

## Parish Council Meeting – July 2020

Coronavirus – As we are coming out of lockdown and into the recovery phase the County Council has set up an outbreak control plan. Once again we are at the forefront in the eastern region and perhaps near the front nationally. Prevention is better than the cure so a lot of emphasis is being put on this.

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Local outbreak Control Plan was published on June 30<sup>th</sup> and can be found on the Council's website:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/asset-library/Cambridgeshire-and-Peterborough-Local-Outbreak-Control-Plan-v12.pdf>

The County Council's has produced a Local plan for Support to Care Homes. The plan outlines our health and care system response to support care homes to embed infection prevention and control to minimise the risk of COVID 19 outbreaks in homes. Our Local Care Home Support Plan is published on the Council website and can be found here: <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/asset-library/Peterborough-and-Cambridgeshire-Care-Home-Support-Plan.pdf>

With regard to PPE in order to ensure adequate supply of PPE locally the Local Authority has adopted the following approach.

Availability of emergency supply of PPE to providers

Access to emergency supplies from the Local Resilience Forum

Centralised purchasing of PPE to ensure economies of scale

The Keep Caring campaign lead by the County Council and supported by all authorities outlines ways people can take care of themselves and each other by:-

Caring is keeping your distance – inside and outside

Caring is being responsible, stay isolated if you think you have symptoms or been close to someone who has

Caring is washing your hands – regularly when you enter or leave a new place

Caring is covering your face – even with no symptoms as you might still spread the virus

Caring is staying and buying local to support our local businesses and jobs

Caring is being considerate – rubbish destroys the countryside and puts those who have to clear it up at risk.

Work is progressing well with the new headquarters building at Alconbury Weald, but the Hub is only part of an overall plan, for which the spokes model has already begun. We are now seeing officers and staff move to their new sites in the community, thus utilising Council assets across Cambridgeshire

HRC'S have reopened, due to traffic management issues the CC has moved to an online booking system for residents wanting to take waste to one of the centres. Alconbury and St Neots are on this system These measures have been put in place to help manage queueing cars and minimise impact on local businesses, residents, or traffic flows or having to put in lengthy diversions.

At this year's Full County & District meetings I have been put onto the following committees

County Council – Environment & Sustainability Committee

Planning & Pensions Committees of which I am Vice Chairman

Fire Authority of which I am the Vice Chairman of the Overview & Scrutiny committee.

Green Projects Investment Internal Advisory Group

Since we last met I have also been elected to the Board of Governors of Kimbolton School as the HDC representative.

With regard to this year's LHI Bids, the last date for submission is Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact me

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