

## **COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup> 2020**

### **Item 4. County and District Councillors Reports**

#### **Dist. Cllr. Diane Andrews**

The Council and its staff are working tirelessly supporting all essential departments. Many staff have re-trained in different areas to support their colleagues in refuse collection, Careline and supporting the needs of our council tenants. Housing the homeless and street sleepers has been a priority.

The collection of garden waste stopped on 30th March and further changes are expected in the future.

Keep up to date with what the council is doing by accessing the council's website:-  
<http://www.newforest.gov.uk/article/15728/Council-Services>

I would like to thank the many volunteers in Bramshaw, Minstead and Copythorne who have set up groups to make sure that local people are not left without food or contact. This is THE most important thing anyone could have done. The Government does not know our villages and towns as well as we do. Circulating knowledge of open shops, deliveries of food and ensuring that no one is left alone at this time is crucial and I cannot thank you enough.

Should anyone need advice for themselves or others there is a Coronavirus Hampshire Helpline - A helpline to provide information and advice, as well as practical support to frail or vulnerable Hampshire residents, the Coronavirus Hampshire Helpline can be contacted seven days a week, from 9am-5pm 0333 370 4000.

Please contact me if you are having difficulties with reaching people you know to be vulnerable, 023-8081-3349

If you are not able to volunteer, do the next best thing, give someone who is living alone a call, just to say hello, it can make such a difference to their day. Stay indoors and keep healthy.

#### **District Cllr. Derek Tipp**

As I am sure you are aware there have been no meetings of the Council over the past few weeks, but I get regular email updating me on what is happening.

Some of our Leisure staff have undergone retraining to help cover the refuse collections, just shows how we can adjust in these rather unusual times.

We are putting out a leaflet to every household to give them information about Covid19 and any emergency numbers they might need, who to contact etc.

We are looking at holding our next Cabinet meeting by skype on the 6th May where all members will be able to participate.

We are also looking at holding a Planning meeting on the 13th May and work is going on to hold this virtually.

We will be unable to hold our Annual Council Meeting where the chairman has the official standing down ceremony and the vice chair takes over as the chairman for the ensuing year. The current chairman, Allan Glass will be asked to do another year as his has effectively been cut short and I will be vice chair for another year then, hopefully do the change in 2021.