

Bournes Forum – 29 April 2024

A summary of the meeting held at St John's Church, Southbourne Monday 29th April 2024 7pm:

1. The meeting was entirely handed over to representatives from WSCC and CDC to discuss Community Resilience.
2. A set of slides with very useful informational link [can be viewed here](#). These slides will add context to the notes set out below.
3. It became evident throughout the course of the meeting that the Resilience Plan that Councillor Relf has written is a real asset to Fishbourne's Resilience Strategy and it was gratifying to see that we have already identified our opportunities and potential actions we should take as a Parish, if an emergency arises.
3. Having said that, the meeting showed there are a number of future steps that could sit alongside our current plan that we could take to strengthen our preparedness. Please find below a number of key actions that we have been asked to consider as a Parish Council:
 - a. WSCC run a series of free training sessions to Parish Councillors and residents - branded under their resilience programme "What if" - Making a Difference. If we are interested in providing a venue where the training can take place - then we can arrange with Chris Scott from WSCC. There are 2 sessions available. On completion of these sessions, the Parish will be given some emergency equipment (signage, high vis vests, bollards etc) for use in any emergency. This is an option for Parish Councillors to consider and whether we should extend the invitation to residents.
 - b. The Environment Agency have an alert system for our coastal area., available to all It is a useful pre warning tool for any forecasted events eg tidal surges as was experienced on 8th April 2024. Parish Councillors to consider publishing the details of this alert system in Village Voice / Fishbourne Vibes.
 - c. WSCC promoted their Emergency Community Hub scheme, which is currently in trial. If we were minded to offer the Fishbourne Centre as an Emergency Hub and join the scheme - WSCC will provide equipment and guidance on how to set up and also provide links to emergency responders as appropriate. We could also discuss this in Village Voice to ensure our Community is aware. Parish Councillors to consider joining this scheme and seek approval from The Fishbourne Centre.
 - d. CDC then presented their Rest Centre scheme. CDC are looking for venues for potential Rest Centres throughout the district. (These differ from Emergency Hubs in that they are set up as a direct consequence of an emergency within a convenient geographical area. And these centres would probably open for 48 hours only). If we were to put forward a proposed venue for such a Rest Centre - CDC would assess suitability of the venue as well as provide any training that was needed for the initial set up. The CDC team, after the initial set up, would then take over the running of the Rest Centre for its short duration. Parish Councillors to consider whether there are options within the Parish that could be recommended as Rest Centres.

Happy to take any further questions.

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