date of the next Meeting was agreed – Monday 24th June 2019 at 8.00 pm