



Bledlow-cum-Saunderton Parish Council
Village Support Group

Minutes of Meeting held 6th April 2020 at 6pm, Virtual meeting through Zoom

Online: - Cllr Simon Breese, Cllr Stephen Reading, Cllr Andrew Sage, Cllr Bill Bendyshe-Brown (Buckinghamshire Council), Pat Cooke, Sarah Daly, Rayna Owens, Cathy Stone, Eugenie Bendyshe-Brown, Fiona Durbin.

Tracey Martin (Minute Taker)

1. Bledlow Ridge Activity Update

- 1.1. Cllr Sage reported that the support group leaflets would be delivered by the end of the week.
- 1.2. Cllr Sage reported that the 0300 group had been switched over to one single group with 5 people answering calls with a number of reserves.
- 1.3. Cllr Sage stated that the rota for pharmacy collections went out today. The second smaller Lloyds Chemist had been missed off, Cllr Sage to rota on two more people. In total there are 8 people rota'd to go to the Chemist once a week.
- 1.4. Cllr Sage stated that Widmer Feeds <https://www.widmer.co.uk/> are offering free delivery if a customer spends over £70 however, they have mentioned that they would be happy to take a collective order for Bledlow Ridge. Rayna Owens to post on Facebook to gauge interest.

Action: Rayna Owens

2. Bledlow Activity Update

- 2.1. Sarah Daly reported that all seems fine and that possibly in Bledlow people are taking the less formal channel but everybody has the information for the support group should assistance be required. Cllr Reading added that he assumed it was the same in Saunderton as he had received no requests for help.

3. Check in and Chat Update

- 3.1. Fiona Durbin reported that there are only 11 households identified with 8 volunteers to make phone calls so they are well covered.

4. Risborough Basket

- 4.1. Cllr Breese reported that he had tried to make contact with Matthew Walsh but had been unable too. Cllr Bendyshe-Brown to make contact. **Action: Cllr Bendyshe-Brown**
- 4.2. Discussions were had as to whether residents of Bledlow Ridge are happy with the village store. Cllr Sage stated he felt like there were mixed views. Sarah Daly felt that residents of Bledlow were happy supporting the high street.
- 4.3. Cllr Bendyshe-Brown stated that he still has not received an update on the government list of vulnerable people but will chase. Cllr Breese added that if / when received Cllr Sage and Sarah Daly should be the only people to view the list directly.
- 4.4. Cllr Bendyshe-Brown reported that Longwick have also set up a similar website to the Risborough Basket working in conjunction with the Longwick Shop.
- 4.5. Discussions were had and it was agreed to proceed with the Risborough Basket minus fruit and vegetables. Cllr Sage and Sarah Daly are confident that volunteers can be identified to distribute the deliveries. Once Cllr Bendyshe-Brown has made contact with Matthew Walsh and agreement has been made Cllr Sage to post on Facebook the service and asking for volunteers outside of the volunteers already registered. Sarah Daly to contact Belles and Eugenie the WI.
- 4.6. Eugenie Bendyshe-Brown reported that Long Crendon Events are preparing food boxes which may be something to consider.

5. Actions from Previous Meeting

- 5.1. **Horsendon Lane (Item 1.3):** Cllr Bendyshe-Brown stated that a group has now been set up.
- 5.2. **Hand Sanitiser (Item 6.2):** This has been received, now awaiting some dispensing bottles which will be distributed to volunteers,
- 5.3. **Gloves (Item 6.3) :** Until further guidance is received it has been decided not to order gloves at this stage.
- 5.4. **Volunteer Phone Policy (Item 6.4):** Cllr Sage reported that this has been added to volunteers briefing notes. Sarah Daly and Cllr Reading to also add.
- 5.5. **Data (Item 7.1):** Pat Cooke stated that he has been through the spreadsheet but hasn't had feedback from everyone in Bledlow.
- 5.6. **Volunteer Guidance on Website (Item 7.3):** Carry forward. **Action:** Cllr Sage and Rayna Owens to Supply
- 5.7. **Approval of Purchases over £50 (Item 8.3):** Cllr Reading reported that this is no longer an issue and approval is not required.
- 5.8. **Communications and Email Broadcast (Item 9):** Cllr Breese stated the email broadcast had been sent and the website up to date.
- 5.9. **Volunteer Identification (Item 10.1):** Cllr Breese has created a letter for volunteers. It was agreed this would be stored in the Dropbox folder should it be required.

6. Any Other Business

- 6.1. Cathy Wilcox informed the meeting that her husband Derek Stone has offered to help Cllr Breese with the Data Protection Policy.
- 6.2. Eugenie Bendyshe-Brown reported that the WI have put together some crafts for residents of Bledlow. These are collected from outside WI members' houses with a suggested donation of £1 with anything left over going to charity. Six have been collected already.
- 6.3. Cllr Bendyshe-Brown reported that the Longwick Basket is up and running. They are dealing with local shops, Penn Nurseries and the Farm Shop.
- 6.4. Cllr Sage questioned where the hub to host the Risborough Basket would be. Discussions were had on whether The Country Store could assist as long as there is no fruit or vegetables included within the deliveries from Risborough Basket, the general feeling is that the shop is full and there should only be handful of deliveries however, should the need arise the village halls could be used.
- 6.5. Cllr Breese asked members of the support group whether they wanted to change the day of the next Zoom meeting as it falls on Easter Monday. It was discussed and agreed to proceed as planned.

7. Date of next meeting

Monday 13th April 2020

Meeting closed at 6.36pm