



Pulham Market – Proposed Emergency Plan as of 1st November 2017

Your Parish Council is proposing to use the following simple and straightforward plan of action which can be easily implemented at local level:

In the event of an emergency or any such event happening which those present in the village consider being of sufficient concern, that the parish council will open the Brewhouse as a central base from which help and support can be given and in turn information updates received. A check list for operating the various facilities will be available at the Brewhouse, together with contact details of outside agencies and support services.

Those residents of the parish who indicated on the recent survey that they could help during an emergency should wherever possible contact the Brewhouse to see what help they may be able to give.

The Brewhouse kitchen has a gas range and can offer hot and cold drinks and food as required (subject to there being adequate and suitable provisions available). There is seating in the main room and toilet facilities are on the ground floor.

The Parish Council is in discussion with the Brewhouse management committee regarding the purchase of a small portable generator suitable for charging phones and running some standby lighting, together with 2 portable gas heaters adequate for heating. The Parish Council have specific funds available to meet these expenses.

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Depending on the nature of the emergency, loss of power and phone lines being down may make communication within the parish difficult. Mobile phones may or may not work. Social media can be a useful tool in such circumstances but may not be available. The Parish Council would welcome suggestions as to how a network of communication might be implemented in such an event?

It is important that we are all aware of those people in the village who through age or illness/disability are most at risk.

There are 4 providers of Lifeline systems (details provided by SNC):

- Flagship Housing 0808 178 6000
- British Legion 0800 032 0306
- Centra Pulse 0300 123 3232
- Saffron Housing Trust 0800 917 4680

They all advise that their units have an automatic battery back up in the event of a power cut.

If the phone lines are down the systems will not work. In time units may be offered with GPS/SIM devices which will no longer be dependent on a landline connection.

The only way we can know who is dependent on Lifeline help is if the person volunteers that information to us.

We will keep you informed of any updates to the above. If you have any concerns or suggestions regarding the plan then please contact the Parish Council.

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