



Flooding November 21<sup>st</sup> 2012

# EMERGENCY PLAN

## CULMSTOCK PARISH

revised Nov 2020

Under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004, we are required to produce a plan which would come into effect in the event of a local emergency. The concept assumed in this Emergency Plan is to take the “worst case scenario” in the case of each situation so that there is a suitable plan in place for residents in Culmstock.

## Introduction

We have identified all sorts of emergency event which might affect Culmstock within three main headings:-

- 1). Natural Causes
- 2). Man-made Incidents
- 3). Invasive attack & warfare

The purpose of the attached plan is to identify each type of emergency and to suggest self-help emergency plans which will enable the Parish to support itself during (and after) any such event. In some circumstances there will be a short period before an emergency occurs when it might be avoided by prompt or decisive action.

## Planning Assumptions

A plan must be relevant and appropriate to the needs of the community served by the Parish Council and should be based on an assessment of the likely and foreseeable risks faced by the community (Annex A). In the event of a significant emergency affecting the parish, the parish council will form an Emergency committee to work with statutory agencies to minimise the impact on residents. Most **major incidents** that could occur in the parish would be responded to by the emergency services or other statutory bodies – (e.g. military, police, fire service etc.) and would not require significant self-help measures to be implemented. In the event of a major incident occurring where the emergency services or other statutory bodies are unable to respond, it is likely that local residents would take action to assist those immediately affected. For example an extremely severe storm affecting the whole South-West region might leave the Emergency Services unable to attend many simultaneous incidents. The Parish Council may be able to assist in co-ordinating the response to a major emergency, but is more likely to be involved in the recovery from such an incident.

## Aim & Objectives

The aim of this plan is to outline how the parish council can help to manage emergency incidents and to minimise the potentially damaging effects on residents.

Further the plan is intended to contribute to the recovery after any type of local emergency.

- To have a procedures in place for notifying key members of the parish council in emergency.
- To have contact details of other key statutory organisations available.
- To have details of key resources within the parish.

## Notification

Annex B attached outlines the relevant emergency contacts both internally within the parish as well as details of external bodies when local support is unavailable. The relevant contacts in any particular emergency are referred to within the right hand column of the hazards listed in annex A table, giving quick reference to who should be contacted in any particular emergency. Should an incident occur where residents feel it necessary to consult or advise the council, **the initial contact should be to the Chairman, vice-chairman, or clerk as listed below in annex B.**



## Review

The Emergency Plan shall be reviewed annually.

Culmstock Emergency Plan updated by Councillors Bass & Plastow Nov 2020

HAZARD	LIKELIHOOD	SEVERITY	CONSEQUENCE	ACTION	REF
<b>Natural Causes</b>					
Heavy Snowfall	Occasional heavy falls	Severe if prolonged	Disruption to amenities, transport & communication network. Parish isolated from supplies.	Arrange farmers to clear B3391 and lanes. Clear pavements. Plan helicopter food supplies if needed.	1,3
Serious flooding	Road drainage and gullies likely to be affected. River Culm frequently floods during prolonged rainfall of over an inch per day (as on Nov 14 <sup>th</sup> 2002 and on Nov 21 <sup>st</sup> 2012). Serious flooding if river level tops the flood wall. Frequent surface water run-off from saturated fields and hills. High likelihood of storm drains proving inadequate.	Minor traffic disruption	Road surfaces will be affected adversely, needing repair.	Arrange farmers to clear gullies	1
		Effect is greatly reduced due to the flood wall along The Strand.	The road bridge might become impassable (as well as at Hemyock).	Check water level at flood wall by remote DCC website. Inflatable sandbags available in Village Hall meeting room.	6
		Serious to properties within the flood plain if the wall overflows.	More than 30 dwellings including the pub will suffer ground floor flooding.	Check Sewers and drain sumps have been emptied	1
		As in November 2013 water will back up the sewers, especially north of river.	Businesses like the Garage and the Shop could be affected	Check that drainage channels have been cleared.	3
Severe storm	Storm-force winds over 55 mph are likely every few years.  Hurricane-force winds 73+mph) must be expected during next decade, especially with the current climate predictions. Sewage upsurge possible.	With proper warning, should not have too severe effect.	Trees broken off or uprooted, structural damage likely.	Arrange farmers to clear debris.	1
		Winter storms predicted to worsen.	Severe widespread damage to vegetation and structures. Debris & unsecured objects hurled about.	Parish Lengthsman available	2
		Hurricanes would have a very severe effect on residents, buildings farms. Summer thunderstorms are likely to become more frequent.	Possibility of lightning strikes on unprotected buildings	Contact .Devon Council to clear fallen trees and report serious highway flooding using "Report a Problem". Divert sewage contaminatio	1
Serious Drought	Infrequent, but becoming possible due to climate changes	Disruption if water supplies reduced or stand-pipes introduced	Restriction on water supplies with greater effect on elderly	Contact South-West Water	8
Flu epidemic or other infectious disease	COVID-19 shows that pandemics are a real threat as in 2020.	Culmstock is likely to be less severely affected than urban centres	Many and varied effects, possibly fatal especially to the clinically vulnerable	Form Community response team to	5

