

A hello again from the Chairman of Chearsley Parish Council . April 23rd 2020

An update to all of our residents of Chearsley and the surrounding village's continuing the theme of thanks along with my fantastic Parish councillors with whom the efforts currently achieved could not have been achieved and for the folks amongst our great village that are not only keeping themselves active and smiling but also the selfless work they are doing for others.

As an update I wanted to share with you two things currently going on in a bit more detail plus a brief reminder below on additional support available.

1. The Good Neighbours Village Initiative
2. Parish council meetings.
3. Additional support

1.

Susan Olding who is coordinating this reports that it is settling down and is working well from her perspective.

She has taken note of the Government guidelines on using volunteers and will only ask those who are in good health and under 70 to collect shopping and prescriptions . Volunteers not in this category are happy to phone and have a friendly chat with people who are feeling alone or anxious.

There have been responses to about 70 requests for assistance now with many of the volunteers then following up with further offers of shopping.

Volunteers are taking their own note pen and paper , carry bag, hand gel, which further minimises the risk of contamination and they are trying to go twice a week to collect and deliver to the doorsteps of houses.

They have been asked to collect one person from hospital and volunteers came in quickly for this.

Many villagers in Chearsley, (and one in Cuddington), have been so pleased to be supported in this way and the volunteers have received some heart warming messages of thanks and appreciation.

A HUGE WELL DONE TO SUSAN AND THE BRIGADE OF VOLUNTEERS PLUS SOME WONDERFUL OTHER NEIGHBOURHOOD HELP FROM FOLKS NEXT DOOR OR SOMETIMES FURTHER ALONG THE LANES AND ROADS , THIS IS TRUE COMMUNITY SPIRIT IN FULL FLOW.

2.

Parish council meetings are now being conducted on Zoom . A virtual piece of technology that allows the councillors on line with audio and video to continue the important work of ensuring that the PC maintains its responsibilities and communications to both meet our objectives of satisfying the interests of its parishioners and those of the wider issues relating to AVDC & BCC

The PC connects the Zoom PC public meetings to a live stream video on YouTube and therefore you can join the meeting live on the evening itself or if it is missed the saved video can be viewed by searching for CHEARSLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING on YouTube. Your comments and feedback are very valuable so please leave comments on how you found this and any further improvements. The live YouTube chat is monitored for any questions during the meeting and also checked afterwards. Any questions are always welcomed in advance sent to chearsleyipc@chearsley.com.

The first and most recent virtual meeting held on 20/4/20 can be seen at this link.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1WofzA2mqaU>. You can also subscribe to the YouTube Chearsley PC Channel (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCH2LPdVRs56H9PnAZlmdM-g/>) to be notified of new content as and when other meetings are held. We also post meeting details to the Chearsley Village Facebook group, the Chearsley PC Facebook page and a Parish Council mail list for those subscribed via the PC website. The PC website , www.chearsleypc.org.uk, has all the meeting minutes and agendas published to it. If you know of anyone who is not subscribed to these village groups and/or mail lists but wants to be, please drop a note to webmaster@chearsley.com

All of these actions are initiatives designed to ensure that as a PC we remain committed to the best possible communication with our parishioners. Should you wish to post an email posing a question for the meeting please do so to chearsleypc@chearsley.com at least 24 hours before the date of the meeting and this will be included in our Parishioners question time agenda items.

3.

Additional support reminders

Sharon and her team continue to offer good wholesome food as a Takeaway option with something on the menu for everyone I am sure , see the full menu on line and I understand the Sunday Roast in particular is proving very popular along with the Fish and Chips, Sausage and Mash and much more, Jay and Sukie are working so hard to keep the shop stocked with many products including assorted foods , fruit and vegetables , household goods , dairy , wines and beers , newspapers etc etc , Susan Olding heading up our Good Neighbours Initiative with a more comprehensive report above , Vicar Richard on hand with pastoral care , Gary and his colleagues getting parcels and post to us all , it is all truly appreciated.and so many other folks all playing various supporting roles ,

Please also bear in mind there are still Allotment spaces available if you fancy growing your own produce and fed up with the Supermarket drudgery , can't beat some home grown vegetables and fruits so have a go , Maureen Gills is your contact on maureen@mgillis.uk or my phone number is 07776 161644.

These folks above and all our village neighbours need your and our ongoing support so please keep it going as when the World and Chearsley is on a better footing we can bask in the knowledge that all did there bit in getting us all across the finishing line of real safety.

The PC is doing everything we can think of to make life more tolerable for local residents during this unprecedented situation but if you think there is something else that would help, please let us know at chearsleypc@chearsley.com.

Stay safe and well all

Best

Nic Brown and all the Parish Councillors
John Lewis
JohnHoward

Paul Bown
Jules Witcher
Martin Hearmon
Keith Turnbull