**AMBLESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

A meeting of Ambleston Community Council was held remotely via Skype on Monday 27th July 2020. Meeting commenced at 7.30 pm.

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

1. **Apologies:** - David Ambrey
2. **Minutes of the last meeting (22.06.2020)**

 Copies of the minutes of the last meeting had been distributed to members. There was

 one typo (Stradland not Stratland). Members agreed they were a true record and that

 they were to be signed.

1. **Matters arising from the Minutes**
2. Defibrillator – No update.
3. Dwr Cymru Welsh Water – The Clerk has written to Dwr Cymru requesting an update but has not received a response.
4. Casual Vacancy – no interest received.
5. Streetlight in Wallis – unsure if this has been repaired.
6. Highway matters reported:
7. Blocked drain on cross roads on left turning to Ambleston – Gail was unsure if this has been done.
8. Blocked drain at bottom of Pencastell Hill – unsure if this has been done.
9. Erosion of road’s top surface causing a blockage – Julian said this has been repaired and resurfaced. Assumption that as the road erosion has been repaired the two block drains have also been done.
10. **Highway matters**
11. Kevin reported a pothole outside Chapel House.
12. Kevin - road surface 20 – 30 yards after Woodstock Cross to Walton East is rough.

The Clerk will report both.

1. **Planning**
2. 20/0055/PA – New Scollock Farm, Ambleston – Erection of an above ground nutrient storage tank – Approved.
3. Julian’s father has submitted a planning application for an agricultural shed – declared an interest for when this is considered by the community council.
4. **Ambleston Broadband update**

The project is progressing and residents have been sent letters. Cllr Howlett has promoted it on Ambleston’s Facebook page. Trailer vans will be brought down to raise awareness and are looking for locations to park the trailer. Possible locations were suggested as, opposite Pencastell, Wallis, by 40 MPH sign or bus stop in Woodstock and also on the road in the layby (the dip) between Woodstock and Tufton. Surveying work has been done in Llysyfran/New Moat area. Timescales are slipping somewhat, however the PCC Broadband team are keeping them updated.

1. **Annual Audit**

Audit paperwork has been delivered to David Weatherburn.

1. **Wallis Pond**

Bench - Kevin has checked the bench and agreed it needs to be removed and replaced. Gail suggested buying a recycled plastic bench. The Clerk agreed to check out prices etc.

NRW – Mair apologises for not responding, and will send a response ASAP.

1. **Japanese Knotweed**

Cllr Howlett has reported it and someone has been out, treated it and has added it to the future year’s maintenance plan.

1. **Border issue with Kyrenia, Ambleston**

 The Clerk hasn’t received a response from PCC regarding this. The Clerk will chase up.

1. **General allowance payment**

There is one Councillor who has opted to receive this payment £150.00. It was proposed by Gail, seconded by Gareth to pay this.

1. **Clerk’s salary and expenses**

It was proposed by Kevin, seconded by Gareth to pay the Clerk’s salary (£525.00) and expenses (£45.62).

1. **Correspondence**

Invitation to join Pembrokeshire Resilience Network – it was agreed to not accept this invitation for the time being.

1. **Other matters**

Nil.

NB: Due to meeting being held remotely and the cheque book currently being with David Weatherburn for the internal audit the signing of cheques etc. will be done at a later date.

There being no further matters the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.15 pm. Next meeting via SKYPE arranged for 24th August at 7.30pm.