

RADFORD SEMELE PARISH COUNCIL

Emergency Plan Committee Meeting – Tuesday 8 October 2024

PRESENT: Cllr Janet Malin (Chair), Cllr Stan Sabin. Cllr Roger Munn

EMERGENCY PLAN DOCUMENT;

Cllr Munn to contact CSW Resilience Team in order to investigate whether there would be available a template for the current plan, which could be updated.

He also to find out whether the emergency telephone numbers in the existing plan are up to date and whether or not there are further emergency numbers that could be made available.

RECENT EMERGENCY:

As reported by Cllr Malin, during the recent episode of flooding in The Valley and Valley Road, the only helpful telephone contact number had been the CSW Resilience Team number. The team had been as helpful as possible, although they were under pressure as there was considerably worse flooding in other parts of the area.

It was felt that it would be advisable in the plan to have available (as much as possible) details of residents who may be vulnerable. Such a list had been put together during Covid and it may be that Cllr Friar had this information, which would be a starting point for an up to date list,

As there potentially could at any time be one of many, many possible emergencies, in such a situation places of safety may be needed. At present the Community Hall, the Baptist Church, and St Nicholas Church are listed as places of safety. Cllr Sabin suggested that the White Lion be approached to see if they would be agreeable to be added to the list.

MAINTENANCE: Particularly in terms of the flooding in The Valley and Valley Road, it was felt that there should be regular checking of the ditch with a view to ensuring that it is kept as clear as possible. This to be investigated further.

In the event of further flooding, it was suggested that it would be safest to recommend to residents that, if they felt their property could be in danger of flooding, they take steps to protect their property. In an emergency, it can be extremely difficult to get help into the village in a timely manner.

Cllr Malin had spoken to some residents and suggested that they may consider purchasing Hydrosacks. Although the Parish Council does possess sandbags which are stored at Henry Marriott's farm, it would be very difficult for Councillors to fill a quantity with sand and when filled, transport to where they are needed. Parish Council also to consider the possibility of purchasing and storing a quantity of Hydrosacks.

STORAGE: Cllr Friar had produced a suggested list of equipment that may possibly be needed in the case of a village emergency. However, an immediate problem was lack of storage. Parish Council has no available storage facility and the Community Hall also lacks storage space.

The suggestion had been made by Cllr Friar to consider a storage container. Though he had produced figures for purchase or rental of such a container, there was discussion as to where this could be located. At the side of the car park was discussed.

This to be discussed further at a full Parish Council meeting.

Cllr Malin also suggested that, in the event of an emergency, it would be advisable to have as many Councillors available at the time as possible.

JANET MALIN