

Coronavirus COVID-19 Pandemic Bulletin

Cossington Parish Council

The situation on the Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic is changing rapidly and everyone needs to be aware of the latest official advice and instruction – without being distracted by misinformation that can emerge from various sources.

Cossington Parish Council are following the advice given by NALC (the National Association of Local Councils). In summary, anyone asking for information on the matter should be referred to the following sources:

- **Public Health England** has regularly updated FAQ's (Frequently Asked Questions) ([click here](#))
- Guidance, developed with the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, aims to **assist employers and businesses in providing advice to their staff** ([click here](#))
- You may find the advice from **ACAS** useful in considering any employment-related matters ([click here](#))
- For further reading, the **Local Government Association** has published a very **useful list** of different government advice sources ([click here](#))

Sedgemoor District Council also have a useful resource on their website (<https://www.sedgemoor.gov.uk/coronavirus>) which includes a downloadable community pack.

The situation regarding future Parish Council meetings is under review and announcements will be made when appropriate. It is likely that the Annual Parish Meeting on 6th April will be postponed.

We encourage everyone to keep an eye on elderly and vulnerable neighbours and those who may be self-isolating - and we are aware that this is already happening. The use of the simple contact form which has been widely published ([see link here](#)) is a possibility when you are not sure – but if you know the person or family concerned, a simple phone call or e-mail is probably the most friendly first step.

Further measures may be necessary to coordinate support activities depending on how the pandemic progresses. The Parish Council are monitoring the local situation – and have been in touch with other relevant village organisations (e.g. the Village Hall) whilst keeping a close watch on how the Parish could benefit from any local government support initiatives that may emerge in due course.

Other relevant local contacts include:

- **The Cossington Villagers Facebook Group** – this is a widely used local communication initiative. You will need a Facebook account (www.facebook.com) and also subscribe to the closed group. Subscription is free.
- **E-Watch** – this is your local Neighbourhood Watch service which provides e-mail updates relating to local police issues. Subscription is free at www.ewatch.org.uk This could be particularly important as certain criminal elements may seek to exploit the vulnerable at this time.

Please note that this bulletin has also been posted on **Cossington Parish Council's** website (www.cossingtonparishcouncil.org.uk). You can subscribe confidentially to our free e-mail alerts service by sending an e-mail with the subject of "Subscribe" to info@cossingtonparishcouncil.org.uk .