

Parish Council Meetings – January 2021

COVID 19

The County Council would like to remind people that if they need help during this pandemic, they should go onto either the County or District website's or phone the Countywide Hub on 034504552 ie for free school meals

The County Wide Co-ordination Hub for the Covid 19 pandemic, which was set up last year , has provided support to those who need it most. The Hub coordinated the redeployment of 420 members of staff from CCC and PCC to support the response to the pandemic.

To date the hub has:-

Provided regular support to almost 8000 clinically vulnerable people

Worked closely with the British Red Cross to provide 3590 people with food parcels

Responded to 19433 requests for support, which ranged from practical support to offering advice and guidance

Supporting 32,000 children and young people with access to food over the Christmas Break

Helped 46 people to self- isolate where the national scheme was unable to assist

Assisted almost 3500 households by providing information and support

Providing 23 people with access to transport for vaccinations, who otherwise would not have the ability to get there

The National Lockdown is underway you must not leave or be outside home your except where you have a reasonable excuse, ie for Work which cannot be undertaken at home, ie critical national infrastructure , construction or manufacturing, volunteering . Essential activities such as food shopping or obtaining services, Education or Childcare, Meeting others and care, you can leave home to visit people in your support bubble , to provide informal childcare for children under 14 as part of a childcare bubble, Exercise, Medical reasons, Compassionate visits ie to visit someone who is dying or for you to accompany them to a medical appointment or to avoid injury or harm ie domestic abuse, Animal Welfare reasons and Communal worship, funerals and weddings.

I have provide the National Lockdown guidance document to your clerk

The vaccination programme is underway and the prioritisation order is:-

1 Residents in Care Homes for older adults and their carers

2 All those 80 years of age and over and frontline health and social care workers

- 3 All those 75 years of age and over
- 4 All those 70 years of age and over and clinically extremely vulnerable individuals
- 5 All those 65 years of age and over
- 6 All individuals aged 16 to 64 years with underlying health conditions which put them at higher risk of serious illness or mortality
- 7 All those 60 years of age and over
- 8 All those 55 years of age and over
- 9 All those 50 years of age and over.

From the Government website it is estimated that these 9 Groups represent around 99% of preventable mortality from COVID 19.

To obtain more information about the vaccination programme in Cambridgeshire , please go to the following website :-

www.cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs.uk/news-and-events/latest-news/covid-19-national-vaccination-programme

On the 5th January the daily number of new people tested positive for Covid 19 in Huntingdonshire was 109.

The latest information I have on the Coronavirus in Huntingdonshire for the period 27th December to 2nd January. There were 934 new cases which is up more than 124% on the previous week. There are now 525 cases per 100,000 of population and there were 10 more deaths in the last month.

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Against Scams Partnership is advising residents of a Fake Covid 19 Vaccine Scam Text . The bogus message states that the recipient is entitled to a vaccine and to receive more information they should click on the link in blue, which then takes you to another webpage which is branded to look like a genuine NHS page, but it will ask you for proof of ownership address in the form of your bank account, sort code and bank card number

Coronavirus vaccines are administered free of charge. Your surgery or the NHS will not ask for money or your bank details

The County Council are looking at their budgets in January/ February for the next financial year

The West Huntingdonshire Demand Responsive Transport scheme (Buses) is due to commence once lockdown has ended and once public messaging no longer discourages use of public transport. I will keep the PC updated regarding the scheme.

The composition of the County Council has changed owing to a Cambridge Labour member crossing the floor to the Independents. The makeup of the Council is now 35 Conservatives, 16 Liberal Democrats, 6 Labour and 4 Independents.

The County Councils Commercial and Investment Committee since its inception 4 years ago has provided the Council with 42 million from investment and business projects. This money has been reinvested by the council into frontline services.

This Land Ltd are performing to budget and are on target for considerable property sales in early 2021, following recent Cambridge City based successes.

A further 20 million is earmarked to be invested in "Green" investment opportunities to raise further money for CCC

Despite Covid 19 impacts the County Council continues to do well from its Student accommodation to Retail Units where lets have been.

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

Kind regards

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