

Quidhampton Covid-19 Support Group

Minutes of the meeting of the steering group 19.00 on 21 September 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 (minutes, parish zoom facilitator); Bea Tilbrook BT (village communicator) *parish councillors

1. **Apologies for absence** – None. Jane Morgan unlikely to be able to attend.
2. **Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting 7th September 2020**
These were approved.
3. **Matters arising and actions agreed from previous meeting not elsewhere in the agenda**

Re 3a Neighbourhood Watch (NW): In progress – Wilts Council has arranged that KT will be contacted by the southern Wiltshire NW coordinator. Meanwhile a police report, noting increased levels of public tension and minor crime, to the next South West Wiltshire area board had been received. The SWWAB meets (online) on Wed 30 September and police comment on NW requested. The public are welcome.
Action : KT to follow-up

Re 3b Washing faces after using masks: Action overtaken by a new advisory note on masks provided by ID. HR requested it is posted on the Parish council website. **Action : KT**

Re 6 Wiltshire Community Action ; Covid support group to join 'Wiltshire together' when it launches
Action: Maintain on agenda

4. **Report from chair**
 - a. The Parish Council meets tomorrow. 22 September. HR would provide a report back for the Covid support group. **Action :HR**
 - b. HR advised that government meetings 22/23 Sept are expected to decide changes because of the rising case numbers, e.g. not mixing households. It was decided that the group should meeting in a week, **on Monday 28th September**, to be able to react as required.

5. **Community Emergency Volunteer**

JC reported that one prescription had been obtain by a volunteer.

JT again reported she had made seven phone calls and had five face-to-face meetings. New residents were known to have moved in at the western end of the village. It was understood there had been problems with BT phone lines in the village.

6. **Committee members reports**

BT :

- Silver Salisbury were offering cream teas for the housebound on 4th October. JT and BT will deliver teas to five households in the village.
- Fewer village emails had been sent recently, partly because government guidance was unclear and confusing. The meeting was happy to follow BT's judgement, but she suggested members should tell her if they believed something should go out.

ZH : Attention of the public to Covid procedures at The White Horse has worsened and complacency has increased. Staff find it harder. There are similar stories from other establishments. Mixing in only two households was arguably easier, and it seemed to ZH that unless there was a tightening and improvement, establishments would ultimately have to close.

ID: Mentioned that a Boscombe school has cases.

7. Problems and lessons learned

HR reported for information that DSTL had found that mosquito repellent on the skin had an effect for a very limited time.

8. Consideration of updates from UK government or Wiltshire Council

It was felt that a review was needed to refresh the Covid-related links on the PC website for Government and Wiltshire Council advice.

Action : HN

9. Data Protection

No remarks

10. Training

It was recognised that training advice would be required on masks based on the recently prepared note – **see 3b above**

11. Any other business

- a. Volunteers: In view of the rising cases of Covid-19, it was felt that the volunteers' status needed to be checked, to verify whether all remain able to give active support if and when required. A message to all volunteers would be considered at the meeting in a week's time.
Action : put on agenda
- b. The White Horse photo competition closing date had been expended to 18 October

Date of next meeting: 19.00 Monday 28 September 2020