

Quidhampton Covid-19 Support Group

Minutes of the meeting of the steering group on 22 July 2020 via zoom

Present: John Cater JC (community emergency volunteer); Ian Day ID; Hannah Newnham HN (secretary); Jane Taylor JT; Ken Taylor *KT (parish zoom facilitator and acting chair); Bea Tilbrook BT (minute secretary).

Apologies for absence: Howard Rowley *HR (chair), Zoe Hoare* ZH. Both had work commitments
*parish councillors

1. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting 8 July 2020

These were approved without alteration

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

- a. BT had circulated the approved minutes of 24 June 2020
- b. Summary of all covid-19 related village emails: ongoing. Action: BT The first and last months are on the website

3. Report from chair

HR had sent notes which KT read out:

- a. The garden show had gone ahead successfully within the guidelines
- b. The playground had been opened and all seemed to be going well. The equipment is being used and football played
- c. We must emphasise the need for masks to be worn.

Action 1 and 2 BT to put in emails and newsletter;

Action 3 HR to be asked to write a piece for newsletter to include this

4. Emergency co-ordinators' reports

JC reported there had been two requests for prescriptions. He asked for a printed copy of the updated volunteer data base Action: KT will provide this.

He also suggested we consider what we would have done differently because the virus will return, particularly as the warm weather and the time people spend outdoors change in the autumn. One area to look at could be the number of volunteers. Our village has not had a need for most of them. Perhaps a system when only a few are 'on duty' each week would be more suitable. BT reminded the meeting that many villagers volunteered before the limitations on people over 70 were introduced so could not perform tasks for others anyway.

Action: the item to go on the agenda of the next meeting

JT remarked that the doorstep garden show had been a wonderful occasion for her to have informal conversations with people she otherwise does not have contact with. Over the two weeks she has had contact with about 20 households, including 5 telephone calls. There is still concern about two elderly recently widowed villagers now living alone but neighbours and family are aware and help where they can. Another villager is back from hospital with daily visits from carers.

5. Committee members reports

HN apologised for not being on top of things recently; she has had work commitments. Kate Lush has joined the volunteer group. Mark Van Vogt still needs to confirm he has read the safety procedures.

ID reported that at least one villager thinks it is all over and behaves as before lockdown. Some are making invalid excuses not to wear facemasks.

BT reminded the group that there will be a newsletter in August. It is important to communicate with people not on the email list.

JC asked KT about the grant for the village hall and was advised to consult the treasurer, Bob Philips. There should be a village hall committee meeting before full details are released but the grant will cover all running expenses to the end of the financial year.

JT was concerned about hairdressers wearing visors but no masks

6. Problems and lessons learned

Nothing to report. This will be a main item on the next agenda

7. Updates from Wilts Council or UK government

JT mentioned the Liberal Democratic party's leaflet with useful contact details including those of JC. Other updates have been considered in the meeting

8. Data protection considerations

Nothing to report

9. Training

Nothing to report

10. Any other business

none

Date of next meeting: 5 August 2020

Meeting ended 10.35