**To Begin:**

Firstly, we wishe to thank Sally-Ann Spence for her prompt & efficient action in forming a team of street coordinators to keep parish residents informed at this difficult time, and assist residents vulnerable to the impact of Covid-19. Our thanks also to the street coordinators themselves for providing this key service and keeping all of us up to date.

We look forward to the time when the community is better able to come together and show its appreciation for the commitment shown by Sally-Ann and her team.

**Personal Protection Equipment:**

So that residents are aware, the advice from both National & Local Government is that no personal protection equipment [PPE] is required for volunteers making leaflet drops, etc, to the homes of parish residents. However, the street coordinators, and others making such deliveries do use some PPE, but the main purpose of this is to provide reassurance to the more vulnerable residents of the parish.

It is for this reason that APC has recently financed the purchase of a quantity of PPE required by the street coordinators and has further earmarked a modest budget for future use to the same end – see below.

**Future Funding:**

With no immediate prospect of a reliable vaccine being found to screen against Covid-19 it is probable that the need to maintain same restrictive measures will continue for the foreseeable future, even as the lockdown eases, which will inevitably be to the detriment of many of our more vulnerable residents.

In an endeavour to provide greater scope to assist the worst affected sections of our community, APC is launching a ‘ring-fenced’ fund that can be called on to provide such assistance and/or any PPE required to deliver this assistance. The fund will be established by transferring the budgeted amount referred to above, and we will also apply for grant funding through the scheme delivered by our district councillors. Residents will also be able to contribute, and more details about this will follow shortly.

**As ‘Lockdown’ Eases:**

One serious concern as lockdown restrictions are eased and public interaction increases, is the potential for infection rates to increase again. The temptation to socialise with friends & neighbours is obvious and understandable, but this should be done in a way that minimises risk – e.g. by avoiding all physical contact and strictly maintaining social distancing.

As it is impossible to meet these safety needs, the council remains unable to commence the replacement shopperbus service. We will continue to keep the matter under review, but the service will not commence until user safety can be ensured.