

FILKINS & BROUGHTON POGGS PARISH COUNCIL –

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN

The Parish Council are in the process of producing a Community Emergency Plan, which it is hoped will never be needed or brought into use. But better to have a plan and be prepared than not have a plan and be unprepared. The Community Emergency Plan is now nearing completion so that it can be submitted to Oxfordshire County Council for comment and approval. In arriving at this stage, a number of points have been incorporated into the plan. However, we have two outstanding items which we require the help of residents to assist with.

- 1) Do we have any residents who have medical or first aid knowledge who would be prepared to respond in the first instance should we suffer an emergency. The names and contact number of these individuals would be included within the Community Emergency Plan which is not for general issue but only to Parish Councillors who would activate the plan if needed.
- 2) A large part of the Community Emergency Plan is based on communication and being able to communicate with individuals to pass on relevant information. This would not be possible if due to an emergency we lose the land line for telephones and signal for mobile phones. Therefore, would any residents come forward and offer the service as communicators with the responsibility of personally contacting a limited number of people within a near vicinity. Again, as above names and contact details would be within the Community Emergency Plan, but not for general issue.

Finally, we have secured from the Community Safety Services Business Continuity Officer of Oxfordshire County Council a self-help package of useful information leaflets relating to emergency situations and ICE bottles for emergency contact details. They are stored in your fridge and the emergency services would use them if the need arose. The Parish Councillors will be distributing these at the end of January early February 2024 to each household.

If any resident feels that they could help with either one or two or both above, please contact Cris Hoad our clerk clerk@filkins.org.uk or myself Richard Howe richard.howe@filkins.org.uk

Thank you for your time in reading this and any help that you can give will be greatly appreciated.

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