

Message from Jonathan Pearson, Chairman Tidmarsh with Sulham PC, 25th March 2020

You may be wondering what the PC is doing about the covid19 pandemic, and why we have been silent until now. Our Clerk works one afternoon per week and whatever we do must be collective within a set of rules that were not designed for this unreal situation. We have been discussing the matter internally and shall be holding an electronic extraordinary meeting in the next few days so we can agree a way forward and possibly the allocation of some of our funds to the covid19 response.

It is unlikely that we shall be reimbursed for this expenditure, so now is the time to tell me if any of you object to this expenditure, or actively support it. I also invite comments if you think there is anything specific the PC should do, given our limited resources, and the primary role of West Berkshire Council.

I bring to your attention the Community Support Hub linked from our home page. Please let me know if you have any problems accessing help and services and any immediate needs. Pangbourne has an established volunteer group and the PC is in talks to have this extended to include Tidmarsh and Sulham. If you would like to volunteer, please get in touch with volunteer@pangbourne-pc.gov.uk

I urge everyone to do their bit to stop this virus spreading and follow the advice at [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus). Reduce contact with outsiders and keep 2m apart; isolate if necessary; wash your hands. If you are interested in the science driving government policy, this is the key document <https://www.imperial.ac.uk/media/imperial-college/medicine/sph/ide/gida-fellowships/Imperial-College-COVID19-NPI-modelling-16-03-2020.pdf>

Vegetables and salad crops may be scarce this summer, and now is the time to 'dig for victory'. If your garden isn't suitable, please let me know if you would like the PC to consider the provision of allotments.

Stay safe.

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