**AMBLESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

A meeting of Ambleston Community Council was held on Monday 27th January 2020 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 (25.11.19)**

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 – DBS checks may need redoing, and more volunteers needed.
3. Defibrillator – Defibrillator is now installed. Training to be arranged.
4. Dwr Cymru Welsh Water – works have not commenced.
5. Casual Vacancy – the position has not been filled. Continue to spread the word.
6. Wallis Pond – See item 7.
7. Japanese Knotweed – Gail hasn’t taken a photo of the area yet.
8. Pothole outside Chapel House, Woodstock – repaired.
9. Streetlight outside Chapel House, Woodstock – repaired.
10. Digital Pembrokeshire Broadband Scheme - Details of interested persons have been sent to the prospective suppliers. Quotes will be received by 07/02/20. The Ambleston project is second in line, however this depends how many showed an interest and the quotes received. PCC may bridge any funding gap.
11. **Highway matters**
12. Streetlight not working – outside Memorial Hall, Woodstock and outside Pencastell, Wallis.
13. Dai reported that the boulders/stones supporting a footbridge by the pond have been washed away. Cllr Howlett agreed to report this at the meeting arranged with Mair, NRW, Jim Dunkley etc. on Friday 31st
14. **Planning**

19/0963/PA – Lower Little Hook, Ambleston – Single back of property extension to create a bigger kitchen/diner with a lean-to roof – it was agreed to support this application.

1. **Financial Standing Order – Reconciliation**

Gareth completed the reconciliation which was correct, and the form was signed.

1. **Wallis Pond**

Following the meeting on 5th December with Mair from NRW, where she agreed in principal to clearing the silt from the pond, however this would be costly and access to funding could be difficult. She suggested a silt trap could be useful to minimize the amount of silt reaching the pond. She expressed concern over the state of the common, and said she would get in contact with Jim Dunkley, Common Land Officer at PCC. Furthermore, a meeting between Russel Evans, Geraint, PCNPA, Jim Dunkley, Mair, and Cllr Howlett has been arranged on 31st January 2020 to address the grazing issue and to find a way forward.

1. **Environment Wales Act 2016 – Maintain & Enhance Biodiversity**

Community Councils are required to comply with the Section 6 of the act. The clerk had drafted a report using the template provided, which was handed out. With a minor amendment it was agreed that the report could be published as required.

1. **PCC Local Development Plan – Deposit Plan Consultation**

A consultation on the Deposit Plan is running for 8 weeks ending on 11th March 2020. The settlement boundary for Ambles ton remains the same with no new candidate site included. The proposal that the affordable housing requirement will change from 100% to 50% was noted.

1. **Correspondence**

Buckingham Palace Garden Party – an invitation to the Chairperson to be entered into a draw to attend – No interest.

1. **Any other matters**

Cllr Howlett encouraged the use of ‘My Account’ on Pembrokeshire County Council’s website to report faulty streetlights, potholes, etc. and also receive text reminders for waste collection.

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

Date of the next Meeting was agreed – Monday 24th February 2020 at 7.30 pm.