Ref in last column refers to Annex B

identifiesHAZARD	LIKELIHOOD	SEVERITY	CONSEQUENCE	ACTION	REF
<b>Man-made Incidents</b>					<b>ANNEX A (2)</b>
Serious road traffic accident	Highly likely in view of heavy vehicles, farm machinery and speeding traffic on narrow lanes	Severe implications in the event of road deaths or injury. Accidents on the bridge could have severe impact.	Likely road deaths & damage to property	Emergency Services would handle.	3
Accident with hazardous materials	If we are warned about any transport of hazardous goods, the parish should be given advance warning.,	Serious impact from hazardous, toxic, polluting, or inflammable materials. Immediate serious risk from explosive materials.	Possible air or water pollution of watercourses. Danger to health. Local fire or chemical destruction of buildings and property.	Emergency Services would handle.	3
Aircraft or helicopter crash	A rare event, but the AirShow at Dunkeswell & military exercises recall the 1996 Harrier crash.	Very serious if occurring on any inhabited dwellings.	Possible loss of life.	Emergency Services would handle.	4,5,14
Fire	High risk of fire from many sources and in drought conditions,	Severe for thatched buildings around the Cleeve & the Bridge.	Any house fire has immense impact on the owner and immediate neighbours.	Mark fire hydrants at Cleeve & bridge etc. Emergency services.	4
Underground gas escape	The main gas main crosses south of Whiteball. Dwellings do not have gas supply, so escape is unlikely.	Due to rural location, any gas escape would only affect a few rural properties at the very north of the Parish.	Local Toxicity problems	Emergency services would handle.	17
Railway accident	The Great Western railway runs under Whiteball. Any accident is likely to occur within the tunnel.	Any impact would be on the passengers or cargo, especially severe if carrying hazardous goods.	Possible road closures.	Emergency Services would handle.	3,4,5,14
Burst water main	Aging water mains make this more likely.	Minor issue unless inhabited dwellings are flooded	Possible localized flooding to dwellings and to highways	Contact Emergency Services. Locate water stop-valves	8
Prolonged power cuts	The National Grid overstretched from reactor decommissioning, the shortfall of alternative energy, and the demands of electric powered vehicles.	The effects of serious power cuts are being reduced due to improved prior warning, but minor cuts are already becoming more frequent. National Grid failure severe.	Likely problems in mid-winter especially around Christmas. Possible loss of frozen foods and hard on businesses dependent on electrical equipment.	Consider the needs of older people during power cuts. Help to find access to generators for essential businesses.	9
Electricity pylon collapse	Unlikely	Would only affect farms or highways	Highways closure, farm animals or people hurt.	Emergency Services would handle.	9
Failure of utilities	Electric or water cut-off possible especially in drought,	Main water supply failure is severe, although there are lots of local wells	Risk of hypothermia in winter Need to look after older people	Locate generators & standpipes Contact South-West Water about quality of local wells.	9 8
	Collapsed sewers likely.	Pollution of households and of river	Contamination of crayfish breeding.	Inform Environment Agency	7
Terrorist attack	Unlikely target for terrorists	Very severe	Hide somewhere safe!	Contact Emergency Services.	18
Chemical, biological or nuclear warfare	Unlikely target for warfare, except as a national fall-out	Nuclear fallout would be severe, nb our proximity to Hinckley Point	Stay indoors and close windows	Contact Emergency Services.	18
Electronic disruption	Uncertain, but increasingly possible to cut off internet & mobile phones	Broadband destroyed, especially severe if caused by terrorism	Without broadband & telephone communication will be difficult	Arrange meeting in Village Hall.	15

