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# AMBLESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

A meeting of Ambleston Community Council was held on Monday 30th January 2017 at the Memorial Hall, Woodstock at 7.30 p m.

Present were:- Mr John Griffiths (Chairman), Messrs Kevin Morris, Julian Harries, David Ambrey,

Mrs Anne James, and the Clerk.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Councillor David Howlett Pembrokeshire County Council.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting.

Copies of the minutes of the last meeting had been distributed to members. The minutes were agreed as being a true record and were signed.

## 3. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

(a) ABANDONED CARS IN FIELD OPPOSITE LONGSTONE. Email received from Mr David Popplewell, Development Manager, Pembs County Council stating that the matter had been referred to the Enforcement Officer who was investigating the matter.

4. Highway Matters.

(a) HIGHWAY SIGNS. Two of the directional signs on the signpost at Parcyllyn Cross Roads, namely for Wolfscastle and Clarbeston Road had been moved and were now pointing in the wrong direction. Also, the directional sign for Ambleston at the Gwndwn Gwyn road junction has been damaged.

(b) POTHOLES. Potholes were reported near Upper Pencastell, between Henne and Stoney Hook entrances, on the bend near the entrance to New House Farm and on the B4329 near Bigws.

(c) A privet hedge and other pieces of wood overhang the highway at Glandwr, Ambleston and come into contact with large vehicles.

 (a) (b) and (c) are to be reported to the Pembs County Council Service Line.

5. Planning.

(a) There were no items of planning.

6. Correspondence.

(a) ANNUAL AUDIT. An invoice had been received from Wales Audit Office for the 2015/16 Annual Audit. Explanatory information was available regarding the cost of the audit and why value added tax was not charged. After discussion, it was proposed by Julian Harries, seconded by Kevin Morris and agreed to pay the £163.50.

(b) PRECEPT. The Clerk reported that the third instalment of precept of £600.00 had been paid into the Community Council’s bank account via BACS.

(c) Letter received from Pembs County Council stating that Julian Harries’ term of office as an Additional Community Governor on the Governing Body of Spittal Church in Wales Voluntary Controlled School will end on 11th February 2017. It is unlikely that Julian Harries will consider a further term of office, in which case there will not be a nomination from Ambleston Community Council.

(d) ONE VOICE WALES. John Griffiths had attended the Pembs Area Committee on 17th January 2017 and he gave a brief report. Minutes of the September meeting were available. Also, a letter requesting that members prioritise headings of possible Training Modules according to the Council’s needs.

(e) WALLIS POND. Scrub and willow clearing around Wallis Pond and near Lower Pencastell was carried out recently. An invoice had been received from M & J Plumb Treeworks for £240.00. It was proposed by Julian Harries, seconded by Kevin Morris and agreed to pay £240.00 which includes £40.00 value added tax. An email had been received from Mr Jon Hudson, Natural Resources Wales (NRW)

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regarding scrub clearance within the SSSI. A consent application form had also been received, the completed form to be returned to NRW prior to further work being carried out. It was agreed to inform NRW that further work will be carried out between October 2017 and February 2018.

(f) PEMBS COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN. Rural facilities survey update forms received were completed for each settlement namely, Ambleston, Wallis and Woodstock.

(g) The following items were received for information:-

 (i) Section 137 expenditure limit for 2017/18 will be £7.57 per elector.

 (ii) The consultation period for the reorganisation of secondary education in the Haverfordwest

 area has commenced.

 (iii) There will be changes to bus services in the Ambleston Community area from 20th February

 2017 when the Bwcabus Scheme will commence.

 (iv) A meeting regarding ‘Housing for the 21st Century’ will take place at County Hall on

 Monday 6th February 7.0 to 9.0 p m.

 (v) A meeting of the Pembrokeshire Community Health Council will take place in Milford Haven

 on 8th February at 10.0 a m.

 (vi) The Community Development Officer, Pembs County Council is seeking information

 regarding Community Projects.

 (vii) PLANED Letter regarding advertising any event in the Community during 2017.

 (viii) Clerks a Councils Direct magazine January 2017.

(h) The Clerk has informed Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service that Ambleston Community Council’s details should remain on their database.

(i) Paul Davies AM/AC Advice Surgery timetable poster to be placed on the Notice Board in Ambleston Memorial Hall.

(j) It was agreed not to give financial assistance to the following:-

 (i) Welsh Hearts/Calonnau Cymru.

 (ii) Teenage Cancer Trust.

 (iii) Tenovus Cancer Care.

7. Any Other Business.

There were no items for any other business.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.35 p m.

Date of the Next Meeting – Monday 27th February 2017 at 7.30 p m.