

## Report to Wickham Market Parish Council for its 16 February 26 meeting

# Wickham Market Emergency Plan (EP)

Version 1 of the EP was adopted by the parish council at its 25 November 24 meeting. It's expected that further versions will evolve as further information comes to light.

The Emergency Plan Working Group (EPWG) last met on 12 December 24. Cllrs Huggins who was leading has subsequently retired from the parish council leaving Cllrs Chenery, Cooke and Creasey. However Pauline Huggins has offered to re-join the group as a member of the public and Cllr Chenery has offered to chair the Group.

The following actions and updates are tabulated below (VH = Village Hall, JEPU = Joint Emergency Planning Unit):

Action	Update at 17 March 25
If the VH was out of action as a rest centre can JEPU assess the school as a back up?	Still to assess the VH first but now considered essential as highly likely the VH could be closed this year for some while for modernisation. If the school is unavailable then EPWG will look at other venues, including outside the village
Pets – would Saxon Vets assist if the VH was used as a rest centre?	Will discuss with JEPU first
Can a generator provide power to the VH if there was an outage?	Unlikely that a generator could plug into the VH electrical system so would need an outside generator, lighting and heating systems. Discuss with JEPU.
Can JEPU provide training for a rest centre?	JEPU can provide training but to a wider group of volunteers than the EP Working Group
Contact our First Responders to see if can assist in an incident	To be actioned
Clarify insurance and DBS's for people involved in an incident or at the rest centre	Await JEPU training for advice
Contact local farmers to see if they would assist in an incident	To be actioned
Updating residents and businesses in the village	Advertise EP best practice via our Newsletter at regular intervals

## Recommendations

1. **Agree to appoint Pauline Huggins as a member of the public to the EPWG**
2. **Agree for Cllr Chenery to lead the EPWG**
3. **To discuss how to create a wider group of Cllrs or volunteers to attend JEPU rest centre training**