More information on National emergencies is available at [www.preparingforemergencies.gov.uk](http://www.preparingforemergencies.gov.uk) (0870-241-4680)

*This list (after section 1) is made mainly for the benefit of Parish Councillors, but also for any individual residents who find it necessary to get external help in an emergency.*

### 1 Parish Council contacts:-

<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Lizzie Jones</b>	<b>07870-622824</b>	<a href="mailto:lizzie@culmstock-pc.org.uk">lizzie@culmstock-pc.org.uk</a>
<b>Clerk</b>	<b>Melanie Shore</b>		<a href="mailto:clerk@culmstock-pc.org.uk">clerk@culmstock-pc.org.uk</a>
Other Councillors	Rosemary Balchin		<a href="mailto:rosemary@culmstock-pc.org.uk">rosemary@culmstock-pc.org.uk</a>
	Catherine Bass		<a href="mailto:catherine@culmstock-pc.org.uk">catherine@culmstock-pc.org.uk</a>
	Charlie Kay		<a href="mailto:charlie@culmstock-pc.org.uk">charlie@culmstock-pc.org.uk</a>
	Jo Saunders		<a href="mailto:jo@culmstock-pc.org.uk">jo@culmstock-pc.org.uk</a>
	Jude Zebedee		<a href="mailto:jude@culmstock-pc.org.uk">jude@culmstock-pc.org.uk</a>
	Sarah Leppard		<a href="mailto:sarah@culmstock-pc.org.uk">sarah@culmstock-pc.org.uk</a>

### 2 District Council contacts:-

Emergency no.	<b>Out of hours team via</b>	<b>01884 255255</b>	<b>Duty incident manager, Corporate Management Team</b>
	Simon Clist	<b>07855-027595</b>	<a href="mailto:sclist@middevon.gov.uk">sclist@middevon.gov.uk</a>
	Natasha Bradshaw	<b>01884 233247</b>	<a href="mailto:nbradshaw@middevon.gov.uk">nbradshaw@middevon.gov.uk</a>

### 3 County Council contacts

Emergency no.	Out of hours	<b>01392 382680</b>	<a href="https://www.devon.gov.uk/emergencies/">https://www.devon.gov.uk/emergencies/</a>
Local	Ray Radford		<a href="mailto:ray.radford@devon.gov.uk">ray.radford@devon.gov.uk</a>
Flood or Highways 24/7	Highways Op'n control	<b>01392-383329</b>	<a href="https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/">https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/</a>
Highways (local)			<a href="mailto:csc.roads@devon.gov.uk">csc.roads@devon.gov.uk</a>

