

Planning & Development – 7 May 2020

Agenda Item PD3574/20

Face Coverings

Introduction

Cllrs Mitchell, Benner, and Taylor have been researching possible designs and local skilled people to make face coverings that can be used by residents when using public transport and in the community.

Discussion

The project is to have a way of producing face coverings for residents to use when travelling on public transport, shopping and other activities that means being amongst people.

Please see the Appendix to this paper which outlines the most up to date project details.

The Committee will need to release funds to take this project forward, as we have found a local professional seamstress (Jan Blackwell) who is willing to produce good quality face coverings at a cost to the Parish Council of £2 per covering.

The first step is to produce 50 at a cost of £100.

Providing there is agreement with the working party on the COVID support, then we suggest a higher budget to produce coverings for residents. There are 12,500 residents in Croxley Green. If everyone, including the children wanted two coverings, i.e. one to wear and one in the wash, then we would need say 24,000. However, many will already have theirs, others will make their own, and some will not put themselves in a position to need one. I suggest we should aim for a minimum of 5,000 coverings, and maybe up to 12,000. This cost will therefore be £10,000 to £24,000. We need to prepare ourselves to decide how we fund this number of coverings. Do we have some free and then charge?

We can also send out by social media and on our website how people can make face coverings at home.

Recommendations

1. Parish council to agree to pay up to £100 to produce up to 50 coverings as a pilot for the project.
2. If successful recommended to the Coronavirus working group that the project be expanded, and a larger quantity (5000 – 12,000) of face coverings be produced for distribution in Croxley Green at a cost of £10,000 - £24,000.

Cllrs Mitchell, Taylor & Benner
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