**AMBLESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

A meeting of Ambleston Community Council was held on Monday 24th February 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, Mrs. Gail Davies and Mrs. Eirian Forrest (Clerk)

1. **Apologies:** - Nil
2. **Minutes of the last meeting (27.01.2020)**

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

that they were a true record and signed.

1. **Matters arising from the Minutes**
2. Defibrillator – The Defibrillator has been registered with Welsh Ambulance Services. The Clerk has made enquiries regarding training and was asked to contact them again in a couple of weeks.
3. Dwr Cymru Welsh Water – The Clerk had written to Cooke & Arkwright for an update. The response received was that Dwr Cymru have taken the scheme back ‘In House’ and will be dealing with matters via their own Estates Team. The letter has been sent to Dwr Cymru who will provide an update.
4. Casual Vacancy – Notices have been displayed in Woodstock, Walls & Ambleston.
5. Japanese Knotweed – The plants have lost their leaves. Gail will take photographs when they are back in leaf.
6. Digital Pembrokeshire Broadband Scheme – Cllr Howlett - Quotes were due back end of February however the companies have requested more time, and should be back early March.
7. Streetlight in Woodstock has been repaired. The one in Wallis has not.
8. Environment Wales Act 2016 – Maintain & Enhance Biodiversity report has been published on the Town & Community Council website[www.pembstcc.co.uk](http://www.pembstcc.co.uk/). and a link has been sent to [S6BiodiversityDuty@gov.wales](mailto:S6BiodiversityDuty@gov.wales).
9. PCC Local Development Plan – Deposit Plan Consultation has been extended by a week – now closes 4.30pm 18th March 2020.
10. The boulders/stones supporting a footbridge by Wallis Pond has been inspected by Sean Tilling, PCC Countryside Officer and has reported back saying that they are fine.
11. **Highway matters**

Gail reported a blocked drain at the corner of the cross road on left turning to Ambleston. The Clerk will report

1. **Planning**

19/0989/PA – Erwin Cottage, Springwells, Ambleston – Change of use from holiday let to residential – it was agreed to support this application.

1. **Wallis Pond**

A meeting was held on 31st January between Jim Dunckley, PCC, Mair, NRW, Cllr Howlett and Russell Evans, Wallis Grazing Association to discuss the future management of the Common. The removal of the silt from the pond was mentioned and the possibility of installing a silt trap, but it was agreed to return to this at a later point. The Clerk will contact Mair Rees (NRW) for a plan on moving forward with regards to the removal of the silt.

1. **Correspondence**
2. Wales Audit invoice for 2018/19 audit - £227.75 – it was proposed by Gareth, seconded by Julian to pay this invoice. Payment was made.
3. One Voice Wales Membership - £51.00 – it was proposed by Julian, seconded by Gareth to pay this invoice. Payment was made.
4. Ambleston Digital engagement – email from Chloe Horn, CSC Assistant at PCC – email introducing herself to Community Council, explaining her role is to engage with, supporting and encouraging members of the public to communicate with PCC via digital means, mainly the ‘My Account’ system. It was suggested that she is invited along the same time the Defibrillator training is held. Noted
5. **Any other matters**

Gareth advised that a decision has been made by The Planning Inspectorate that 5 acres of his land was incorrectly registered a common land and will be removed from the register of Ambleston Common. If this item if brought to a meeting he will declare an interest.

There being no further matters the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.00 pm

Date of the next Meeting was agreed – Monday 23rd March 2020 at 7.30 pm.