**AMBLESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

A meeting of Ambleston Community Council was held at Ambleston Memorial Hall on Monday 27th September 2021 Meeting commenced at 7.30 pm.

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

1. Apologies: - Rosie McDonald
2. **Minutes of the last Meeting (26.07.21)**

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

 Members, it was proposed by Dai, seconded by Kevin that they were a true record and

 they were to be signed.

1. **Matters arising from the minutes**
2. DWR Cymru Welsh Water – no response.
3. Potholes in Wallis – Done.
4. Pothole – Slouthy – not done, Gareth sent a photograph of it 27.09.21 and it was reported.
5. **Highway matters**
6. Julian noted that a lot of repair work had been carried out on the Parc Y Llyn to Wolfscastle road and yet his previous reported – road surface by Cwarre Duon had not been done. The Clerk was asked to chase this up.
7. Kevin reported a surface trench running across both carriageway on the Woodstock Road near the turning to Puncheston. The Clerk will report.
8. **Planning**

21/0151/PA – Proposed extension to Parc Y Llyn Nursing Home – Conditionally approved.

21/0424/PA – Single storey extension to rear at Trellys, Woodstock – It was agreed to support this proposal. Kevin declared an interest as his company had been asked to quote for the work.

21/0431/PA – Two storey garage and workshop side extension at Greenfield, B4329 Junction C3132 Tufton to Woodstock Village, Woodstock – It was agreed to support this proposal. ~~Kevin declared an interest as his company had been asked to quote for the work.~~

1. **Ambleston Broadband update**

There have been posts on social media from residents regarding the lack of progress being made, Cllr Howlett said it is disappointing and understood why people are frustrated. An update is expected from the Marketing Manager and Cllr Howlett will share once this has been received. Gail and Dai saw two vans today out working in Ambleston and Wallis which was positive. To date there have been 14 connections made and all the customers are satisfied.

1. **Wallis Pond**
2. Stone Plinth – Dai will be starting the work on the plinth soon.
3. Silt & overgrowth – The Clerk has received a response from Mair at NRW. She’s had a good look at the pond and the sluice, the luice seemed to be operating normally and agreed that it had silted up a lot since she last saw it,. Mair is willing to allow some silt to be removed from the pond, she suggested the best way to proceed was for some plans to be drawn up and she can have a look at the proposals. The Clerk enquired if there was any funding available to carry out the work, but no response received yet. The Clerk will get contact details of the contactor with a long arm excavator that Brian from Aquaclear Water Management suggested.
4. **General Allowance Payment**

Payment is to be arranged for one person. The Clerk will enter the details on PAYE and will post the cheque and make payment to the HM Revenue and Customs.

1. **Correspondence**
2. Thank you for the donation letter from:

Cruse Bereavement Care

Paul Sartori

Wales Air Ambulance

1. Welsh Government Consultation on local taxes for second homes and self-catering accommodation – noted
2. National Resources Wales Coast Path Team – Farmer and Landowner Survey – noted. Gareth asked for this to be circulated to him.
3. Launching of the Fflecsi Bwcabus – note.
4. PCC Precept payment £533.00 received 17.08.2021
5. PCC – Direct Payments Service - Social Care vacancies poster – displayed in all notice boards and one in the hall
6. Review of the Electoral Arrangements of the County of Pembrokeshire – This review does not affect the Community Council but will affect the County Council seats. The Wiston ward loses Spittal and gains New Moat – noted
7. **Any other business**
8. Dai has had four residents approach him asking why has Rosie been accepted onto the Community Council. Dai explained that there had been a vacancy for some time, leaflets notifying residents of the vacancy was posted through everyone’s letter box, a Casual Vacancy Notice and subsequently a Notice of Co-Option was displayed in the notice board in Woodstock, Wallis and Ambleston, giving everyone the opportunity to apply. Rosie was the only candidate and was co-opted onto the community council.
9. Kevin saw a post on Facebook that someone had seen a larger than normal size black cat on Wallis Moor.
10. The Clerk had received an email from Howard Prior after speaking with Dai about becoming a Community Councillor. He is aware that currently there are no vacancies, however wanted to make members aware that if there any vacancies in the future, he would be interested and offered any help on the council or with any projects.

There being no further matters the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.30pm. The next meeting will be 25th October 2021 at 7.30pm.