

Quidhampton Covid-19 Support Group

Minutes of the meeting of the steering group 20.00 on Monday 16th November 2020 via Zoom

Present: John Cater JC (community emergency volunteer); 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** – Ian Day ID business commitments
 2. **Approval of minutes of previous meeting** – November 2nd meeting minutes were approved with grammatical corrections.
 3. **Matters arising**

Ongoing from previous meetings: Eight volunteers' status were yet to be established. Details were sent to KT & BT. KT undertook to take it on. **Action KT**

6.1 'Breaking the rules' ; HR undertook invite a police attendance at the next PC meeting **Action HR**

6.3d & e Seasonal activities – see below under item 6.
 4. **Report from chair**

HR would make sure this group's activities were on the agenda of the QPC meeting on 24th November. **Action HR**

Since the beginning of the 2nd lockdown, Wiltshire Police have had 130 calls about Covid-related behaviour. The public should be advised to phone 101 which has spare capacity at present.
 5. **Community emergency volunteer**

JC : Nothing to report.

JT : Two phone calls had been made, and eight face-to-face encounters. One resident had spent two days in hospital for a non-Covid condition. ZH and JT had coordinated and didn't know of anyone in need of support that we didn't already know of.
 6. **Committee members reports**

6.1 Information was shared

KT highlighted the South West Wiltshire Area Board meeting on 11 November. Parish councils would be asked what their needs are for community support into the future. KT's report from the meeting, including a link to SWWAB's report on future issues as presented at the meeting, had been forwarded to this group on 14 November.

BT mentioned that lots went on at Halloween in people's houses. Wreaths were again on display on the Quidhampton WW1 soldiers houses, and nearly 40 were present at the lych gate in Bemerton on 11 November. Villagers also stood in the street at 11.00 and Mr Hudson lowered the T.A. standard.

A newcomer to the village offered to help in peoples' houses with children etc. and BT had explained that this went against the current lockdown rules.

ZH mentioned that cooking oil had again been stolen from The White Horse.

HN was supported in the amount of information sent via WhatsApp. One volunteer had complained, but when asked what they meant hadn't replied. Socially distanced paired walking had been put forward to HN as something to support. BT had also heard of it.

No action determined
- 6.2 Christmas period**
- a) **Activities** Following a discussion of ideas from group members and others in the village, the following were agreed dependent on the government rules after December 2nd following the current lockdown:
 - i. Decorating front gardens and the front of people's homes : HR would arrange prizes for day time and night time. Abi Stirman would organise a children's vote. **Action: BT** to inform the village via email and the newsletter.

- ii. A Christmas Tree behind the fence outside the village hall : JC anticipated funding to be available from the village entertainments committee. **Action JC** and the village hall committee.
- iii. A worldwide 6pm Christmas Eve Jingle was developing momentum. People would stand outside and ring bells.
- iv. 11.30-12.30 Midday Boxing Day distanced stroll through the village. Wearing masks would to be recommended. **Action BT** to put iii) and iv) in the newsletter.

b) Support

Good neighbourliness by villagers was felt certain to happen and be appreciated in the Christmas period. There was discussion whether special support or a gift should be offered on behalf of the village to some carers and/or more isolated or isolating residents. This was left for further thought, and meanwhile JT would be a collecting point for names.

Action JT, BT (in the newsletter). **All in the group** to think of names.

7. Problems and lessons learned

HR wondered whether data policy relating to use of WhatsApp. needed a reminder. The issue was left with HN for further thought. **Action HN**

8. Consideration of updates from UK government or Wiltshire Council

Nothing to report

9. Data Protection

Nothing to report

10. Training

Nothing to report

11. Any other business

None

Date of next meeting: 19.00 Monday 30th November 2020

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