



**Bledlow-cum-Saunderton Parish Council**  
**Village Support Group**

**Minutes of Meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020 at 6pm, Virtual meeting through Zoom**

Online: - Cllr Simon Breese, Cllr Andrew Sage, Cllr Bill Bendyshe-Brown (Buckinghamshire Council),

Pat Cooke, Sarah Daly, Rayna Owens, Cathy Stone, Eugenie Bendyshe-Brown, Fiona Durban.

Tracey Martin (Minute Taker)

**1. Bledlow Ridge Activity Update**

- 1.1. Cllr Sage reported that the pharmacy runs are running smoothly and that the flyers have been distributed and a few additional responses have been received.

**2. Bledlow Activity Update**

- 2.1. Like in Bledlow Ridge, Sarah Daly reported that everything is ticking along.

**3. Check in and Chat Update**

- 3.1. Fiona Durban reported she had received another list from Rayna Owens and that she felt not all needed calling but they had phoned for practical things like shopping. Fiona Durbin stated that She has worked through the list and highlighted those she felt were vulnerable and required a call. Cllr Sage explained that he had reminded volunteers to use the script so that all the information is captured and so that it should highlight those who require a phone call.
- 3.2. Cllr Reading asked if there was an update on the official Government vulnerable list. Cllr Bendyshe-Brown responded that he is continuing to press for its release.
- 3.3. Eugenie Bendyshe-Brown reported that all local WI members are being phoned and there are no issues.

**4. Risborough Basket**

- 4.1. Sarah Daly reported that there were 9 deliveries on Tuesday and 8 on Friday which is taking one volunteer around one hour to distribute and that it seems to be working well.
- 4.2. Cllr Breese asked whether we should be extending the Risborough Basket to Bledlow Ridge and using Bledlow Ridge Village Hall car park to accept the delivery. Cllr Sage reported that there are 3/4 volunteers for the Risborough Basket and that he will start advertising from Tuesday lunch time for the first delivery on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April. Cllr Breese to update the website to include Bledlow Ridge. **Action: Cllr Breese**
- 4.3. Cllr Reading asked whether the Risborough Basket would be operating in Saunderton Vale. Cllr Breese explained that he thought that Shootacre Lane and all areas close to the A4010 had been covered by the Risborough Basket since its inception. Cllr Sage added that if Saunderton Vale is not covered it could be incorporated into Bledlow Ridge.
- 4.4. Cllr Reading asked about Oddly Lane and Trout Hollow and stated that if they were included, he would be happy to collect from Bledlow and distribute. Cllr Reading and Sarah Daly to discuss. **Action: Cllr Reading & Sarah Daly**
- 4.5. Sarah Daly reported that initially this was being run on a two-week trial. Cllr Breese to get in contact with Richard Stevenson to check that the service is continuing. **Action: Cllr Breese**

**5. Other Volunteer Activities**

- 5.1. Rayna Owens reported that Eugenie Bendyshe-Brown has supplied the information for the sewing of scrub bags and this has been posted on Facebook and has been well received with people volunteering to make the bags and people offering the materials.
- 5.2. Cllr Reading asked whether Cherry Tree Nursing Home had been contacted to see if they had any requirements. Rayna Owens responded that Lacey Green group are working more specifically on care homes and could check with them. **Action: Rayna Owens**

- 5.3. Cllr Breese asked if any support was required from the Support Group. Rayna Owens responded that she felt everybody had what they needed at the moment.
- 5.4. Eugenie Bendyshe-Brown reported that 2500 scrub bags had been produced and passed to the Bucks Federation with another 500 on Monday. Eugenie stated that there are plenty of supplies of duvets and pillow cases and that the WI had purchased tape and cord.
- 5.5. Rayna Owens reported that a resident in Haw Lane is supporting the 'one can' food initiative and has a box outside their house collecting items such as tins and long-life milk.

## **6. Actions from Previous Meeting**

- 6.1. **Cllr Breese to update website with Risborough Basket Information (Item 1.3):** Completed.
- 6.2. **Collect leaflets from Dick Strange and distribute to missed houses in South Saunderton (Item 2.3):** Pat Cooke reported that he has not had a response from Dick Strange. Cllr Breese to collect leaflets from Dick and delivery to Cllr Sage for distribution. **Action: Cllr Breese & Cllr Sage**
- 6.3. **Cllr Sage to send Fiona Durbin call sheet (Item 3.1):** Carried forward. **Action: Cllr Sage**
- 6.4. **Sewing Bag details to be added to Parish Council Facebook site (Item 4.2):** Rayna Owens reported that she had posted this onto the Bledlow Ridge site and the Support Group agreed that it wasn't necessary to go on the Parish Council Facebook site. Action completed.
- 6.5. **Volunteer Guidance on Website (Item 6.3):** Website has been updated. Action completed.

## **7. AOB**

- 7.1. Cllr Reading informed the meeting he had seen a new company delivering vegetable boxes in the order and would find out the details so they can be added to the suppliers list. **Action: Cllr Reading**
- 7.2. Cllr Breese asked how often the group felt that the Support Group virtual meetings should be taking place as everything now seemed to be running smoothly. This was discussed and it was agreed that the meetings would be held fortnightly.

## **8. Date of next meeting**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Meeting closed at 6.30pm