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The Parish Council Newsletter

Welcome to the June 2020 edition of the Parish Council Newsletter. This two page version of the Newsletter is available on the Council's website. Also, **we are printing copies again!** These will be available from our usual outlets at Forest Pharmacy; Fourways Stores; Budgen and Woodington Feeds. We will be making regular Newsletter updates to be found on our **web site** and our **Facebook** pages – type in **Copythorne Parish Council** on Facebook to get to our pages.

An Updated Message from the Parish Council to All Our Parishioners – COVID-19 GREEN SHOTS APPEARING!

As with our two previous issues, the Parish Council would like to express our sincerest wishes that all of you **stay safe and well** in this period of ongoing measures to inhibit and hopefully beat the spread of the Corona Virus (**COVID-19**). We continue to urge everyone to continue to follow the advice / instructions given by central government and the NHS and help keep us all safe!

The Parish Council will continue to monitor information and advice from local and national sources and post, where applicable, **update items on our website and Facebook pages**.

But the **good news** is that for many of us, the slight easing of restrictions will enable us to spend a little more time outside our homes and take advantage of our **wonderful environment** a little more. We can only hope that the infection rate (the '**R Rate**'), continues to fall and stays well below '1' so that we can really begin to feel a little more 'normal', although 'normal' might not be the same in the future! But, we are still not in that position, so we urge you all, while enjoying some limited new freedoms, **to continue to be vigilant!**

But don't forget that not everyone is able to enjoy these limited new freedoms. As well as help from our now well-established support groups working within the Parish to help the vulnerable, even as an individual, **you can still keep an eye out for neighbours you know can't get out and are in possible need of help**.



And if you are out and about, with your **four legged friend**, please don't forget to '**Bag it and Bin it!**' We have noted an increase in dog waste around the Parish over the past month. There are plenty of public waste bins and they can all be used to dispose of dog waste! **Please clean up after your dog!**

The Parish Council has now, for the immediate future moved to a **video conferencing system** for its meetings, the first one of which took place on 12th May. The format proved to be very successful and we were joined by Cllrs. Diane Andrews and Derek Tipp from NFDC and Cllr. Edward Heron from HCC, If you have an issue you'd like raised under the '**Public Session**' agenda item, please contact the Clerk; details below. **We'll continue to keep these arrangements under review.**

The **Parish Hall** continues to be closed until further notice.

The **playground** at the Parish Hall continues to be closed until further notice.

For information, there is really excellent, clearly expressed advice on the National Health Service web site which is update daily at:

www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/ ... and thank you to the NHS!!
and also on the Central Government web site, also updated daily, at:
www.gov.uk/coronavirus



And everyone: Please Continue to Be Careful! - Be Safe! - Be Well!

Corona Virus – Further Update on Help from Our Local Community Shops

We have **further updated** our survey of our fantastic local shops which remain open to serve our community, to provide information on how they are currently operating. **There have been some significant changes** which are worth noting in how to access the shops and services.

See overleaf for the listing:

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Corona Virus – Help from Our Local Community Shops – cont.

Local Farm Shops – **Alford Butchers** are open for customers on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, with orders possible on weekdays if made by 11.00 on the day of required delivery – tel: **02380 812 269**. **Tatchbury Manor Farm Shop** now takes orders via their revamped web site before close on Wednesday with customers notified of a timed collection slot on Friday or Saturday – tatchburymanorfarm.co.uk - note that changes to Tatchbury times will soon extend – more later.

Budgens – is continuing to operate **normal opening times** and will be maintaining, as far as is possible, the normal range of grocery and other stock for sale.

Spar - continues to operate but with an **earlier closing time of 8.00 p.m.** and will be maintaining, as far as is possible, the normal range of groceries and other products for sale.

Forest Pharmacy – is open on **weekdays from 8.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.** and now open on **Saturdays between 10.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m.** Sunny and Daisy will operate a **telephone service** for those either can't get there for a **discussion / consultation** about a need or who wish to have their **prescriptions safely delivered** to their home. They have also initiated a **special delivery service** on normal shop opening hours, for those who have received the letter from the government and are on full isolation. You can reach Sunny and Daisy at the Pharmacy by telephone – **023 8081 2734** and they will respond.



Fourways Stores and Bartley Post Office – the shop is now open from **9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.** every day and the post office from **9.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.** They have initiated a special counter system with queueing outside and one person in the shop at a time. There are separate queueing systems for the Post Office and the shop. In addition, they offer **local grocery deliveries** with a team of amazing volunteers if you cannot leave home and, if your house is on an existing route, **newspaper delivery** if you would normally go in to the shop to collect them. You can contact the shop on: **02380 813 481** or by email on johanne@fourwaysstores.com



PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS CORRECT AT THE TIME OF WRITING AND FURTHER UPDATES WILL BE PRODUCED AS NECESSARY

Invasive Plants! Japanese Knotweed is Appearing Again ...

There is increasing evidence of **Japanese Knotweed** appearing in various places in the Parish. This highly invasive species can be devastating to land and property. If you spot any, it is important that you know what to do about it before it becomes impossible to manage. **Dealing with Knotweed is a professional activity** using the right chemicals and procedures – you can't just cut it down and assume it's dealt with. You **must not** take it to Local Authority Waste Recycling Centres or put it in garden waste bags for collection. There is clear information on how to spot it and further advice at: www.gov.uk/guidance/prevent-japanese-knotweed-from-spreading.



Fly-Tipping Rises



During the Coronavirus lockdown, the incidence of **fly-tipping has increased**. There have been some major examples recently including a very large tip near the cattle grid entrance to **Copythorne Common**. This opportunistic vandalism of our environment is a criminal offence. If you see someone tipping, make a note of what you see and report it – **don't try to intervene!** Contact NFDC by phone: **023 8028 5000** or website:

<http://newforest.gov.uk/article/7937/Fly-tipping>

Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting: The next Parish Council meeting will take place on **Tuesday 9th June** and as reported above, will be conducted via video conferencing. Contact the Clerk for more information on how to access the meeting.

The **Clerk to the Council, David Rigby**, can be contacted by post at: **9, The Cleaves, West Totton, Southampton, SO40 8WL** or by telephone: **02381120150** or by email at: parishclerk@copythorne.org.uk; website: www.copythorne.org.uk. Details of individual Parish Councillors, and information on District and County Councillors, can also be found on the Parish Council Website and on community notice boards.