

Report to Wickham Market Parish Council for its 17 March 25 meeting

Wickham Market Emergency Plan (EP)

Version 1 of the EP was adopted by the parish council at its 25 November 24 meeting. It's expected that further versions will evolve as further information comes to light.

The Emergency Plan Working Group last met on 12 December 24. Cllrs Huggins who was leading has subsequently retired from the parish council leaving Cllrs Chenery, Cooke and Creasey.

The following actions and updates are tabulated below (VH = Village Hall, JEPU = Joint Emergency Planning Unit):

| Action | Update at 17 March 25 |
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| If the VH was out of action as a rest centre can JEPU assess the school as a back up? | Still to assess the VH first |
| Pets – would Saxon Vets assist if the VH was used as a rest centre? | Will discuss with JEPU first |
| Can a generator provide power to the VH if there was an outage? | To be assessed |
| Can JEPU provide training for a rest centre? | JEPU can provide training but to a wider group of volunteers than the EP Working Group |
| Contact our First Responders to see if can assist in an incident | To be actioned |
| Clarify insurance and DBS's for people involved in an incident or at the rest centre | Await JEPU training for advice |
| Contact local farmers to see if they would assist in an incident | To be actioned |
| Issuing letters and Z cards to residents | Revised approach – with diminished Cllrs on the Working Group just advertise EP best practice via our Newsletter and not issue Z cards as no assurance the public would use these. This would be a cost saving. |

Recommendations

1. To discuss how to create a wider group of Cllrs or volunteers to attend JEPU rest centre training
2. Agree to abandon the distribution of Z cards to the parishioners and instead draft a further EP article in the Newsletter, perhaps after the JEPU rest centre training.

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