

Flore Library: Held in the Millennium Hall Second Wednesday of each month Next date: Wednesday 13th January 10.00 – 12 noon

The December session was well attended, some new borrowers, but alas now have to **cancel the January 13th** session due to current lockdown, but weather permitting will wheel out the trolley at the entrance of my home, 51 Sutton Street, and books can be taken, swapped, or retained and passed on whilst on daily exercise. If returning any books please leave in a plastic bag by side entrance. Thank You.

Future dates: Dates and venue for 2021 to be confirmed.

Contact me on email ; suekayy@live.co.uk.

Text/message : Sue Kerrison 07967595510

Next Full Parish Council Meeting

Monday 18th January 2021 at 7.30pm

Currently all meetings virtual via Zoom

Please access meeting id etc from agenda on website, or from the council notice board outside the Newsagents/Post Office, High St.

There is a break early in the proceedings for a public forum, and we welcome existing, and new residents to come along to see how your council works, and provide the opportunity for suggestions and comments on matters relating to the community, so please come along and join in.

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Chairman

Kathryn Baines

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Agenda for all meetings is posted on the Council Notice Board outside the Flore Newsagents & Convenience Shop.

Minutes are available for all meetings on <https://www.florevillage.co.uk/>

with links to various other organisations within the village.

FLORE PARISH COUNCIL



JANUARY 2021

No full council meeting held in December

To carry on from the Chairman's message in the December newsletter issue, 2020 - a year we won't forget in a hurry. It had been a difficult year for so many both financially and emotionally, but also balanced out in giving some families more time to spend together and to have appreciated and explored the beautiful village and surrounding area we live in, but now as we enter 2021 a new national lockdown as the pandemic escalated over the festive period.

The message continues to be one of keeping a safe distance avoiding close contact with people, restricting social visits to just a person, or household in your bubble, and observing hygiene measures.

Do though take the time to ensure you look after your health, both physically and mentally, by taking daily exercise and remaining in contact with people by phone, email, or old fashioned letter writing to maintain your own well being. These are usually the worst months of the year, grey, damp and dark, but each day brings the lighter evenings, hopefully warmer days and a solution to this current situation.

A thank you to Laura Wyllie and her helpers in distributing Christmas hampers to those who are having to self-isolate, are vulnerable or living alone during this situation and needed a bit of a lift over the festive period. It is heartening that so many people are helping others in a less fortunate position, as Flore residents do in many cases during more normal conditions as well.

Planning applications, decisions, withdrawals.

**Application: DA/2020/0459 Amended. Garage 81 High Street.
Construction of 10 dwellings, a detached garage, formation of new
access and associated landscaping**

For the council's response please access the minutes of the Virtual Extraordinary Meeting held Tuesday 15th December 2020. on the council website.

Traffic Calming on High Street

Cllrs Tom Higginson, Andy Anderson and Chairman Kathryn Baines met up with NCC Highways Asst Community Liaison Officer Ian Boyes to walk through the length of the High Street to discuss the traffic calming ideas.

This is the response following on from that meeting, of course now a new national lockdown has started, there will be a delay on this action.

'Following the meeting Matt, the engineer we met on site, has confirmed that he has requested speed & volume data to be collected in 3 locations, these are inside the 30's at each end of the village and near the pub car park. It is hoped that these surveys will be undertaken by the end of January.

Subject to unexpected circumstances (i.e. further unforeseen Covid related works taking priority or lockdown restrictions) we would hope that the programme will be something like the below:

- Speed surveys in Jan
- Designs in Feb (will include a Stage 1-2 RSA)
- Commercial/tendering in Mar
- Construction in the new financial year

As soon as we have drawings of the proposals we will forward these over to the Parish for their consideration and comments

Post Christmas re-cycling.

Real trees. (put out for collection even if you do not have a brown bin), or can still be used kept in the garden and used to hang bird food from during these cold winter days.

Cards, paper, cardboard packaging can go into recycling bin, although not with sticky tape, plastic or polystyrene inserts attached, and no damp cardboard as it gets mouldy and cannot be recycled, or put into your compost heap, mix up with vegetable peelings, foliage, and leaves.

Wrapping paper if it 'scrunches' otherwise metallic/foil , glitter and tinsel types in your black bin as not recyclable.

Or re-use if you can with craft projects to reduce waste.

Sweet and biscuit tins, crushed if you can, and of course drink cans and bottles into your recycling bin.

Items that have plugs or batteries are classed as WEEE –Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment and must be taken to your local household waste recycling centre. Batteries can also be disposed of at supermarkets as they are required to have collection facilities in -store.

This is the symbol for recycling



This is a mis-leading symbol, just means a company has made a financial contribution towards recycling efforts, displayed on many outer wrappings of crisps, biscuits, confectionary and chocolates, toiletries , the list is extensive, and known as the green dot.

East Midlands Special Operations Unit (EMSOU).

CYBER AND FRAUD PROTECT WEEKLY SECURITY ARTICLE Thursday 7 January 2021

This advice has been collated by EMSOU and is intended for wider distribution within the East Midlands to raise awareness among businesses and the public. If you require any further information, assistance or guidance please contact:

EMSOU Protect Team Hot Topic: COVID-19 vaccination phishing SMS text message

There has been an increasing trend of COVID-19 phishing and SMS text message scams, prompting the NCSC to publish materials to raise awareness (see attached leaflet).

As it stands, there are five key trends:

- Fake URL links claiming to redirect you to GOV.UK website to claim relief payments.
- Lockdown fines suggesting you have breached government regulations.
- Offers of health supplements that will prevent you from being infected.
- Financial support that appears to be from your bank.
- Fake text messages claiming to be from the NHS advising individuals that they are eligible to apply for vaccine, but requiring sensitive data such as financial information to make a payment.

To protect yourself and those close to you:

- Keep abreast of the news: As awful as it may seem, knowledge of attack methods and techniques will hone the ability to separate fact from fiction.
- Never click links within emails or text messages: Links take you to fake websites.
- Never call back using an unrecognised SMS phone number: This could lead you to speaking directly with a criminal or criminal organisation.
- Use official channels: For example, use GOV.UK to find relevant information about COVID support and support services. Once the official communication channels are known you can verify information and find out what the next steps are.
- Guard your data: A legitimate organisation won't make unsolicited requests for sensitive information or payments. For example, the vaccine is only available on the NHS for free to people in priority groups. Use the official NHS app only available from Google Play or Apple Store for more.
- Don't give into pressure: If someone tries to coerce you into giving them sensitive information, end the conversation.
- Watch your digital footprint. Cyber criminals will use social media accounts and relevant websites to research you and make their scams more effective. Request the removal of unnecessary information and check your privacy settings for every account.

Reporting Please report all Fraud and Cybercrime to Action Fraud by calling 0300 123 2040 or online.

Forward suspicious emails to report@phishing.gov.uk. Report SMS scams by forwarding the original message to 7726 (spells SPAM on the keypad).

