



# North Hinksey Parish Council



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## **MINUTES OF VIRTUAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15TH APRIL 2020, AT 8.00 PM**

Present: Councillor Berrett. (Chair) and Councillors, D Kay, Dowie, Potter and Church.

In Attendance: C A Ryde, Clerk to NHPC.

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** None

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Councillor Kay declared a non-pecuniary interest in the item about the community fridge.

**3. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** None.

### **4. CORONAVIRUS COVID-19 ISSUES INCLUDING:**

- Covid-19 Community Hub page on website.

Councillor Berrett set up the new web page 3 weeks ago and asked councillors for feedback on what would be helpful to place on the web site. The main aim was to links to other organisations.

- Community support programme / Communications and response.

Councillor Berrett informed Councillors that a group called Botley Responders had been set up by her to pull together all those representing their streets and calls have gone out concerning how best to contact people who may need help. In addition, Cllr Berrett is receiving Shield and other referrals from the Vale and triaging with the help of another DBS-checked parishioner, While many individuals had come forward to help as street coordinators, there were still gaps and people needing help may be slipping through the net. Councillors discussed how best to plug the latter; concluding that a combination of NHPC branded flyers and posters detailing contact numbers of street co coordinators and other organisations such as the Scouts (for example) who were helping with the collection and delivery of prescriptions; would be helpful. Councillors Berrett and Church undertook to draft and circulate content with a view to ordering the flyers and posters from a local printer.

- Shield / referrals

Councillor Berrett updated councillors on how Shield initiative worked saying that so far there had been 25 referrals locally, via OCC, Vale, direct and Shield. Only 2 or 3 were officially Shield but all were in need of support.

- Request for support by Botley Community Fridge

Councillors AGREED to request NHPC apply for a grant to SSE on behalf of the Botley Fridge and to request the Fridge also apply to NHPC for an interim grant for up to 6 weeks while SSE considered the grant application. Councillor Kay undertook to liaise with members of the Botley Fridge to help draft the application/paper to full council.

- Other emergency fund requests

Councillors confirmed the view that NHPC was not set up to disperse micro grants to those in need agreeing that it should give grant aid to organisations that were. In the meantime, applicants should be referred to the Parish District and County Councillors who had reported that they had small discretionary funds available to them.

#### **4. OTHER WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA ISSUES**

Councillor Berrett undertook to provide a report to the next Parish Council meeting.

#### **5. ANY OTHER INFORMATION**

The Clerk undertook to update the web site with approved minutes

#### **6. DATE OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING 17<sup>th</sup> September 2020**