**AMBLESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

A meeting of Ambleston Community Council was held remotely via Skype on Monday 26th October 2020. Meeting commenced at 7.30 pm.

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

1. **Apologies:** - Nil
2. **Minutes of the last Meeting (28.09.20)**

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

 one typo to be corrected. It was proposed Kevin, seconded by Gail and agreed they

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

1. **Matters arising from the Minutes**
2. Dwr Cymru Welsh Water – no response received.
3. Casual Vacancy – no interest received. This may need to be re-advertised.
4. Streetlight by bus stop in Woodstock – repaired.
5. Road surface 20 – 30 yards after Woodstock Cross to Walton East – There is a road sign saying that the road will be closed from 3rd December. David Howlett is aware that it’s BT carrying out telecommunications work. The road surface problem is a BT matter and hopefully the road surface will be done at the same time.
6. Blocked drain in Wallis – has been done.
7. SLOW sign – The area was marked out ready for painting, however has since worn away. David Howlett will notify the Officer involved.
8. Welsh Hearts Charity email – this has been forwarded to Margaret Griffiths.
9. **Highway matters**

Gail reported that the surface on the B4329 from Woodstock Cross towards Haverfordwest is rough. David Howlett will check if this is within Spittal or Ambleston’s CC area and when the road will be resurfaced.

1. **Planning**

Nil

1. **Ambleston Broadband update**

David Howlett gave an update for the Ambleston/New Moat scheme. All surveying work has been done. Fibre cabinets are due to be displayed in the next few weeks, they will be using some existing infrastructure from other providers i.e. BT as well as new. The mail out is imminent. Due to COVID-19 the start date is not as quick as initially planned, and fibre for Christmas is now unlikely. Regular updates are being received.

1. **Wallis Pond**
2. Bench – The Clerk had made enquiries with Pete Howe and Neil McCarthy at PCC as to who supplies benches for PCC’s open spaces. Pete Howe advised that Wallis common is a Section 9 common which means that PCC has an obligation to protect and enhance for public enjoyment and recreation. Pete asked Neil if there were any benches in storage or any that are being removed that could be given to the CC. Neil McCarthy had responded that there may be a picnic table coming available from an upcoming project and would the CC be happy with this if they could source it? The CC would have to collect it and arrange its installation. It was agreed that The Clerk asks for the measurements and pictures if possible of the table. It would depend if there is sufficient room to position it.
3. Stone Plinth – a response has been received from the Insurance Company advising that as nobody saw it happen there is nothing they can do. Gail says that the incident must have happened between 12.30 – 1.30 pm when a Jewson lorry was seen parked in the car park before they delivered to Gail’s property. Kevin has looked at the damage to the plinth and said it would take two men at least one day to repair and considers the verbal quote which Gail has received of £500 reasonable. Gail agreed to get a written quote and the matter will be discussed further at the next meeting.
4. Silt & overgrowth – The Clerk emailed Mair at NRW. Mair responded *saying as advised on site if you apply for consent to work on the pond then I would be happy to issue one for removal of silt from the lower reaches which have dried up. If large scale operations are proposed I would prefer the work to be phased over a number of years. Work would need to be outside the fish spawning season which is between 15th October and 15th April. The best time to do it is September. The earliest it could be done is after 15th April but would need to check no nesting birds would be disturbed in vegetation removed and that no frogspawn would be disturbed. Silt control measures would need to be in place to protect water quality downstream. We can advise on this once you have a contractor. You would need a plan for disposal of the silt that complied with waste regulations. Again we can advise on this or Peter Howe may be able to help. We looked into it for the Millpond algae removal which was carried out in August. With the parts of the pond that have grassed over hopefully winter flows will help open up areas again.*

It was agreed that we should start putting a plan in place. The Clerk will contact Pete Howe at PCC to get a list of contractors, check if there are any grants/funding available towards the cost, and complete the form.

1. **Correspondence**
2. Western Power Distribution – Wayleave payment - £260.58 received.
3. Welsh Ambulance Service on behalf of the British Heart Foundation – email asking everyone who has a CPR Kit to register it on The Circuit. The Clerk asked Gail if she would get the serial number of the Defibrillator so she can register it.
4. **Other matters**

Nil

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

There being no further matters the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8. 05pm. Next meeting via SKYPE arranged for 23rd November at 7.30pm.