

Quidhampton Covid-19 Support Group

Minutes of the meeting of the steering group on 24 June 2020 via zoom

Present: John Cater JC (community emergency volunteer), Ian Day ID, Zoe Hoare* ZH, Hannah Newnham HN (secretary), Howard Rowley *HR (chair), Jane Taylor JT, Ken Taylor *KT (parish zoom facilitator), Bea Tilbrook BT (minute secretary). *parish councillors

1. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting 10 June 2020

These were agreed.

2. Matters arising and actions agreed from previous meeting not elsewhere in the agenda

- a. **Facemasks** BT contacted the other main village mask maker, Linda Robson, about use of a pipe cleaner reinforcement. Linda wrote a detailed email to ID explaining why she had decided not to include that in her mask making.
- b. **Quidhampton Parish Council website** HN had sent the link to the group's section on the website to all volunteers. It was decided not to publicise it to the wider village yet.
- c. **Summary of Covid-19 related village emails for the website:** BT was still working on the backlog, but the June list was up to date. Action: BT to continue summarising emails
- d. **Garden show** HR has yet to talk to Clare Herring, organiser, but will do so and get something to BT for newsletter as soon as possible. ZH said the permitted opening of the pub on 4 July does not mean the garden show can be there as new regulations do not cover large groups. It does mean she has less time to help Clare. Action: HR to talk to Clare Herring

3. Report from chair

HR: Nothing of significance to report except yesterday's announcements about moving out of lockdown which will have very significant implications for how we all live. We have to follow government advice but must remember to take our own circumstances into account e.g. being over 70, having underlying conditions.

4. Emergency co-ordinators' reports

JC had nothing to report.

JT has had 14 general phone calls and several face to face conversations (social distancing observed). 3 incidents should be mentioned:

- an elderly villager living in his own has returned after a fall. Carers are visiting.
- an elderly and recently widowed villager gave cause for alarm when his volunteer could not contact him. He has now resolved to keep his mobile phone with him and check it for messages more often. He will also talk to his family about a call button.
- an incident was reported when one villager was threatened by another in the street. It was not related to the lockdown but it could be a possible indication of the effects it has. Increases in domestic violence have been noted throughout the country.

5. Committee members reports

KT: the village hall application for the discretionary grant has been submitted.

He expressed concern about the way the government advice for emerging from lockdown deviated from the advice given by SAGE (scientific advisory group for emergencies). HR said it will be 2 - 3 weeks before we see an upturn in infections, if there is one, and we need to adjust our own circumstances if we can. There was general consensus that the steering group must not lower its guard. Advice is still to distance by 2 metres where you can.

After the meeting ID offered to talk to any villager who was confused and/or concerned about what they should and could do when. This offer was made in the newsletter.

ZH: Reeves the bakers of Wilton now have a direct delivery system - details will be in the newsletter.

Re-opening 4 July. Many of the necessary procedures have already been decided by ZH and Nick. The staff will be retrained next week, and ZH will consult with HR. Details will be in the newsletter. They want it to work and want to stay open, not to have to close for 2 weeks because of suspected infectious customers or staff.

BT mentioned a villager she met in Lower Road who has shopped throughout the lockdown for at least 5 households. Our village community is remarkable in that almost everyone who needs help has found it from friends, family and neighbours without asking the volunteer group.

Action: BT will emphasise this in the newsletter

6. Problems and lessons learned

ID: the village has done very well but the supply of facemasks is now drying up. **ZH** said she still has disposable masks if anyone needs some and they are now freely available.

7. Updates from Wilts Council or UK government

HN emphasised that the recent changes say that people who are at the highest risk should continue shielding until 1 August if all goes well.

ID : he will personally be sticking to 2 metres social distancing until it is all over.

HR : there will be rapid changes in the next few weeks and it will be important to know the more local infection rates.

8. Data protection considerations

Names and contact details of customers will be taken by publicans and kept for 3 – 4 weeks for track and trace purposes. **ZH** expects they will operate on a pre-booking system only.

9. Training

Nothing to report

10. Any other business

BT suggested she should produce an August newsletter this year. Usually there is no newsletter in August. This was agreed. **HR** mentioned the July parish council meeting and **VJ** Day as needing reporting to the village. Action: BT to produce August newsletter

Date of next meeting: 8 July 2020

Meeting ended 10.50