



**SHOLDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: 27 APRIL 6.30PM**

**Agenda Item five: Chairman's statement on Coronavirus**

Firstly, I would like to thank all Members, DDC and KCC Councillors for dialling into this remote meeting of Sholden Parish Council. In addition, many thanks to those members of the public participating.

We are living in unprecedented times. Everyone will be aware of the county and countrywide statistics relating to the virus. The Council extends its deepest sympathy to those who have lost loved ones and wishes those who are ill, whether they are at home or in hospital, a quick and speedy recovery.

I am pleased to say that from the information we have and from the Clerk remotely attending various briefings, Sholden residents, in the vast majority have been complying with government guidance. We are aware of some issues. But overall, in Sholden, we should congratulate ourselves on our efforts to Stay at Home, Protect the NHS and Save Lives. Well done everyone!

We are aware of people helping each other: specifically a grant from our KCC Councillors for which many thanks and I cannot miss this opportunity to give a special mention to Sylvia and Martin from the Sholden Village Store for their sterling work in delivering free meals to Sholden residents.

We are all receiving lots of information about the crisis. As we know from central government, KCC and DDC the situation is fluid and fast moving. The Clerk tries to alert all of us to everything relevant to our needs. If you need more, or even less, information, please do contact the Clerk directly.

Finally, I have asked the Clerk to prepare, when current restrictions are eased, a Post Coronavirus paper for consideration by Council. The paper will look at ways of celebrating outstanding Parishioners and local organisations who, during the crisis, have gone well beyond and above the call of duty. The paper

will also look at a Parish-wide celebratory event when that time is appropriate. Alongside these celebratory matters, the Clerk will outline some “lessons learnt” and recommendations for future Council action in the event of a future nationwide or local crisis.

Phil Marsh

Chairman, Sholden Parish Council

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