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CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

recently joined a discussion on line which discussed the problems of holding parish council meetings, and it looks as if it will be some time before we are able to resume meetings face -to-face in the village hall. But our meetings are still open to the public.

The simplest way to access the meeting, if you have internet access, is to go to the parish council website at https://northmundham.org/ and then find 'Schedule of Meetings' under the 'Council' tab. Download the agenda for the meeting you want to attend, and you will find a link 'Join Microsoft Teams Meeting'. You do not need to pre-book, but it is a good idea to try to join the meeting in good time to make sure you can make contact. If you want to try it out beforehand, than contact the clerk and she will arrange a trial session. If you do not have internet access, it is still possible to join on the telephone - you will need to contact the clerk to set that up, and her e-mail address is clerk@northmundham.org.

One of the reasons I have gone into some detail about how to join our meetings is that I anticipate we will be discussing some fairly significant proposals for housing development in the coming months, which a number of you may want to know about.

In my last note I mentioned that the Government had two sets of proposals to change the planning system. There are actually. One was a set of detailed changes to the existing planning regime, most notably a change to the way the housing requirement for each District is calculated. If it is enacted, this change would require a big increase in the number of houses for which Chichester's Local Plan would have to find space. We have responded to this consultation and you can find a copy of our response on the parish council website - click on 'News'.

The other set of proposals for the longer term was presented in a Government White Paper which proposes a much more radical change to the national planning system, and we have responded to that as well.

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