

Quidhampton Covid-19 Support Group

Minutes of the meeting of the steering group 19.00 on Monday 15th February 2021 via Zoom

Present: John Cater JC (community emergency volunteer); Zoe Hoare ZH; ; 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** – Ian Day ID (work), Jane Morgan (ongoing work priorities), Hannah Newnham HN.
2. **Approval of minutes** – The minutes for the meeting held on Monday 1st February were approved.
3. **Matters arising**

Prior meeting item **6.1.4** : Sign-up details for Wiltshire News were circulated to volunteers.

5. Given that 70+ would now be vaccinated, it was decided that the group's rule could now be relaxed to allow anyone not clinically vulnerable to volunteer for shopping and prescriptions.

6.1 An email reminder was sent out reminding villagers that the vaccinated can't assume they are not immune or contagious and must continue to practice caution.

6.3 Email advice was sent out that unpaid carers can get into group 6 for vaccination.

6.4 The ambiguity about exercising from home was acknowledged, and the item closed.

11.1 JC had consulted a Wiltshire Council adviser and decided against a making listing of residents. The Emergency Plan had been circulated on paper to named individuals.
4. **Report from chair**

HR remarked on the trend for cases to reduce, and that the elderly had received their first vaccination. However he felt that the Support Group would be required for quite a while longer.
5. **Community emergency volunteer**

5.1 JC: Reported there had been two requests for collections from pharmacies.

5.2 JT : had made thirteen phone calls, received five, sent and received a number of text messages and delivered some Silver Salisbury packages which had been well appreciated. Some specific situations of residents were discussed, all of which had been resolved with clear Covid tests. In one case the resident had been cleared of Covid, but was still in hospital for other reasons.

There was discussion amongst steering group members to probe how people in general appeared to be holding in the lockdown, and whether for example there were signs of mental health issues of any kind. No particular mental health issues had been noticed although people are generally finding the current lockdown to be more difficult.
6. **Committee members reports**

BT : highlighted the book swap shop in the bus shelter, remarking how it was bursting with good quality books. There probably will be plants and seeds in the future.

KT: mentioned that one resident had volunteered for the Digital Literacy project organised in Salisbury. As mentioned in the newsletter, the project could lend a tablet with sim card for participants, and applied to any age. It was a means of enabling people unfamiliar with IT and the internet to be connected in voice and video with family and is not specifically pandemic-related.
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 Vaccination status: HR asked whether we know whether the over 70's in the community have been vaccinated? JT who'd had asked a number of people had not heard of anyone declining their invitation. It was asked that all would keep asking the question. **Action : all**

11.2 Carers' support hospital liaison flyer: It was decided that the poster would be emailed out to the village list **Action : BT**

11.3 Family Crafts Pack: JC had received information about Craft Packs. Though not thought specifically Covid-related, he had asked the Community Area Manager who had circulated Covid groups whether there are packs left. No answer as yet. **Action : JC**

11.4 Covid county listing of group focal points: JC was uncomfortable to be relied on for sign-posting some of the less directly Covid-related information sent to the group contact points for Quidhampton on the listing. The listing that was put together in March 2020 includes people from various support organisation including community groups, charities, church groups and parish councils. **Action : KT to circulate listing**

11.5 Important birthdays: ZH highlighted that a 98th was being celebrated by a resident, with three other 98ths occurring quite soon.

Date of next meeting: 19.00 Monday 1st March 2021, unless the nature of new government guidelines expected circa 15 February is thought to require an earlier meeting (chair or any member to call for it)

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