

## Barsham Parish Council

### NNDC Customer Services during Lockdown

Under the national lockdown restrictions, **people must stay at home** and can only leave home for limited reasons, including to:

- ✓ Shop for basic necessities, for themselves or a vulnerable person
- ✓ Go to work, or provide voluntary or charitable services, if people cannot reasonably do so from home.
- ✓ Exercise with household member (or support bubble) or one other person, this should be limited to once per day, and you should not travel outside your local area.
- ✓ Meet support bubble or childcare bubble where necessary, but only if people are legally permitted to form one.
- ✓ Seek medical assistance or avoid injury, illness or risk of harm (including domestic abuse).

**The customer services reception is closed for walk in face-to-face enquiries**, staff are available to help you and can be [contacted through our website](#), by phone or email.

Face-to-face appointments are only available for genuine emergency situations, vulnerable residents or complex cases which cannot be dealt with via other means.

- For up-to-date information about NNDC services and links to useful advice, see our [Coronavirus page](#)
- If you are a resident and need support relating to COVID-19 please email the council at [NNDCCovid19@north-norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:NNDCCovid19@north-norfolk.gov.uk) or call our helpline 01263 516000.

### Covid vaccination centres

The District Council is in talks with local health partners about the Covid-19 vaccination programme in North Norfolk. At present, the only operational vaccination centre is at the Fakenham Health Centre, but the Council is keen to see more centres identified and opened by health authorities to offer vaccinations in other parts of the district.

### Increase in infection rates in Fakenham

There has been a worrying increase in Covid infection rates in Fakenham. These have been reported in the Chocolate Factory and two Care Homes: also, around 20% of the infections are believed to be within households. The NHS, district and county councils are working together to limit the spread and ensure safe working practices. The reminder to everyone is to help protect yourself, neighbours and colleagues by following all the advice from the NHS and government, maintain safe social distancing, wear a mask and wash your hands or use sanitiser if you cannot access soap and water.

### Postal Voting in 2021 Elections

On Thursday 6 May 2021 elections will be taking place in North Norfolk with electors voting in the Norfolk County Council elections and the Norfolk Police and Crime Commissioner Election. There are also several Parish Council by-elections also scheduled to be held on this day.

Given the ongoing situation with the Covid-19 pandemic NNDC want to give electors as much time as possible to change voting arrangements if voting in a Polling Station during the pandemic is not desired.

Anyone wishing to vote by post can contact NNDC by email at [postalvotes@north-norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:postalvotes@north-norfolk.gov.uk) or by phone on 01263 516046 and ask to be sent a form.

### NNDC to launch Additional Restrictions Grant

North Norfolk District Council is launching an Additional Restrictions Grant scheme in January 2021. This scheme will support certain businesses that were impacted by the national lockdown in England between 5 November 2020 and 2 December 2020 and are not eligible for the Local Restrictions Support Grant. Businesses will be able to apply from Monday 11 January 2021. Applications will be processed on a first come first served basis.

- The scheme is being launched in the New year, recognising many businesses that may wish to apply will have been busy in the period following 2 December and until the Christmas period.
- For more help and advice for North Norfolk businesses affected by Coronavirus, please visit the dedicated [Coronavirus: Support and Advice for Businesses](#) page on the NNDC website.

### Community governance review

The District Council will be reviewing a number of parish boundaries as part of a Community Governance review which was agreed at Full Council in December. This will look at possibly tidying up some boundaries in the parish. I have previously sent the Clerk details and the Parish Council will be consulted for their views.

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