

Information for the Public on Council activities during the COVID-19 closures

3rd April 2020

Due to the extent of the COVID-19 outbreak and the subsequent government advice, the ability for the Council to function as normal has been reduced.

The Government has advised that everyone should remain in their homes unless absolutely necessary.

As per powers delegated to the Clerk, the Council will now be operating only key services.

The activities of the Council will be under constant review and will be updated as necessary to reflect the rapidly changing Government advice.

For advice on the pandemic, please refer to Central Government and NHS official sources below: <https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Burials and cemeteries

The burial administration will operate as normal. The contact for this is cubertpc@btinternet.com. Any paperwork posted or hand delivered to the office will be processed as usual. The latest Government advice on graveside burials will be monitored. Interment of ashes shall cease until further notice. By order of the UK Government (The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) Regulations 2020).

Planning The Council will legally be allowed to meet electronically and make legally binding decisions as of 4th April 2020 – though further guidance on this is being awaited. At present Planning recommendations will be decided by a simple majority of Parish Councillors following review of Plans electronically. On a weekly basis these recommendations will be published on the Parish Council Website. (<https://www.http://www.parish-council.com/cubertparishcouncil/index.asp?pageid=708566>, and on the Cornwall Council planning portal (<http://planning.cornwall.gov.uk/online-applications/>))

The public are advised that they may make comments on any planning applications they wish on the planning portal. Cornwall Councillor Adrian Harvey may also be contacted to share your comments. His contact details can be found on the Parish Council website. (<http://www.parish-council.com/cubertparishcouncil/members.asp?pageid=194405>).

Payments Invoices for normal expenditure will be paid on a monthly basis and will not be disrupted by this closure. The contact for this is cubertpc@btinternet.com.

Any paperwork posted or hand delivered to the office will be processed as usual.

Public Toilets All WCs are closed due to cleaning staff being in an 'at risk' category and by order of the UK Government.

Maintenance and repairs Maintenance of various street furniture and verges will now not operate. The Council handyperson will be on call to respond to emergencies.
(01637 830947)

Council meeting room is closed to the public.

All Council meetings are postponed.

The Annual Parish Meeting is cancelled altogether. There is now no legal requirement to hold an Annual Council meeting in 2020.

Communications

The Council website will be regularly updated. Email communications remain open

Local support for those self-isolating or ill

This may be a time of anxiety, loneliness and hardship for some members of the community.

Cornwall Council related coronavirus enquiries or issues should be directed to their dedicated email address covid19@cornwall.gov.uk And anyone in Cornwall who needs help with shopping, collecting medicines or other practical help and support can request a volunteer by ringing 01872 265300 or emailing requestforhelp@volunteercornwall.org.uk