

Notes from East Down Parish Emergency Plan meeting

Monday 16th March 2020 7pm at East Down Village Hall

Attendance:

Cllrs. M. Wright, R. Crossman, M. King, K. Phillips, R. Tarr, District Cllr J. Tucker and Clerk M. Done. Parishioners: M. Corfield, P. Down, P. Koval, C. Thomas, R. Thomas, V. Scott-Brown.

Apologies: Cllr L. Kempf

The Chairman of East Down Parish Council welcomed everyone and thanked all who had volunteered their various skills and equipment to help the Parish in the case of emergencies.

Cllr Wright then invited each person to give their comments. One suggestion made was that parishioners be invited to donate money which could be used to scrape along the side of the lanes and around the ditches to allow a clear route for rainwater to drains. An offer of prescription collection was also made for people who were unable during an emergency to do this. There were no further suggestions and comments were made that the Plan was felt to be a positive step for the benefit of all in the Parish.

Funding has been secured to cover publicity for the Plan, updates and to cover expenses for meetings including refreshments so there would be no cost to the Parish. Devon County has also approved further funding up to £1250 for rapid purchase of simple equipment (tools, e.g. shovels, signs, road signs, emergency blankets, torches, high visibility jackets, radios for volunteer wardens, temporary portable flood barriers, sandbags, PVC sheeting, sand hoppers/stores, etc) and in exceptional cases one-off payments to clear out ditches.

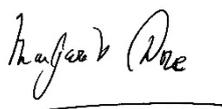
Costs for chainsaw training are around £750 per person so this was felt to be outside what we can provide.

Application for the £1250 grant is to be submitted by the end of April and so any ideas and suggestions that have not been mentioned will be welcomed.

A Defibrillator and First Aid training session is being arranged – anyone wishing to be added to the list should please let Rod Crossman, Sally and Mike Corfield or Margaret Done know.

Martin thanked everyone for their attendance and invited them to stay for the Parish Council meeting which was to follow this meeting.

The meeting closed at 7.20 pm.



Clerk to East Down Parish Council