**RESILIENCE CENTRE IN NORTHINGTON**

On Friday 16th June YW and MJ met Mark Taylor and his colleague Holly from SSE to discuss the possibility of creating a resilience centre at the Northington and Swarraton Village Hall. The possibility of applying for a grant of up to £20,000 for any items that might be necessary to provide support for the community in event of a power cut in the village was considered (most likely this would be a large generator). On careful reflection and after exploring various options with other members of the Council it was agreed that to apply for funding and purchase of the equipment needed and general maintenance and training involved do not appear to suit the village needs at the moment. Instead it was deemed a good idea to build a local network of contacts who would work as first responders in the case of a serious power cut (e.g. after 6 hours). These individuals would be responsible for checking that vulnerable people were not in need of items such as wind up torches, analogue phones, primus stoves and emergency numbers. Many villagers now have their own generators and would easily and happily be able to keep an eye on those in need.

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