

**12<sup>th</sup> May 2020 - check back for updates**

## **CORONAVIRUS AND THE TOWN COUNCIL SERVICES**

### **All under constant review**

- Village Hall closed until further notice.
- Council office closed, but phone will be operational between the hours of 9am and 2pm Monday to Friday.
- Recreation Ground play area closed
- Towers Way play area closed
- Emails will be checked and replied to: [office@corfemullen-tc.gov.uk](mailto:office@corfemullen-tc.gov.uk)
- Cemetery remains opens - burials allowed, with restrictions
- All Council meetings postponed until further notice.
- Allotments – open with restrictions – please see Appendix 1 for details

### **Car parks - update**

The two car parks at the recreation ground and Springdale Road Public Open Space will be re-opened on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

This decision has been taken following the Government's updated advice that the public can take exercise several times per day and can drive an unlimited distance to this.

The public is however reminded of the Government's overarching advice which is to:

#### **Stay alert**

We can all help control the virus if we all stay alert. This means you must:

- stay at home as much as possible
- work from home if you can
- limit contact with other people
- keep your distance if you go out (2 metres apart where possible)
- wash your hands regularly

Self-isolate if you or anyone in your household has symptoms.

The decision to re-open the car parks will be reviewed on a weekly basis.

## COVID-19 Emergency Measures – Corfe Mullen Allotments

For the allotments to reopen, subject to further government requirements, plot holders MUST comply with the following requirements, as stated and adapted from the National Society Allotment & Leisure Gardens Ltd. document.

This reopening will be reasonably monitored and if the site starts to become too busy then Council will look at alternative measures to make site visits safer.

Any plot-holder who is self-isolating because a household member is ill with coronavirus MUST not be visiting the site.

A notice will be placed on the gate and shed.

It is important that anyone attending the allotments takes care to stay the appropriate distance away from others, avoid body contact and sanitise hands, do not wash hands or use detergents in the water troughs and please pay attention to notices.

It is essential that no un-authorized people are allowed onto the plots for the duration of this emergency. For the duration of this emergency, authorised persons are members of your household.

When considering tending an allotment as exercise it is important to remember the government statement on exercise and duration. 'People must stay at home as much as possible to reduce the spread of the virus. But you can also still go outside once a day for a walk, run, cycle. When doing this you must minimise the time you are out of your home and stay at least two metres away from anyone else that isn't from your household.

We therefore recommend that time working should be limited to 2hrs a day.

**Careful consideration MUST be given to introducing anyone over 70, those with underlying illness or pregnant women, in accordance with Government advice on social distancing.**

Plot holders MUST take the following precautionary measures:

- Take hand sanitiser with you and use it if you are able to obtain it.
- DO NOT gather together for a chat even if you are 2 metres apart.
- Observe "Social Distancing" with each other 2-3 metres
- Do not share tools
- Minimise the contact with each other for example no handshakes
- Do not wash your hands in water troughs
- The communal shed is closed
- If you display any symptoms of coronavirus stay at home and self-isolate for at least 14 days or until symptoms have passed.