### External Emergency Services

<b>4</b>	<b>Fire Service</b>	<b>999</b>	<a href="http://www.dsfire.gov.uk">www.dsfire.gov.uk</a>
<b>5</b>	<b>Local hospitals</b>	<b>999</b>	
	<b>NHS Medical advice</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>Non-Emergency</b>
	<b>Ambulance</b>	<b>999</b>	<b>(including Devon Air Ambulance)</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Environment Agency Floodline</b>	<b>0345-988188</b>	<a href="http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/homeandleisure/floods">www.environment-agency.gov.uk/homeandleisure/floods</a>
<b>7</b>	<b>Environment Agency - Pollution incident</b>	<b>0800-807060</b>	<a href="http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk">www.environment-agency.gov.uk</a>
<b>8</b>	<b>South-West Water</b>	<b>0800-1691144</b>	<b>(0844-507-5281 costs 5p/minute!)</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Western Power Distribution</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>or 0800-365900</b> <a href="http://www.westernpower.co.uk/Power-outages.aspx">www.westernpower.co.uk/Power-outages.aspx</a>
<b>10</b>	<b>Highways maintenance</b>	<b>01392-383329</b>	<a href="mailto:csc.roads@devon.gov.uk">csc.roads@devon.gov.uk</a>
<b>11</b>	<b>Coastguard</b>	<b>0870-6006505</b>	<a href="http://www.mcga.gov.uk">www.mcga.gov.uk</a>
<b>12</b>	<b>Devon &amp; Cornwall Police</b>	<b>999</b>	<a href="http://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk">www.devon-cornwall.police.uk</a> or <b>01392-777444</b> for exeter
<b>13</b>	<b>Samaritans</b>	<b>116123</b>	<b>08457-909090</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>BT emergency</b>	<b>0843 850 2091</b>	<a href="http://www.bt.com/faults">www.bt.com/faults</a>
<b>16</b>	<b>Met Office</b>		<a href="http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/uk/sw/sw_forecast_weather.html">www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/uk/sw/sw_forecast_weather.html</a>
<b>17</b>	<b>Gas leaks</b>	<b>0800-111999</b>	<a href="http://www2.nationalgrid.com/UK/Safety/Gas-emergency/">http://www2.nationalgrid.com/UK/Safety/Gas-emergency/</a>
<b>18</b>	<b>Disaster Action</b> <i>National contact as last resort</i>	<b>01483 799066</b>	<a href="http://www.disasteraction.org.uk">www.disasteraction.org.uk</a>

<b>Defibrillator</b>	<b>Village Hall entrance</b>	<b>Checked monthly</b>		
<b>First Aid kit</b>	<b>Village Hall</b>	<b>Minor emergencies</b>	<b>Village Hall</b>	
<b>Snow clearance</b>	<b>Village</b>	<b>Terry Pike</b>	<b>Primrose Cottage</b>	<b>01884-841067</b>
	<b>Prescott</b>	<b>Stewart Priddle</b>	<b>Brookshill Farm</b>	<b>07979-752275</b>
	<b>Nicholashayne</b>	<b>Keith Prettejohn</b>	<b>Nicholashayne Farm</b>	<b>01884-849121</b>
	<b>Hillmoor</b>	<b>Stafford Sampson</b>	<b>Fry's Farm</b>	<b>07970-089534</b>
	<b>Gipsy Town / Red Ball</b>	<b>Steve Findlay</b>	<b>Moor View, Red Ball</b>	<b>07855-316780</b>
<b>Snow Shovel &amp; Hi-Viz jacket</b>		<b>Geoffrey Bass</b>	<b>Cadbury House, Fore St</b>	<b>01884-849172</b>
<b>Salt</b>	<b>Manageable bags available</b>	<b>Stewart Priddle</b>	<b>Brookshill Farm</b>	<b>07979-752275</b>
	<b>Salt bins are stocked</b>	<b>at most highway hills</b>		
<b>Salt Spreaders</b>	<b>South of village</b>	<b>Stafford Sampson</b>	<b>Fry's Farm, Hillmoor</b>	<b>07970-089534</b>
	<b>North of Village</b>	<b>Steve Findlay</b>	<b>Moor View, Red Ball</b>	<b>07855-316780</b>
<b>Sandbags</b>	<b>Inflatable sandbags available</b>	<b>Village Hall Meeting Room-(central cupboard);</b>		<b>Access code from any Parish Councillor</b>
<b>Water pump</b>	<b>Available through various farms</b>			
<b>Radio stations</b>	<b>BBC Radio Devon</b>	<b>95.8 MHz</b>		
	<b>BBC Somerset Sound</b>	<b>95.5 MHz</b>		
	<b>Phonic FM</b>	<b>106.8 MHz</b>		
	<b>Heart FM</b>	<b>97.0 MHz</b>		
<b>Refuges</b>	<i>There are several places to convene within Culmstock for greater communal safety within a serious emergency situation:-</i>			
	<b>North of Village</b>	<b>Village Hall</b>	<b>might be locked</b>	<b>access code from Parish Councillors (see p5.)</b>
		<b>Culm Valley Inn</b>	<b>might be flooded?</b>	<b>Key via: <a href="mailto:michellecolman6@gmail.com">michellecolman6@gmail.com</a></b>
	<b>South of village</b>	<b>Parish Church</b>	<b>Might be locked?</b>	<b>Key: Katherine at Mulberry Lodge</b>