

Quidhampton Covid-19 Support Group

Minutes of the meeting of the steering group 19.00 on Monday 1st February 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

Copy to : Jane Morgan JM

1. **Apologies for absence** – Jane Morgan (owing to ongoing work priorities)
2. **Approval of minutes** – The minutes for the meeting held on Monday 18th January were approved with some edits.
3. **Matters arising**
 - 5.2 5 Jan 5th: Flowers were arranged for Lily Newman
 - 5.3.3 JT has learned that the elderly resident's daughter had arranged for Waitrose orders in future.
 - 5.5 Covid message holds: "If people are ill, then the group is here to support you".
 - 6.1.4 Outstanding. Sign-up details for Wiltshire News to be circulated. **Action HN**
 - 6.1.5 Message on renewed business grants provided and sent to village email list. Discretionary grant applications were noted to close on 15 February, and earlier if Wiltshire Council found that the funds from government had been used up.
 - 6.1.6 Online references on the Parish council website Covid section were checked and still valid. The reference to the NHS regional vaccination organisation was added. viz; www.bswccg.nhs.uk/latest-covid-19-updates and the listing reported on the website
11. There was no support for a Valentines Day action sponsored by the group.
4. **Report from chair**

HR remarked that vaccinations go well having reached 9.1 million, with people in their 70's now being worked through locally. 1st protection was expected in 3 weeks, with 6-12 weeks expected before 2nd injections would be given. Non Covid-specific, but importantly for the village, work had started on recruiting a new parish clerk.
5. **Community emergency volunteer**
 - 5.1 **JC:** Reported that one prescription had been collected. He questioned whether a two hour response on WhatsApp was good enough, and perhaps implied some apathy. He was reassured that the response in recent weeks seemed quite adequate, even though often from the same volunteer. This was generally felt to show no sense of apathy from others, just that the same responder jumped in first.

BT wondered whether the group's 70+ rule for excluding volunteering in public was still appropriate, given that the NHS hadn't specified a limit for volunteering to help in the vaccination rollout. However it was imagined they would do screening.

It was agreed to hold to the rule for 70+ for volunteering, and to keep this and potential apathy on the steering group's agenda. **Action : all to consider**
 - 5.2 **JT :** Reported that the elderly resident in hospital was cleared of Covid, but still in hospital. The two contacts both had been tested negative for Covid. She had made 9 phone calls, received 4, sent several text messages, and had 7 or 8 face to face meetings. From these contact, she gained feedback that vaccinations seemed extremely well handled. There had also been some home vaccinations for less mobile residents. ID added that he had learned of one 'vaccination denier' in the village.

6. Committee members reports

BT raise :

6.1 Immunity? : Did the group consider a reminder was needed that people can't assume they are immune if vaccinated? It was agreed an email reminder should be sent out.

Action BT

6.2 Leafleting : For information: News had highlighted that political parties can't leaflet, but volunteers supporting Covid efforts can. BT's view was supported that village newsletter delivery falls within the permitted category.

6.3 Unpaid carers : she had seen that unpaid carers under 65 can get into group 6 for vaccination, and this could be made known. All agreed that the first step was for the carer to have the Dr formally register them as carer, if not already done. Advice to be incorporate in a village email.

Action BT

HR was aware that key workers also should soon may be raised further up the priority listing.

6.4 Daily exercise: BT noted that there remained ambiguity over the advice to start and finish exercise from the home.

Open issue

7. Problems and lessons learned

None

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

11.1 Village emergency plan: For information and to seek input and views, JC floated the idea to make a full list of houses and residents for identification purposes. It could have uses for the Covid support group. Attendees with experience managing personal data advised caution. Such a listing would require specific agreement from each person on the list, without which a published listing would not comply with GDPR regulations, in addition to requiring a large administrative effort to maintain it. One idea suggested could be to establish whether residents would voluntarily wish to go on to an emergency register in case they would feel they are vulnerable in an emergency for whatever reason. JC would consider what strategy to adopt.

Action JC

11.2 Govt tracing App: For information, HR mentioned the issue of the danger of false tracing reports owing to mobile phones being in blue tool range with each other, but not the people.

11.3 ID mentioned the successful isolation at borders achieved by the Isle of Man.

Date of next meeting: 19.00 Monday 15th February 2021

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

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