**AMBLESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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

Present were: - Messrs. Kevin Morris (Chair), Julian Harries, David Ambrey, Gareth Owen, Cllr. David Howlett and Eirian Forrest (Clerk)

1. **Apologies:** - Mrs. Gail Davies
2. **Minutes of the last meeting (28.10.19)**

 Copies of the minutes of the last meeting had been distributed to members which were agreed

 that they were a true record and signed.

1. **Matters arising from the Minutes**
2. Speed watch – Not much activity at the moment and will start up again in the next year. More volunteers are needed.
3. Defibrillator –The defibrillator fits inside the cabinet and Dai has made arrangements to get it fitted soon.
4. Dwr Cymru Welsh Water – works have not commenced.
5. SLOW sign in Wallis – Gavin Pritchard has advised that this will be added to the post surface markings programme.
6. Excess chippings in Ambleston – the sweeper will be sent to clear up the excess chippings.
7. Casual Vacancy – the position has not been filled.
8. Wallis Pond – a meeting is arranged with Mair from Natural Resources Wales at 10am 5th December 2019.
9. Japanese Knotweed – Gail hasn’t taken a photo of the area yet.
10. **Highway matters**
11. Dai reported a flooding problem between New House Cross and Cwarre Duon Cross. Dai had to towl a car out of the flood water during the most recent heavy rainfall. It was suggested that a request is sent to PCC for signage at these points warning drivers that the road is liable to flooding.
12. Kevin reported a pothole outside Chapel House in Woodstock and also the street light is flickering.
13. **Planning**

No matters to report.

1. **Budget and Precept**

 Eirian read out the proposed budget in order to set the precept for 2020. Proposed expenditure

 was £3891.34, projected receipts £3794.08 which includes the account balance at 30.09.2019. It

 was proposed by Kevin, seconded by Gareth and agreed to keep the precept at £1600.00. The

 budget was signed by Kevin.

1. **Financial Standing Order – Reconcile**

In line with the Financial Standing Orders which were adopted in April 2019, Gareth agreed to reconcile the accounts, and will sign the form and return in the January meeting.

1. **Clerk’s Salary and Expenses**

It was proposed by Kevin, seconded by Julian and agreed to pay the Clerk’s salary (£525.00) and expenses (£55.40).

1. **Correspondence**
2. Invoice received from Value Products for the defibrillator cabinet - £96.95 + VAT (£116.34). It was proposed by Julian, seconded by Dai and agreed to pay this invoice.
3. Invoice received from Wales Audit Office for 2017/2018 audit - £160.50. It was proposed by Julian, seconded by Kevin and agreed to pay this invoice.
4. **Any other matters**
5. Cllr Howlett gave an update on the Digital Pembrokeshire Broadband Scheme which PCC are running. Engagement Officers will be doing their rounds soon to raise awareness of the scheme. The more expressions of interest received from residents will increase the chances of getting the fibre broadband installed. Central government grants are available, £1500 for residential, £5500 for businesses. Please encourage everyone to apply.
6. At the last meeting an uneven section of road passed Carregwen, Tufton within the Puncheston Community Council area was reported. The area had been tarmacked and had recently been re-done but the surface was uneven. Julian has noticed that warnings signs have since been placed at this section of road.

There being no further matters the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.10 pm

Date of the next Meeting was agreed – Monday 27th January 2020 at 7.30 pm.