

Pandemic emergency plan

This plan has been developed to address the immediate and longer term issues that may arise in the event of a pandemic outbreak where residents and visitors to Cheselbourne may be at risk.

All parish council activity will be driven by the direction and guidance given by the emergency services (in the acute phase) and local/national government in the longer term and recovery phases of any health emergency.

The Parish Council will use the identified muster point, Cheselbourne Village Hall, for face to face coordination where appropriate, or via remote channels (Teams, Zoom, etc) if there is a threat to life or health from in person contact.

The call cascade system will be used to inform council members of a requirement to convene.

The primary objective of the pandemic plan is to save life, prevent harm and to ensure that residents of Cheselbourne are kept informed of risks and how to mitigate them.

This will be achieved by:

- Regular coordination between emergency services, government agencies and the parish council to ensure that accurate communication of key messages can take place in person, or via local and social media.
- Identification of individuals or groups at the highest risk of harm from the effects of a pandemic, and communicating this information to the relevant agencies.
- Providing humanitarian assistance to persons most at risk or in need by signposting them to relevant agencies for help
- Providing a local point of contact for any long term recovery activity, ensuring local requirements are understood and addressed and any learning points fed back for future development.

This plan will be reviewed annually by members of Cheselbourne Parish Council.

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