**AMBLESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

A meeting of Ambleston Community Council was held remotely on Monday 22nd June 2020. Meeting commenced at 7.30 pm.

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

1. **Apologies:** - David Ambrey
2. **Minutes of the last meeting (24.02.2020)**

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

 agreed they were a true record and that they were to be signed.

1. **Matters arising from the Minutes**
2. Defibrillator – The Defibrillator has been registered with Welsh Ambulance Service. Due to the lockdown training has not been arranged.
3. Dwr Cymru Welsh Water – No update from Dwr Cymru. The Clerk will chase up.
4. Casual Vacancy – no interest received.
5. Japanese knotweed – separate item on agenda.
6. Digital Pembrokeshire Broadband scheme – separate item on agenda.
7. Streetlight in Wallis – unsure if this has been repaired.
8. Wallis Pond – the Clerk had emailed Mair at NRW but hasn’t received a response. The Clerk will chase up.
9. Land at Ambleston Common/Stradland – all complete apart from Land Registry to update the register.
10. **Highway matters**
11. Gail had previously reported a blocked drain which is causing water to pool at the corner of the cross roads on left turning to Ambleston which the Clerk reported in February. Margaret Griffiths had also reported this to the Clerk. The Clerk will report again.
12. Margaret also reported a blocked drain which is full of silt, stones and debris at the bottom of Pencastell Hill. The Clerk to report.
13. Julian reported erosion of the road’s top surface which is causing a blockage and pooling of water on the road near Cware Duon 20 yards back from the cross road towards Parc-y-Wern.
14. **Planning**

19/0989/PA – Erwin Cottage, Springwells, Ambleston – Change of use from holiday let to residential has been approved.

19/0963/PA - Lower Little Hook, Ambleston - Single storey extension has been approved.

19/1181/PA – Stratland, Ambleston – Proposed conversion, extension and alterations of outbuildings to create additional living accommodation for farmhouse and approval of design, alterations (windows and dormer) in retrospect – has been approved (due to lockdown this application was not considered by the Community Council)

20/0055/PA – New Scollock Farm, Ambleston – Erection of an above ground nutrient storage tank – it was proposed by Kevin, seconded by Gareth and agreed this application is supported.

1. **Coronavirus - Impact on community**

Parcyllyn Care home has had a number of cases. A group was setup on Facebook for the community and the bus shelter was used to leave goods for members of the community; however as schools are due back on 29.06.20 this will be cleared out.

1. **Ambleston Broadband update**

DH - The project is on second pilot and is learning as they go along. Anyone who expressed an interest was invited to the meetings. The chosen company is Broadway Partners and a marketing campaign will take place and survey work will commence. Installation will commence in 2 – 3 months and should be up and running by Christmas. Costs will be approx. £20 per month for 100mb.

Gareth and Julian attended the meetings. Gareth & Julian agree that the right supplier was chosen, however Gareth has raised a few questions about the way the PCC Broadband team went about it. At the meeting they were told that the ‘Community has approved it’ yet it appeared the supplier was chosen before any community engagement has taken place. Some questions have been answered; however, there are still some outstanding. Gareth suggested that feedback is sent to the Broadband Team from a community involvement perspective.

1. **Insurance renewal – £193.20**

It was proposed by Gail, seconded by Julian and agreed to renew the membership for the period 01.06.20 – 31.05.21 and payment to be made. Due to the lockdown, Zurich has renewed the membership although payment had not yet been made.

1. **Hire of Hall (up to 28/02/20)**

It was proposed by Gareth, seconded by Gail and agreed to pay £15.00 which was owed up to 28.02.20.

1. **Annual accounts 2019/2020 & Annual Audit**

Due to COVID 19 and no meetings have been held since February the Audit date has changed to 31 August2020. Mr. David Weatherburn has agreed to act as the internal auditor. The annual accounts and Governance Statement had been distributed to members.

It was proposed by Gareth, seconded by Gail and agreed that the annual accounts and Governance Statement be signed.

1. **Bench at Wallis Pond**

Gail reported a bench at Wallis Pond which has a broken upright which needs attention or to be removed. Kevin agreed to have a look before any action is taken.

1. **Japanese Knotweed**

 Gail reported knotweed on the lane beyond Bethel Church. Unsure if this is on private

 land. Cllr Howlett agreed to report.

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

Stones were laid on the boundary of the property which seems to be causing highway issues where farm machinery are having difficulty passing. The stones were moved by a farmer one day and since then the owner has cemented the stones in. The stones are beyond his boundary and maybe on highway land. On occasions a neighbour parks a JCB opposite the property which may cause issues when large machinery tries to pass. The Clerk will check if the stones are on highway land.

1. **Asset register**

The defibrillator cabinet has been added which has increased the amount of the asset register to £6441.00. It was proposed by Julian and seconded by Kevin and agreed to sign this off.

1. **Requests for donations**

Five requests for donations have been received:

1. Pembrokeshire Federation of Young Farmers
2. Sandy Bear Children’s Bereavement Charity
3. Wales Air Ambulance Charity
4. Paul Satori Hospice at Home
5. Cruse Bereavement Care

 It was proposed by Gail, seconded by Gareth and agreed that each charity should be

 given a donation of £30.00.

1. **Date for AGM**

Date agreed is 27.07.20 at 7.30pm via Skype. The ordinary meeting will follow after. Julian suggested that Dai Ambrey is made aware and that he can connect via a smart mobile phone is he has one.

1. **Correspondence**

Precept payment £534.00 received from PCC on 20.04.20.

1. **Other matters**

Nil.

NB: Due to meeting being held remotely, the signing of the previous minutes, accounts, asset register and cheques etc. will be done at a later date.

There being no further matters the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.15 pm

Date of the AGM and next Meeting was agreed – Monday 27th July 2020, AGM at 7.30 pm, and ordinary meeting afterwards.