**AMBLESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

A meeting of Ambleston Community Council was held at Ambleston Memorial Hall on Monday 22nd November 2021 Meeting commenced at 7.30 pm.

Present were: - Gail Davies (Chair) Rosie McDonald, Kevin Morris, Dai Ambrey, Julian Harries, Cllr. David Howlett, and Eirian Forrest (Clerk)

1. Apologies: - Gareth Owen
2. **Minutes of the last Meeting (27.09.21)**

Copies of the minutes of the AGM and the last meeting had been distributed to

Members.

1. **Matters arising from the minutes**
2. DWR Cymru Welsh Water – A response received from Clare Griffiths, she apologized for the lack of response but had been on maternity leave. She will find out what is happening and will update me once she has had a response.
3. Pothole outside Slouthy – not done.
4. Service trench in Woodstock – not done.
5. Road surface by Cwarre Duon – The Clerk has asked for an update, but no response received.
6. Finger post sign on the crossroad by Parc-Y-Llyn – not done.
7. Wolfscastle sign on Parc-Y-Llyn to Haverfordwest road – not done.
8. Pothole – between Stoney Hook and Henne Fawr – this was only reported on 21.11.21.
9. School bus picking up by the Chapel, Woodstock – Cllr Howlett had discussed with Owen Roberts, PCC, who said there are two buses that collect in Woodstock; the 504 (Gerald Parry) and 680 bus (Nigel Eynon). Owen has emailed both companies, Gerald Parry has advised that he does stop on the left-hand side of the road because his bus is a 33 seater and it is difficult to pull in by the bus shelter. Kevin thinks it would be easy and safer if he pulls in next to the bus shelter. Cllr Howlett will pass Kevin’s comments onto Owen
10. Bridleway PP1/14 – The Clerk has chased this up.
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

All the above have all been reported. Cllr Howlett said that the department is under pressure and would be prioritizing paths that are used regularly.

1. Defibrillator for Woodstock and Wallis – Rosie had researched and made enquiries regarding a defibrillator for both Woodstock and Wallis and circulated information on the options and deals available. Rosie is waiting to hear back from Calon Hearts who will fund the defibrillator and cabinet for free. The Welsh Government scheme have £500K funding for defibrillators given to the Welsh Ambulance Service to purchase and distribute via Save a Life Cymru, the AED is free, but the cabinet and consumables would need to be purchased. Kevin has asked the Ambleston Hall Committee regarding placing it on the outside wall of the hall, this was agreed in principle. Dai said that Rachel in Wallis had previously agreed to place one on her wall, and he would find out if this was still the case, if not, Dai is happy for it to be placed on his wall. It was proposed by Kevin, seconded by Julian and agreed that Rosie would submit an application to WG application for two defibrillators, one for Woodstock and one for Wallis.
2. Defibrillator training – Rosie had found various options available. Online video based training (free) by British Heart Foundation, Safe a Life Cymru and Blue Sky. Community based training by BHF for 10 person sessions at £391 plus VAT. Face to face training by St John’s Ambulance at a cost, one hour free training by Calon Hearts, and Heartbeat Trust UK, Rosie is waiting for a response from both.
3. Ambleston Memorial Hall representative –Howard Prior has expressed an interest in joining the committee, Kevin mentioned it to the Committee who will add it to the agenda.
4. **Highway matters**

Julian reported a pothole between the house and shed at Cornel Bach. He will photograph it so it can be reported.

1. **Planning**

Nil.

1. **Ambleston Broadband update**

Some connections are taking place. There will be road closure next week to allow further works to take place. Broadway Partners have employed contactors who have done works to BT Openreach. Gail has seen workmen in the area on 16th & 17th November.

1. **Wallis Pond**
2. Stone Plinth – Dai has completed the plinth and has done a good job. An invoice was given - £1000.00, it was agreed that this was to be paid.
3. Silt & overgrowth – The Clerk has not received a call from Gerallt Davies but is aware he is very busy. It was suggested to look for other contractors.
4. **Budget/Precept**

The budget was presented and following payment for the plinth to be repaired, and works to remove the silt from the pond, the precept for 2022/2023 would need to be increased. The Clerk had estimated £800 for this work; it was felt this may not be enough to cover the works, and was proposed by Julian, seconded by Kevin and agreed to increase the Precept to £2700.00.

1. **Clerk’s salary and expenses**

It was proposed by Julian, seconded by Gail to pay the Clerk’s salary (£600.00) and expenses (£49.65), and payment was made.

1. **Correspondence**
2. Welsh Ambulance Service NHS Trust – trying to assign guardians to each defibrillator in the area. The Guardian will be required to check that the defibrillator is rescue ready. Gail agreed for her contact details to be passed on to be registered as the guardian for Ambleston.
3. Police and Crime Commissioner consultation on the Police and Crime Plan – noted
4. Western Power Distribution Wayleave payment received - £255.90
5. PCC – road closure details for 29th November on C3132 road near Ambleston from its junction with the C3011 leading towards Wallis, east to its junction with the B4329 Haverfordwest to Cardigan Road – noted.
6. **Any other business**

Nil.

There being no further matters the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.35pm. The next meeting will be 24th January 2022 at 7.30pm.