

The Shipdham Village Covid-19 cttee will revert to the Shipdham Community Emergency Plan from 1<sup>st</sup> October, with the addition of Helen Bridge and Jo Dewing to its committee. This will enable the Covid-19 cttee to immediately spring back into action if needed. The emergency telephone number will remain the same.

District Councillors have taken over the welfare calls from BDC officers as they return to their usual duties. These are to vulnerable people of all ages who still welcome a regular phone call.

The Breckland Community Funding Scheme is re-opening for applications from Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September- [www.norfolkfoundation.com](http://www.norfolkfoundation.com)

There is a public consultation period from 28<sup>th</sup> August – 9<sup>th</sup> October, to review the licensing policies at BDC

The Breckland Bridge Partnership has been extended for another 5 years

As part of £1 million investment programme to support vulnerable people a grant has been made to the Daisy Programme in Watton – who work to break the chain of domestic abuse.

BDC has adopted a new housing policy which will enable vulnerable and disabled people to access new funding and support to meet their bespoke needs. The previous policy already offered grants up to £30,000 for adaptations, but now there will be the option for owner-occupiers to take a loan of £10,000 should such adaptations exceed £10,000. In addition a new relocation grant of up to £6000 is being made available to help disabled residents move to a more suitable property if their current one cannot be adapted. There are other associated grants – full details on BDC website.

Banham Poultry – officers and all health authorities continue to work together in a Community cell, a business cell and an animal welfare cell to support Banham Poultry and associated businesses, and to ensure employees are directed to the best forms of support. There is no heightened risk to the general public (This update as on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020)

Incidents in Park Estate, Shipdham. Both Paul and I have received a number of complaints and concerns about identified properties in Park Estate. Whilst we are always happy to assist, we have no more influence on Flagship or other rented accommodation than parish councillors do. Should you be made aware of any situation that involves a landlord (whether private or housing association) please raise it directly with the appropriate organisation. There is often covert work (evidence gathering etc.) going on which may seem lengthy and frustrating to those affected, but there is often a confidential back story.

Please encourage residents to use the online complaints forms, for housing association or district/county council issues.