

Agenda item
14th October 2019
Dementia Friends

1. Introduction

Councillor Jones has requested that the Parish Council consider becoming a dementia friendly organisation.

2. What is being suggested

The information below from Diane Gooch of the Calne Dementia Action Alliance explains what that entails.

There are two aspects to Calne Dementia Action Alliance.

Firstly, to raise awareness of Dementia by offering Dementia Friends Sessions to all Residents of Calne and our Community Areas. This session takes an hour after which I ask those at the session to sign up to become a Dementia Friend.

We would then ask the Parish to sign up to the Calne Dementia Alliance which involves stating two or three things the Parish will do to raise awareness in their area. These need only be small things like ensuring all new councillors attend a session, checking signing in buildings you use to make sure it is friendly for those with memory loss, organising a DF session for Residents (which I could do). Also attending two meetings each year of the Calne Alliance to report back on actions taken and any issues. If any Councillors have their own businesses DF sessions could be arranged for their staff and they could also sign up to the Calne DAA

We also have a Calne Dementia Steering Group which anyone interested could join.

3. A recent report entitled How Dementia Friendly is Wiltshire can be viewed here:

<https://www.healthwatchwiltshire.co.uk/sites/healthwatchwiltshire.co.uk/files/How%20dementia%20friendly%20is%20Wiltshire%20July%202019.pdf>

4. Wiltshire Association of Local Councils (WALC)

WALC Newsletter September 2019 also reported that NALC(National Association of Local Councils) has signed up to become a dementia friendly organisation and would like Parishes to follow suit.

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NALC has signed up to become a dementia-friendly organisation and is calling on all local councils to follow suit by becoming Dementia Friends. A dementia-friendly community can be defined as a place or culture in which people with dementia and their carers are empowered, supported and included in society, as well as understand their rights and recognise their full potential.

NALC

Recommendation:

1. That the Parish Council agree to fund and hold an event for the community to learn more about dementia and to sign up to become a dementia friendly organisation. That this event should be open to all residents and businesses in the Parish. The cost of such an event to include hall hire for the event, refreshments, advertising of the event in the local community and subsequent training for all Councillors.

Budget Heading: Public participation, Exhibitions, Events, Advertising and Communications (advertising)
Hall Hire (venue)
Chairman's Allowance (refreshments)

Power: Local Government Act 1972, s144

2. That the Parish Council give consideration to inviting other Parishes within the Calne Area Parish Forum who wish to take part and are unable to host their own event.