

Quidhampton Covid-19 Support Group

Minutes of the meeting of the steering group 19.00 on Monday 30th 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
2. **Approval of minutes of previous meeting** – The minutes for the meeting on November 16th minutes were approved.
3. **Matters arising from minutes of meeting. 16th November**
Ongoing : a. The status of all volunteers had been established.
b. Breaking the rules: request for Police attendance at the Parish council meeting had been unsuccessful.
4. The Parish council was briefed by HR on 24 November.
- 6.2 a) **Christmas activities**
 - i Village had been informed about decorating houses by BT email.
 - ii JC advised that plans were all in hand for a Christmas tree at the village hall
 - iii/iv BT had included the idea to decorate gardens, the Christmas Eve jingle and Boxing Day stroll in the December newsletter.
- 6.2b) **Support** – see item 5 b) below.
7. **WhatsApp data policy** – left open for discussion at the next meeting. **Action HN**

4. Report from chair

- a) The November Parish Council meeting mainly concerned the 21/22 budget. The precept was set unchanged from last year. There were four vacancies for councillors and those interested should contact HR or the clerk.
- b) Wiltshire will be in Tier 2 from 3 December: The emergence from the four week lockdown will open some opportunities, but a more onerous Tier 2 will be in-place compared the previous Tier 1.

5. Community emergency volunteer

JC : Nothing to report.

JT : she had made eight phone calls and had sixteen face-to-face encounters in the last two weeks. More calls will be made enquiring whether there are people who would like contact over the Christmas period going beyond the expected good neighbourliness. The presents for carers idea from Salisbury was again discussed and it was again decided that a more informal approach was best for our small village. JT will report back at the next meeting and everyone to consider whether they knew anyone who might benefit from and accept extra help. This would be on the agenda for the next meeting

Action JT and all to bring names to the next meeting.

6. Committee members reports

6.1 Information was shared

ZH The White Horse: The Christmas times are in the December newsletter. There is no set Christmas menu now (mixed households not being allowed) but the dishes were incorporated in the main menu and specials board.

The pub will be closed from 25 – 28 December and there will be no New Year's Eve party. New Year's Eve will be Zoe and Nick's last day and new publicans, Les and Karen Stanbrook, will start in early January, with the same staffing and phased help by ZH for two months. This was earlier than expected but Les and Karen had viewed the pub and were very keen to start. The relaxation of restrictions in homes to the three household bubble from 23-27 December was raised in discussion, and there was a general feeling not to be complacent. Many people had been heard saying "we won't take the risk". It was remarked that to get to this point and have no known cases in the village reflected well on the village.

KT Police : a live contact session took place last week on Facebook with two officers in a Community Police area in Salisbury. It very seemed promising for easy contact for the public to have a Q&A on issues of concern.

BT Newsletter/email: The messages she had mailed to the steering group for inclusion in the December newsletter were endorsed. These highlighted : ‘Tier 2 is stricter’, ‘Christmas will be different’ and ‘Support bubbles – government guidance’ explaining that support bubbles were created to help adults who live alone and were not to be confused with childcare bubbles or Christmas bubbles. The newsletter also included Lily Newman’s offer to cook and deliver a Christmas dinner for villagers on their own or in couples. Again members to consider whether they knew of anyone who would benefit from and accept this generous offer.

BT had been told there were 6 people with Covid -19 in Lower Bemerton, one of whom was in hospital.

An email would be considered to remind villagers that they can ring 101 “if you see people breaking the rules”.

Action BT

7. Problems and lessons learned

Nothing to report

8. Consideration of updates from UK government or Wiltshire Council

Nothing to report

9. Data Protection

JC, Emergency Plan: The group’s thoughts on confidentiality were welcomed. It was unresolved whether to keep the plan restricted so as not to reveal personal details of the volunteers, approach everyone to seek to make it make it fully public, or split the document into confidential and non-confidential sections.. People with experience of the implementation of GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations) who JC could consult were suggested, as well as another parish council with its emergency plan online .

Action JC

10. Training

Nothing to report

11. Any other business

HR expressed hope that by the next meeting on 14 December, information about the next Government review planned on 16th December would be known. A meeting could be called on 21st December if necessary.

Date of next meeting: 19.00 Monday 14th December 2020

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