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CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

It does not seem very long ago that I started my last report with a comment about the weather. How times have changed! Please continue to follow government advice about the precautions you should be taking while this pandemic is with us.

We are of course very conscious that there are vulnerable people in our community who cannot, or should not, get out to do their shopping, collect medication, get to the post office or undertake many tasks that are much easier in normal times. I know that our local community is once again showing its strength and neighbours are offering help to neighbours. But if there is anyone out there who still needs help, West Sussex County Council have set up a 'Community Hub' to bring together those who need support and those who volunteer to help. The link is on WSCC's home page at: <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/>

or directly here:

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/leisure-recreation-and-community/supporting-local-communities/community-hub-covid-19/>

For those without access to the internet there is a direct telephone number: 033 022 27980. If anyone has any difficulties finding help then please let me know and I will try to assist.

Of course, the restrictions on social gathering have had an impact on the way the parish council operates, because we can no longer hold our meetings in the village hall as usual. I am glad to say that we already have arrangements in place in our Standing Orders and Financial Regulations that allows us to deal with immediate business. In the slightly longer term the Government has amended the regulations so that we will, for a limited time, be able to hold virtual meetings. We are working on how best to arrange this. Holding a meeting by video conference between members of the council is fairly simple, but it is more challenging to arrange for the public to have access. For the time being, any arrangements we put in place will be explained when we publish the agenda for the meeting.

Stay safe.

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