**Public Participation session of the Extraordinary meeting of Lytchett Matravers Parish Council on Thursday 30th April 2020**

**Statement made by Lisa Barker representing the Lytchett Matravers Angels concerning the matter of the collection, control & use, and security of personal data collected by Parish Council members and Lytchett Matravers Angels members for the purposes of providing support to the community during the Coronavirus crisis.**

We understand that the Parish Council may wish to retain the data, or the register that we have been working with, and refrain us from transferring any data into a CRM system that would be an asset in our operational activities. The data we consider is to be shared data, and not solely owned by one or the other. For example, volunteers; those that were entered on to the register there is a 40/60 split; and again with the residents it is working out the same as a 40/ 60 split.

In terms of the operational activities, we cannot support residents without having a system to manage the activity in the community. We understand that the Parish Council wishes to by the controller of the data, and I understand the reasons behind that. We would like to seek a resolution whereby either we split the data to both parties - although all of the volunteers you would agree to sign a GDPR on their registration document which was returned to Lytchett Matravers Angels. Likewise when a resident calls, and if I ask, they are happy to be put on the isolation register. If I do not receive their consent their details do not get entered on there.

We either have all that data where we can continue to provide the service, or the data given to the Parish Council is retained by yourselves. But then would leave a gap in service, and this is defeats the object to continue the support which has already been given.

In addition, I completed an ICO registration and I was advised that given the Covid-19 response small unincorporated association groups, of which there are many across the UK, in this similar situation are exempt from GDPR policy. However neither would we object to paying a registration fee to the ICO if that gave people the reassurance that we are registered - in addition to the GDPR notice guidance which was given to our volunteers in the volunteer handbook.

If the main concern is about the residents, then my only suggestion would be to write to those that the Parish Council provided as a referral. As a final resort then we would have to start afresh with new data and the Parish Council find an alternative solution to managing the support for residents that may be affected by dividing the data.