

# Quidhampton Covid-19 Support Group

**Minutes** of the meeting of the steering group 19.00 on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 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

2. **Approval of the minutes of the previous meetings of 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020.**

Approved with errors corrected ('HN', ref '11a').

3. **Matters arising**

**From previous meetings**

21<sup>st</sup> Sept: 4a. HR had requested Covid-19 steering group feedback to be an agenda item at the next Parish council meeting (Tues 24<sup>th</sup> November 2020). **PC 24 Nov**

21<sup>st</sup> Sept: 11a. HN reported that establishing volunteers' status was progressing. However responses were still sought from +-19 volunteers. So far twelve had confirmed they will remain on the list, and circumstances had changed for four who had to drop out. All comments received from them about the group's work had been positive. **Action HN**

**From 5<sup>th</sup> October**

6a. Wiltshire together. KT and JT had registered to attend a Zoom session organised by Wessex Community Action on Wed 21<sup>st</sup> October. **Action KT & JT**

The context appeared to have changed, to focus on the immediate needs of Covid support groups, in addition to longer term community sharing/cohesion. HR felt the learning from others could be useful, but we didn't have specific needs. KT would mention that our group continues its support as before.

6b. Masks. BT had circulated the village email list with the BBC notes.

6c. Breaking the rules. HN had circulated the group on her finding, however had felt the information was inconclusive, other than to reiterate the formal reporting mechanisms for reporting crime and/or suspicious activity to the police (101 or 999 for the immediate). The issue was left open. See also the related 6d **Next agenda**

6d. Neighbourhood Watch (NH) KT had been contacted by Mervyn Quick, southern Wiltshire coordinator for NH. His notes would be circulated. **Action KT**

It appeared that our Covid-19 support group was carrying out much but not all of the activity of an NH group. However Neighbourhood Watch required one person as named coordinator with close access to the local police e.g. for direct advice. NH also required sign-up from people interested to be members of an NH group.

It was suggested to request a police representative attends to answer questions at the next PC meeting, including the specific issue raised on "breaking the rules" : i.e. what is against the law in Covid circumstances and whether and how should the public and the support group address it. **Next Agenda**

7. Survival of the virus HR reported that evidence shows that the 3 days previously advised for survival of the virus on all surfaces still held good.

4. **Report from chair**

HR recommended that we keep an eye out for change of circumstances owing to the possibility of a 'fire break' in the near future.

5. **Community Emergency Volunteer**

**JC** : Nothing to report

**JT** : Some email correspondence had been undertaken, help to an elderly resident, six telephone conversation and two face to face conversations, generally asking if help was needed. It was

proving difficult to find support for a working family carer seeking help with an elderly relative with dementia, but the family carer was having some support from church members.

## 6. Committee members reports

**6.1 BT and HN** had raised the need guidance for Halloween and Christmas. It was seen as necessary for Halloween, but circumstance could have changed closer to Christmas and would be looked at nearer the time. BT will draft an email describing permitted activities and a cautious approach to going around the village (no knocking on doors), social distancing etc. HR to agree the final wording. **Action BT & HR**

**6.2 ZH, White Horse:** reported that the traditional community events cannot take place: Harvest auction, Christmas raffle, carols, etc. The Christmas menu is available and bookings are being taken but the pub will not open on Christmas Day. The majority of customers are now accepting the new rules; those who were really grumpy are still really grumpy. The photographic competition had closed, and attracted 170 entries, which would be judged soon.

**6.3 JC, Community activities:** At Christmas Covid prevents the normal things happening, but other activities could be developed especially for people or couples on their own and separated relatives and friends (mentioned in discussion; e.g cooking a dinner, making safe contact and visits.) It was suggested that the people in the village usually organising events should be contacted. Group members will gather ideas for the next meeting. **Next agenda**

**6.4 HN, Identifying the need for help:** wondered whether a traffic lights system in windows would signal where help was needed. This had been discussed before when it was concluded it was more suited to towns; many windows cannot be seen from the street in Quidhampton.

**Next agenda**

**6.5 HN, Useful reference links:** proposed that the list of useful links on the Covid Documents section of the Parish Website should be checked and updated with anything new considered to be important. **Action: HN**

## 7. Problems and lessons learned

Nothing to report

## 8. Consideration of updates from UK government or Wiltshire Council

Nothing new to report

## 9. Data Protection

Nothing to report

## 10. Training

Nothing to report

## 11. Any other business

ID: reported that there are now cases of Covid in Salisbury again, including Lower Bemerton and Churchfields.

HN; intended to make an update to the list of Medical Centres

**Action: HN**

**Date of next meeting: 19.00 Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020**

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