



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

**Minutes of Meeting held 1<sup>st</sup> June 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 Durban.  
Tracey Martin (Minute Taker)

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**1. Bledlow Ridge Activity Update**

1.1. Cllr Sage reported that the week before last it had been very busy with 3-4 runs a day however, last week had been very quiet and it seems this week will be.

**2. Bledlow Activity Update**

2.1. Sarah Daly reported that the Risborough Basket continues to be very popular.

**3. Check in and Chat Update**

3.1. Fiona Durbin stated that it had been very quiet with just a couple of prescription requests which were passed to Cllr Sage.

**4. Risborough Basket**

4.1. Cllr Breese informed the meeting that he had spoken with Matthew Walsh (mayor of Princes Risborough) and the Risborough Basket is continuing for the foreseeable future as they feel it will be easier to keep going then reinstate if there is a 2<sup>nd</sup> peak.

**5. Other Volunteer Activities**

5.1. Rayna Owens reported she had provided Eugenie Bendyshe-Brown with the details of the groups who are producing laundry bags, headbands etc.  
5.2. Eugenie Bendyshe-Brown stated that the WI Ladies are currently making masks.

**6. Draft Email Update and Medium-Term Plan**

6.1. Cllr Breese referred to the previously circulated draft which will be sent to the Parish Council mailout list and asked for comments. After discussions everyone was happy with the draft. Tracey to send to the mail list. **Action: Tracey Martin**  
6.2. Pat Cooke asked how many volunteers are used on a regular basis. Rayna Owens reported that only around 18 volunteers have been used. Sarah Daly responded that the volunteers in Bledlow are working well and even if people are returning to work there will be enough capacity.

**7. Actions from Previous Meeting**

7.1. Rayna Owens to share details of groups that are producing laundry bags and scrubs with Eugenie Bendyshe-Brown (item 5.3). Rayna still to send details. Action completed.  
7.2. Rayna Owens to share of details of the knitted hearts with Eugenie Bendyshe-Brown (item 5.4). Rayna still to send details. Action completed.  
7.3. Cllr Breese to draft email to volunteers regarding long term plan. Action completed.

**8. AOB**

8.1. Cllr Breese asked Cllr Bendyshe-Brown if he was aware of Buckinghamshire Councils plan / exit strategy. Cllr Bendyshe-Brown responded that all recycling centres are open, food waste is back being collected in the correct bin and that Princes Risborough Town Council have made the decision to open markets by the end of June.

- 8.2. Cllr Reading reported that he had used the Pharmacy 4U service and it was very efficient.
- 8.3. Cllr Reading stated that Bledlow Ridge school had reopened today with restricted access and measures in place to ensuring safety and is awaiting an update from the Head Teacher. Cllr Bendyshe-Brown added that the Bledlow Village Hall pre-school is due to open on Wednesday.
- 8.4. Cathy Stone reported that there has been no news from the Church of England / Dioceses however, the online services had been very well received with over 400 people online for each session, some of which are people in other countries
- 8.5. Cathy Stone stated that a decision had been made that there will be no hard copies of The Messenger just yet, Cllr Breese added that the Parish Council would be happy to host a PDF version. Cathy responded that this has been mentioned but at the moment isn't something The Messenger seem keen to pursue.
- 8.6. Cllr Sage volunteered that he would publish the email in snippets on Facebook.

**Action: Cllr Sage**

- 8.7. Cllr Breese suggested that moving forwards the Support Group meetings could be monthly on the Monday before the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in the month as this would be just before the monthly meeting of the Parish Council. Everyone was in agreement, Cllr Breese added that if there is a 2<sup>nd</sup> peak then he would call a meeting as required.

**9. Date of next meeting**

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Meeting closed at 6.25pm