

Sutton Parish Council Emergency Policy and Plan

Introduction

Sutton Parish Council has produced a Policy and Plan in the event of an emergency occurring in the parish, to support the Authorities and Services with their emergency planning.

Legislation

The Civil Contingencies Act 2004 places a duty on Cambridgeshire County Council and East Cambridgeshire District Council as Local authorities; The Police and Fire and Rescue as Emergency Services; The NHS and its trusts including the ambulance service as Health authorities; and The Environment Agency, to Assess, Plan and Advise in the event of an emergency.

Meaning of Emergency

Within the Act 'emergency' means:

- An event or situation which threatens serious damage to human welfare in a place in the United Kingdom.
- An event or situation which threatens serious damage to the environment or place in the United Kingdom, or
- War, terrorism, which threatens serious damage to the security of the United Kingdom.

An event or situation threatens to damage human welfare only if it involved, causes or may cause –

- Loss of human life
- Human illness or injury
- Homelessness
- Damage to property
- Disruption of a supply of money, food, water, energy or fuel
- Disruption of a system of communication
- Disruption of facilities for transport
- Disruption of services relating to health

Sutton Parish Council Policy

Although not a statutory duty for parish councils, Sutton Parish Council will provide and maintain an Emergency Plan that will assist the local response to an emergency in which its local knowledge, resources and facilities which may enable the impact of the emergency to be mitigated.

Objectives of the Plan

- To establish a local emergency management structure
- To give an overview of roles and responsibilities
- To identify any anticipated local risks
- To detail call out arrangements by a cascade process
- To identify available community resources –
E.g. personnel, equipment and emergency accommodation.

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