

Quidhampton Covid-19 Support Group

Minutes of the meeting of the steering group 19.00 on Monday 18th January 2021 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

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1. **Apologies for absence** – none
2. **Approval of minutes** – The minutes for the meeting held on Tuesday 5th January were approved.
3. **Matters arising**
 - 3 re 6 **Rule breaking:** (retained) BT would continue to judge whether/when a reminder was needed of the option to call 101 “if you see rule breaking”. No specific action needs be recorded.
 - From 5 January:**
 - 4.3 and 7.1.6 **NHS leaflets handed to people on vaccination** : paper copies could not be found from any source, nor ordered from the NHS.
 - 5.2 **Flowers for Lily Newman:** to be arranged. **Action ZH**
 - 7.1.1. **Help to get to vaccination:** JC and ID had agreed on the process for JC to instruct volunteers, e.g. arranging lifts if needed.
 - 7.1.2 **Email offering villagers’ help with transport:** was sent out.
 - 7.1.3 **Payment for taxis if necessary:** ID had enquired and sent JC the information . **a list of taxi firms and prices).**
 - 7.1.4 **How will people be called for vaccination:** had been clarified as primarily by GP’s, unless direct by the NHS.
4. **Report from chair**

HR remarked on the great use of the Cathedral for vaccinations. It relies on volunteers for example for admin and marshalls.

All critical groups were expected to be vaccinated by 15th February.

Quality control slows delivery. AstraZenica is expected to increase production in two weeks time.

Lockdown may continue beyond 15th February if transmission isn’t down sufficiently.
5. **Community emergency volunteer**
 - 5.1 **JC:** Reported he had arranged a lift to a vaccination and one pharmacy prescription collection. He had been called by the hospital to help make contact with a (non-Covid) patient without a house phone and had advised the villager to contact the hospital.
 - 5.2 **JT :** Reported that she had received four phone calls and made nine, and had a number of face to face contacts. A request for items of a personal nature had also been directed to a volunteer.
 - 5.3 **Discussion**
 - 5.3.1 **Covid cases in the village** The circumstances of two Covid cases occurring in the village in recent days were shared, of which one was known to have been caught at the hospital. Two contacts of one of the cases were getting tests. Another case had also come to light from two weeks ago, with the person now declared clear.
 - 5.3.2 **Resident below the group’s radar** One very private resident had died of natural causes. The resident had been thought to be helped by a relative for shopping, but had been going to town frequently. Other villagers known to the group also hadn’t mentioned it.
 - 5.3.3 **Personal shopper** It had been discovered by chance, that one elderly resident had been supported for shopping by a daughter in London. As that was no longer permitted, JT had considered that a personal shopper could better suit the resident’s regular needs. She

would call her to offer the group's support, and if appropriate a WhatsApp message would be requested of JC to seek a regular volunteer. **Action JT**

5.4. Emphasis on procedures : HR observed that these events showed that "it is close by – follow the guidance" adding that the message essentially is "we are all carriers".

5.5 Message on Covid : To general agreement JT suggested that the group's advice to the village is "If people are ill, then the group is here to support you". **Action all**

6. Committee members reports

6.1 KT : Wiltshire Council briefing 15th January: the 40 minute online briefing by the CEO and others was followed later in the day by a public "Wiltshire News" email containing most of the information arising owing to the new lockdown.

A list of online references also was sent later to JC as Quidhampton's contact on Wiltshire Council's Covid support group web listing.

KT emphasised the following from the briefing:

6.1.1 "Walk from your door" was the CEO's answer to questions asking clarity about people seen driving to beauty spots in Wiltshire.

6.1.2 Vaccination timing? Asked about timing, the briefing and Q&A gave no detail other than the mid-February government commitment for critical groups. GP's would get in contact with the public. The council pointed to the NHS commission group's website www.bswccg.nhs.uk/latest-covid-19-updates for further information.

6.1.3. Covid-related grants were again becoming available for business. The council would contact those who had already received grants in 2020. However they were concerned to catch those who had 'fallen between the cracks' before. There was an enquiry email covid19businesssupport@wiltshire.gov.uk HR added that the self employed should contact their accountants.

It was agreed:

6.1.4 Sign-up details for 'Wiltshire News' would again be circulated to volunteers via WhatsApp **Action HN**

6.1.5 A village email would mention the grants. KT would send BT a draft **Action KT**

6.1.6 The list of online references would put on the Parish Council website's Covid documents section and mentioned via WhatsApp. **Action KT and HN**

6.2 ID : Refusals to test. ID had heard that some parents had refused to allow the school to carry out Covid tests.

7. Problems and lessons learned

None

8. Consideration of updates from UK government or Wiltshire Council

See 6.1 above

9. Data Protection

Nothing to report

10. Training

Nothing to report

11. Any other business

- BT reported receiving an email of appreciation and thanks from the relative of a villager
- HR requested ideas for Valentines Day. **Action all**

Date of next meeting: 19.00 Monday 1st February 2021

(this was noted to be the last meeting before the change of government stance, presently scheduled for 15th February)