

Minutes of a meeting of the Briantspuddle CV-19 Group held at 7.00pm on Monday 16th
March 2020 at Briantspuddle Village Hall

Present: Leonora Sheppard, Campbell de Burgh, Ali Chorley, Stuart Chorley, David Griffiths, Liz Whatley, Trevor Poole.

Chair: Sue Jones

Clerk: Anna Bendall

Minute Number Comments

C/001 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Bladen Social Club and Briantspuddle Community Group.

C/002 **Strategy for coordination of local response to Covid19**

The following strategy was agreed. Voting was unanimous

The Parish Council Covid19 Group will coordinate efforts by local organisations, businesses and residents to help everyone in the Parish to prepare for and reduce the impact of the Covid19 virus. This coordination will always be based on the direction provided by government bodies. In the absence of direct advice on a particular issue, decisions will be based on a strategy of:

1. Preserving life and reducing injury or illness
2. Reducing the transmission of Covid19
3. Support the work of the Category One Responders as defined in the Civil Contingencies Act 2004
4. Facilitate the provision of basic necessities of like e.g. food medicines, sanitation
5. Reducing loneliness
6. Providing timely and useful information to all residents to help themselves and each other

Each organisation is responsible for its own actions, finances.

C/003 **Identification of and communication with vulnerable residents and volunteers**

It was agreed that:

- David will set up an email address and Google Drive in order for group members to be able to work collaboratively online.
- David will arrange for a mobile phone to be used as the single point of contact for anyone not able to access online services.
- David will send a draft document to Leonora who will produce a leaflet that can be delivered to all residences within the parish. The leaflet will invite everyone in the parish to supply their contact details should they wish to join this initiative. The aim is to delivery this to every home in the parish over the weekend, 21st March.
- The leaflet will set out some detail about what help and assistance is planned and it will also appeal for volunteers to come forward.
- The Parish Council will reimburse costs associated with the mobile phone and printing of leaflets.

- Ali will set up a Facebook which will be open to all residents to join.
- David would establish a WhatsApp group for group members only to enable more efficient communication.
- Campbell and Anna will administer to the website.

C/004 **Community Support**

The group will coordinate volunteers in order to support residents who request help.

The group will specifically encourage volunteers who are not considered vulnerable to approach the shop and post office as these services will not be able to continue if the current volunteers must self-isolate.

The Shop Committee will be asked to consider any steps that they could take to ensure continuity and potentially support a greater demand for goods. They will be encouraged to contact the group for additional support if needed.

The group will go on to consider how social needs in the community could be met with an increasing number of people self-isolating. All organisations across the community are asked to come up with ideas to meet this need.

C/005 **Further meetings**

Currently there are no plans to hold further group meetings as it is hoped that the group can be effective using digital forms of communication. A meeting could be scheduled for a later date if appropriate.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm