



Sheviocck Parish Council

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Sheviocck Parish Council Update. 15/04/2020

As the scheduled date for the next PC meeting has passed, which was also to be preceded by the AGM, these notes are provided to try to keep you informed during this unprecedented time.

Following advice from CALC and Cornwall Council/Government that online meetings, open to the public, may be held in the interim. We did consider this option, but the current advice is not to hold/schedule meetings this way unless absolutely necessary.

- The AGM and Parish meetings can be postponed following government advice until May 2021 and that Parish Council meetings are on hold until restrictions lift and subject to government advice.
- Essential decisions will be circulated within the councillors by email and decisions made posted monthly as an update on the website.
- A register of financial decisions will also be kept and posted on the website along with this.
- The annual audit is postponed, with submission due date extended until September.
- There is an essential business continuity plan on the website.
- Also on the website, is advice on help if self isolating and advice for signing up for volunteers. These can also be found on the Parish Council notice boards.
- The Clerk is available via email, though will not be present at the office as she will be working from home, according to government guidelines. The Chairman or any of the Councillors can also be contacted by email.

So, what has been done in view of the lockdown?

- The Parish Emergency Plan was instigated
- Flyers produced and posted to every dwelling in the parish providing contact details for anyone needing assistance, as well as a call for volunteers to provide such assistance. The response has been fantastic, with many of you offering assistance.
- Public convenience at Portwrinkle closed.
- Children's play park closed.
- As an Employer, the Parish Council is following government instructions regarding social distancing, movement and safety. Staff continue to be paid, although in some instances their usual duties may have, temporarily, been placed on hold, or restricted to essential work only - and only if able to stay safe, or able to do work from home.

Other News

Following path user's suggestions, steps have now been cut into the steeper access points to the circular path. Hopefully using the path will now be easier and within the abilities of more of us. The public footpaths have already had their first cut, so should be in a good state for some time. The paths are in great demand at the moment, as we all enjoy our permitted exercise.

Also in great demand, unfortunately, was the gate at the north entrance to Amber's Way. Someone saw fit to remove the hinges with what appears to be an angle grinder, and stole £235 worth of wooden gate. We think it may have been around the 13/14th April. So, if you notice someone sporting a nice new gate all of a sudden, or maybe saw something suspicious, please let us know.

Overflowing Manhole Cover

The access cover in the footpath adjacent to the Eco House has been a source of concern for some time, with the lid lifting and sewerage spilling out onto the footpath during heavy rainfall. This has now been replaced with a suitable cover and housing and should solve the problem.

The children's play park was reluctantly closed, following government instruction, to prevent virus transmission. This also means that the park apparatus – swings, slides and so on – are not receiving their regular safety inspections. So, it was somewhat disconcerting to hear that someone had lifted their little ones over the gate – they are padlocked closed – and joined them to play on the equipment.

Cornwall Council have been very clear in their advice on what should and should not be happening during the present crisis. However, judging by the number of calls and comments received, we're not sure everyone is listening. The best advice we can offer is
If:

- You have concerns over a business not complying with closure regulations.
- You are aware of a holiday let business remaining open.
- You are unsure if your business should be closed.

Please email covid19@cornwall.gov.uk or use the [Report a business form](#)

The community shop continues to offer a valuable resource, when so many of us are unable to do our normal shopping. The shop has restricted opening to the more busy morning hours of 9 – 1pm. With so many of the volunteers being obliged to withdraw their services, we are grateful to those who offered at short notice to fill the gaps in the roster.

Finally

Please continue to be patient and understanding during what are trying times for all of us. But I think we all appreciate we could be in a much worse situation.

It is heart warming to see such expressions of generosity and acts of kindness.

Don't forget, if you need anything, there are plenty willing and able to help.

Email the clerk at sheviockpc@btinternet.com or me at s.medway.spc@btinternet.com or call 01503 230661, or text 07709 092226

Whatever you do, STAY SAFE

Steve Medway,
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