

## Coronavirus Outbreak – Some local information 9

Hi everyone. The Government has now announced some relaxations to the lockdown but the key message is that we must all still Stay Alert. Full details of what you can and cannot do are given below. In Old Dalby and Queensway there is no doubt we have all got into ways of coping and the need for a community response has decreased. Indeed our own Facebook page has reverted naturally into a forum for community discussion rather than coronavirus specific and information in Bits and Bobs increasingly overlaps with our sheet. As a group of individuals we came together at the start of the emergency seeking in particular to help the vulnerable in our community. Recently we have become concerned about the range of communication streams, often with separate audiences, which could ultimately be divisive. We have therefore asked the Parish Council to be responsible in future for notices to all residents relating to the coronavirus. In addition to consider, with interested parties, how communication can be improved across the whole Parish. We are glad that they have already started discussions to this end. Of course we shall continue to co-ordinate the support which is needed during this time. The prescription collection service, shopping, church support and caring for the isolated through telephone and personal conversations. We will also continue to maintain the large list of wonderful residents who have offered help at this time. Thank you all. It is good that it has only been necessary to directly call on a few but simply by keeping an eye on neighbours or sharing a cheerful hello whilst on a walk you have helped. Please do not stop. Unfortunately the greatest needs may yet be to come. As always do not hesitate to contact one of us if you or someone you know needs practical support or a friendly phone call.

### • Church Opening

The Church in Old Dalby will be open for private prayer between 9.00am. and 5.00pm each day from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. You are welcome to drop in.

In line with the guidance issued by the Government and the Church of England a risk assessment has been completed which informed this decision. Accordingly all visitors are asked to use the hand sanitiser supplied when entering and observe social distancing at all times. All touch points will be cleaned regularly and the majority of the church cordoned off.

The continued opening of the church will rely heavily on volunteers, who cannot themselves be self isolating or vulnerable. If you are **able to help** by being on a one-day-a-week rota please contact John Harper who will be delighted to hear from you.

We will keep this situation under review, but in the meantime are grateful for your help, prayers and encouragement.

### • Beware of Scams

Criminals are continuing to exploit the coronavirus pandemic to defraud innocent members of the public. There are some very simple steps you can take to protect yourself from handing over money, or personal details, to criminals. Here's what you need to do:

#### **Watch out for scam messages**

Your bank, NHS, Tax Office or other official organisations, won't ask you to share personal information over email or text. If you receive such an email it's a scam. Do not open any attachments.

#### **Shopping online**

If you're making a purchase from a company or person you don't know and trust, carry out some research first, for example, by checking to see if others have used the site and what their experience was. If you decide to go ahead with the purchase, use a credit card if you have one.

#### **Unsolicited calls and browser pop-ups offering tech support**

Never install any software, or grant remote access to your computer, as a result of a cold call. Remember, legitimate organisations would never contact you out of the blue to ask for financial details such as your PIN or full banking password.

#### **NHS Test and Trace scams:**

Contact tracers will only call you from the number 0300 013 5000. Anyone who does not wish to talk over the phone can request the NHS Test and Trace service to send an email or text instead. All text or emails sent by NHS Test and Trace will ask people to sign into the contact tracing website and will provide a unique reference number. The service will never ask for payment, details about your bank account, passwords or PINs, or ask you to access any website that does not belong to the government or NHS.

### • What You Can and Cannot Do.

Details of what you can and cannot do can be found online at [www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus) (then click 'what you can and cannot do'), and remember:

1. Whatever you do, and whoever you meet, keep a social distance of 2 metres. The likelihood of transmitting the virus to one another increases the closer people are to each other.
2. From June 15<sup>th</sup>, you must by law wear a face covering on public transport.

3. If you have symptoms, get a test. This is government policy. Tests can be arranged online by phoning 119 or by going online at [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus).
4. The NHS Test and Trace service is now active. The purpose of the Test and Trace service is:
  - a) to inform you that you have been in close contact with an infected person and to ask you to begin a period of self-isolation, or
  - b) to ask you who you've been in contact with if you have tested positive.

• **Broughton and Old Dalby Parish Council News.**

For some time, the Parish Council have not been able to hold meetings in the respective Village Halls. However Councillors are, and will continue, holding virtual Meetings via the Zoom facility until able to return to the Village Halls. The Clerk will display Agenda Notices on the village notice boards. The Agenda will also be available online on the Parish Council website (see below for web address). Agendas will provide all the information on how the public can join the meeting on Zoom. The draft Minutes will be available on the Council web site.

**Last Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> June.**

Planning Determinations:

**20/00262/FULHH.** Electric Gates 19 Church End Nether Broughton - Approved by Melton Borough Council.

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**20/00495/GDOCOU.** Barn conversion Bouverie Lodge Nether Broughton. Councillors asked for further information.

**17/01374/OUT.** Garden Village, Six Hills. Highways England still does not feel able to recommend approval.

**Councillor Changes.**

The Council are pleased to welcome **Mike Kershaw** of Croft Gardens as a new Councillor for Old Dalby Ward. A new vacancy has now occurred in Broughton Ward, which covers Nether Broughton and Queensway. Interested applicants should contact the Clerk for further details. Councillors would particularly welcome representation from the Queensway area.

**Highway Closures.**

We have been given advance notice of two upcoming road restrictions / closures in the Parish.

**Church End, Nether Broughton.** Between 29<sup>th</sup> June and 4<sup>th</sup> July, Cadent Gas will be undertaking a new service connection. At present, it is not known exactly on which days over this period disruption will occur but a press release confirming the work will be issued approximately 2 weeks prior to works commencing

**Longcliffe Hill, Old Dalby,** An application has been made for road restrictions / closures starting from 10<sup>th</sup> August for 6 weeks to undertake road and drainage works for the new housing development. Again, more details of what is proposed will be announced closer to the date.

**Play Areas.**

A reminder that the Play Park equipment within the parish although not taped off still remain closed until we are advised from the government that they can be used again. The Parish Council wish to thank parishioners for their continued understanding during this time.

Keep up to date with new planning applications and our meetings through the Parish Council website

[www.broughtonandolddalby.org.uk](http://www.broughtonandolddalby.org.uk). Sue Evans (Clerk to the Council) can be contacted by email:

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As always if you need help, or know of anyone needing help, please contact one of the coordinators listed below.

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