**AMBLESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

A meeting of Ambleston Community Council was held at Ambleston Memorial Hall on Monday 24th January 2022 at 7.30 pm.

Present were: - Gail Davies (Chair), Dai Ambrey, Gareth Owen, Julian Harries, Cllr. David Howlett, and Eirian Forrest (Clerk)

1. Apologies: - Rosie McDonald & Kevin Morris.
2. **Minutes of the last Meeting (23.11.21)**

 Copies of the minutes of the last meeting had been distributed to members, it was agreed

 that they were to be signed.

1. **Matters arising from the minutes**
2. DWR Cymru Welsh Water – No response.
3. Pothole outside Slouthy – not done.
4. Service trench in Woodstock – not done.
5. Road surface by Cwarre Duon – not done
6. Finger post sign on the crossroad by Parc-Y-Llyn – the sign has been removed.
7. Wolfscastle sign on Parc-Y-Llyn to Haverfordwest road – not done.
8. Pothole – between Stoney Hook and Henne Fawr – not done.
9. School bus picking up by the Chapel, Woodstock – Cllr Howlett had passed Kevin’s concerns to Owen Roberts, PCC, Owen is of the opinion that pulling the bus into the bus shelter is not a safer option and the current arrangement will remain in place.
10. Bridleway PP1/14 – No response.
11. Bridleway:

PP1/11 (1) overgrown

PP1/10 (2a-e) fallen trees and low-lying branches and is unpassable

PP1/10 (3a/b) boggy

PP1/6 (4) gate will not open

No response

1. **Highway matters**

Nothing to report.

1. **Planning**

Nothing to report.

1. **Ambleston Broadband update**

Gail has been connected and is very happy with the broadband speed. Cllr. Howlett was aware of 47 properties that had been connected at the end of last week, approximately 90 households expressed an interest but was unsure if all of these had turned into orders, if so, halfway there. Cllr Howlett had spoken to the operations team at Broadway to advise them that it was important to get an update to the Ambleston community ASAP, he was advised he would get an update by Thursday 27th January. Some people have not been scheduled in because they have not returned their direct debit forms. Katy from Broadway Partners is willing to attend the next meeting.

1. **Wallis Pond – Silt & Overgrowth**

The clerk had arranged to meet two contactors before Christmas, but she was let down. Since the last meeting, Mair had emailed to say she had been contacted by a local farmer who had verbally agreed for the silt to be disposed on his land. She would be able to apply for funding for the works in the next financial year, and as it isn’t a main river, Land Drainage Consent would be needed, along with other consents. Disposal of the silt could push the cost up significantly and would factor this cost in when applying for funding. NRW has a framework contractor (Spencer ECA) and will be contacted regarding this work. The Clerk had contacted Neville Davies at PCC regarding the drainage consent, who advised that because the area is very sensitive, temporary silt traps would be needed during the removal of the silt, the application fee is £50.00, a method statement would be required, and drawings/plans submitted. Mair suggested we meet with her and Ross Grisbrook on 3rd February to discuss the works. Dai, Gareth, and the Clerk were available to meet, time to be arranged. Julian suggested we ask Mair to attend our next meeting to answer any questions and discuss moving the project forward.

1. **Wallis Moor – Reintroduction of grazing**

Letter received from Jim Dunkley, Common Land Officer which has also been sent to residents advising that PCC in co-operation with NRW and local graziers are currently working to re-introduce grazing onto Wallis Moor. As the land is designated as SSSi, a local grazier proposes to turn cattle out onto the common, initially to the east of the Letterston road, but consideration is being given to grazing on the western side too, if it can be facilitated safely. Plans to undertake scrub clearance work at localised points on the eastern side and more extensively on the western side over the winter. No trees will be removed apart from limited Willow scrub, as well as gorse etc. Comments are welcomed on these proposals. Whilst the re-introduction of grazing was welcomed by members, there were concerns raised regarding loose cattle on the moor and how they would be contained to stop them venturing out onto the road. The Clerk will respond and invite Jim to the next meeting to answer any questions.

1. **Defibrillator for Woodstock & Wallis**

Rosie sent an update for the meeting – Rosie had received confirmation from Save a Life Cymru that the application for a Welsh Government funded defibrillator had been successful, however they did not advise if it was for both or just one (and if one, which one). Rosie has emailed them asking for clarification. With regards to cabinets, the options are to purchase at £500 - £600 each, rent at £10 per month from St John’s Ambulance Cymru or apply to Calon Hearts Charity (the Calon Hearts option has not been pursued yet until we know if we required a defibrillator and cabinet or just a cabinet). Currently there isn’t the budget to purchase a cabinet until we know how much the works at Wallis Pond will cost. Dai had spoken with Rachel about placing a cabinet for Wallis on her outside wall (same wall as the notice board), Rachel is agreeable to this, however, Dai will need to check if there is power in the building.

Guardians assigned to the defibrillators – Dai agreed to be a guardian for Wallis, and it was suggested to ask Kevin if he wouldn’t mind being assigned to the one in Woodstock.

1. **Defibrillator training**

 The options for training are:

* Online learning
* Community delivered sessions
* Formal face to face training

 it was agreed that the best option was the community based and face to face trainingj.

1. **Budget/Precept sign off**

The Clerk had sent off the Precept for 2022/2023 at £2700.00 as agreed, the budget was signed off by The Chair**.**

1. **Financial Standing Order - Reconciliation of accounts**

Gareth agreed to reconcile the accounts.

1. **Correspondence**
2. Office for National Statistics – Quarterly Vacancy Survey – The Clerk has competed the survey.
3. Police and Crime Commissioner – Police and Crime Plan – 2021 – 2025 – noted.
4. Welsh Government – Appropriate Sum under S137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 – S137 Expenditure Limit for 2022-23 - £8.82 per elector.
5. Pembrokeshire County Council – Precept remittance – 13.21.21 - £533.00.
6. Pembrokeshire County Council & Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority – Joint consultation on ‘The Cumulative Impact of Wind Turbines, PCNPA only – consultation Coal – Land Instability, Loss of Hotels, Regionally Important Geodiversity Sites, Safeguarding Minerals Zones & Conservation Areas. – Closes 15th April 2022.
7. Pembrokeshire County Council – Local Development Plan Review (LDP2) Timetable and Process update – Noted.
8. **Any other business**
9. Gail had received an email regarding contemplating bicycle lanes in the area. This was in relation to a recent consultation regarding Active Travel Routes which was focussing on the larger settlements.
10. Julian, before Christmas reported to the Police a white van acting suspiciously over two nights in the area, hanging around from 6.30pm – 10.30pm.

There being no further matters the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.30pm. The next meeting will be 28th February 2022 at 7.00pm.