



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

**Minutes of Meeting held 29<sup>th</sup> June 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)

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**1. Bledlow Ridge Activity Update**

- 1.1. Cllr Sage reported that pharmacy runs are continuing but numbers are dropping and that there are now only 2 runs a week.
- 1.2. Cllr Sage referred to a request which had been received to support "The Mash" who provide meals for those self-isolating. Cllr Breese added that they had suggested the requester to approach the charity.
- 1.3. Rayna reported that in the last two weeks the Risborough Basket had had four runs.
- 1.4. Discussions were had on the Risborough Basket and it was confirmed that the service is continuing except for fruit and vegetables.

**2. Bledlow Activity Update**

- 2.1. Sarah Daly reported that everything is running smoothly in Bledlow but that demand for the Risborough Basket had dropped.
- 2.2. Cllr Breese asked the group how many people are still self-isolating and dependent on the service. It was agreed that some people still need the service but smaller numbers of volunteers are required. An email will be sent out to volunteers to assess who would like to step back and who can continue. **Action: Cllr Sage /Rayna Owens**
- 2.3. Cllr Breese stated that for those still requiring prescription runs they could be directed to a commercial business who offer the service.

**3. Check in and Chat Update**

- 3.1. Fiona Durban reported that she had been in contact with all the volunteers and there are no issues. A couple of volunteers had stepped back but there are still enough people.
- 3.2. Eugenie Bendyshe-Brown reported that the WI Ladies are still making calls and that there are no issues.

**4. Risborough Basket**

- 4.1. This was covered in earlier in the meeting - minute 1.4.

**5. Other Volunteer Activities**

- 5.1. Eugenie Bendyshe-Brown stated that the WI Ladies are still making masks upon request.
- 5.2. Cathy Stone reported that the Messenger has been produced and copies are being distributed with those delivering being advised to wear gloves.
- 5.3. Cathy Stone stated that Holy Trinity Church will be opening on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in July for private prayer and that virtual services will be continuing until normal services can be resumed.
- 5.4. Cllr Sage reported that the Rector of Bledlow Ridge church had left.

**6. Actions from Previous Meeting**

- 6.1. Email update to be sent to distribution list and snippets to be shared on Facebook (item 6.1 and 8.6). Action completed.

## **7. AOB**

- 7.1. Rayna Owens reported that she had received a letter from Nextdoor.com which looks like a social networking site but was concerned that people may think it is an official site.
- 7.2. Bill Bendyshe-Brown asked if the monthly meetings were still necessary. Cllr Breese said that he would like everyone to keep the dates in their diaries, but that these should be treated as provisional in case there is a flare up as has already been identified in Leicester. He would email all asking for an update in the preceding week with the intention of cancelling the meeting unless there was a definite need.

## **8. Date of next & subsequent meetings**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2020

Monday 31st August 2020

Monday 28th September 2020

Meeting closed at 6.25pm