**MARCH 2017**

**DODDISCOMBSLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL**

**Acquisition of Tools for Emergency Drainage Work**

The Parish Council have given the go ahead to purchase some tools to enable volunteers to help clear the parish culverts and ditches to prevent flooding in inclement weather. This purchase is enabled through the Elector fund grant from Teignbridge District Council. Any volunteers working on behalf of the Parish Council are covered by a very comprehensive insurance. If you are prepared to help when the roads or properties in the parish are at risk of flooding, please let the parish clerk have your contact details. Flooding in your home can be very distressing so your help, when needed, could make a real difference to others.

**Our Defibrillator has been Installed!**

The defibrillator has been installed outside the school. Please feel free to familiarise yourself with the equipment. The front cover twists off. An alarm will sound when removed but there is a small button near the top that will cancel this. Please ensure the defib is replaced in the cabinet and the cover is secured. There will be further first aid and CPR sessions run free of charge for anyone who would like to attend so keep an eye on the website and noticeboards for details. The great news is that you don’t need to be trained to use a defibrillator. A voice command will tell you what to do and you can only shock a patient if the defibrillator has diagnosed the need. If you haven’t yet managed to attend a training session, don’t shy away from using the defibrillator if needed. You could save a life. Please don’t forget to also get someone to ring 999 to ensure help is on its way.

**Road Closures in the Parish**

There are a number of road closures coming up throughout the parish, so please keep an eye on the website and noticeboards. Highways dept are completing a programme of work on our road network and the National Grid are refurbishing the pylons throughout the Teign Valley.

**Parish Rights of Way**

Doddiscombsleigh has 4 miles of public rights of way (PRoW). The PRoW warden has reviewed the integrity of our stiles and gates and we are hopeful that remedial work will commence soon to improve access and safety. Anyone who could volunteer to help with the upkeep of our rights of way should contact the parish clerk.

**Next Meeting**

Our next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Thursday 4th May 2017 at Doddiscombsleigh School. Please come along to join us.

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