Resilience Planning LM Parish Council

There is a review of the County's ability to respond to unexpected events that can occur in Dorset. DC has set this as one of their objectives and to also work closely and with Town and Parish Councils.

As such each Town and Parish Council are asked to review their own Resilience Plans to ensure there is a process and details of contacts and plans to deal with local situations.

Unexpected events can occur and impact on Lytchett Matravers community and whilst this may seem unlikely to happen, the PC needs to know what it could do and how with what resources.

There have been recent events such as:

- Shillingston village – fire broke out at night. Power had to be switched off leavings residents without power for several hours overnight.
- LM had a power outage during the day which lasted several hours and also at nighyt again lasting several hours
- Swanage – A Care Home had a Carbon Monoxide gas release requiring some of their residents to be evacuated. They were temporarily looked after in the local church providing food and beds.
- LM – resident affected by flooding needing sandbags to seek to stop inflow of water.

How would the PC respond to any of these events? Whilst it may not become necessary, having plans in place and contact details at hand would speed any response needed.

Whilst at the Village Hall committee they also discussed these issues and advised that they had agreed several years ago to be the emergency site if residents needed to be moved from their own premises. This agreement does not seem to have been carried forward to current members knowledge.

In fact the VH advised they had been used twice in the past. Once when there had been a gas leak and gas was turned off. The Gas company provided electric heaters and residents could go to the hall to keep warm. Similarly the Care Home needed to house their residents and again the VH was used. It is this information and knowledge that needs to be brought together into PC planning.

I recommend that this be put on our processes to be completed as soon as possible.

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