

# **Community Alert**

Loose Parish Council (LPC) – Keeping you updated No. 17 16 Jun 2020

#### **Loose Parish Covid-19 Community Hub**

Thank You to all those Volunteering in the Local Community

The parish council would like to thank everyone who has volunteered to help in the local community at this difficult time. The response has been absolutely amazing and, aside from those 'good neighbours' who are helping in their local area, we currently have a team of 43 volunteers.

Since the Covid-19 outbreak, we have been working with 18 vulnerable residents who need to be shielded. Shopping is organised through the local Sainsbury's, on a weekly basis (contact Vianne on 07976 7891225). Volunteers are also doing shopping on an ad hoc basis, where necessary.

Prescriptions are picked up from the local Chemists as and when needed (contact Kim on 07855 000156 or email office@loose-pc.gov.uk).

We all want everyone to stay safe and receive the help they need, so if you have any concerns, please contact the **Community Warden, Liz Lovatt** on **07813712107** or the **KCC Kent Together** 24 hour Helpline **03000 41 92 92.** 

### **New Look for Loose Parish Council**

Prior to lockdown, the parish council had already been busy working on updating its image. A new logo was introduced in the Spring. This was followed by a new modernised website (<a href="https://www.loose-pc.gov.uk">www.loose-pc.gov.uk</a>), which went live at the start of June.

The new website is continuing to be developed by the parish council's Website Working Group team. The old website (<a href="www.loosepc.kentparishes.gov.uk">www.loosepc.kentparishes.gov.uk</a>) is no longer being updated and will be phased out by the end of August.

As the website is very much a work in progress, if there is anything you are unable to find or require further information on, please get in touch.

To find out the latest information on Road Closures & other Traffic Information, please visit <a href="https://www.roadworks.org">www.roadworks.org</a>

#### **Social Distancing**

The top priority for the parish council is to ensure that all Loose residents remain safe and well. This has resulted in some difficult decisions being made, including the temporary closure of Brooks Field, which will remain closed until such time as the government allows the re-opening of all public houses.

At the King George V Playing Field, the Loose Parish Pavilion, the outdoor gym, teenager and children's play areas and car park were all closed at the start of lockdown. Loose Parish Council is following government guidelines and these facilities remain closed until further notice.

## Loose Parish Council 'Virtual' Meetings

As is customary at the Annual meeting of the parish council in May (which was held electronically), the meetings schedule for 2020-2021 year was agreed (this can be viewed on the new website).

However, most meetings except for the main LPC & Planning meetings, have been temporarily suspended until further notice.

Meetings that do take place are being held 'virtually'. Agendas are being published on the new website and can be viewed on the three noticeboards. (Corner of Holmesdale Close; Old Loose Hill (opposite village green) and outside Loose Primary School). Any items raised by other committees are being discussed by 'round robin', with specific items being put on the main parish council agenda.

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