

Quidhampton Covid-19 Steering Group

Minutes of the meeting of the steering group 19.00 on Monday 1st March 2021 via Zoom

Present: John Cater JC, Ian Day ID, Zoe Hoare ZH, Howard Rowley *HR (chair), Hannah Newnham HN, Jane Taylor JT, Ken Taylor *KT (minutes, zoom facilitator), Bea Tilbrook BT (village communicator)

*parish councillors

Copy to : Jane Morgan JM

1. **Apologies for absence** –Jane Morgan (ongoing work priorities)
2. **Approval of minutes** – The minutes for the meeting held on Monday 15th February were approved with grammatical and other corrections.
It was further remarked that the oldest resident had said she didn't want any publicity about her birthday but would accept a fuss for her 100th if she lived that long.
3. **Matters arising**
 - 5 : Advise volunteers that the 70+ restriction on group volunteers is relaxed to allow anyone not clinically vulnerable to volunteer for outside tasks should they wish **Action HN**
 - 11.2 BT emailed the poster about the new hospital liaison carers support.
 - 11.3 JT obtained 10 craft bags and delivered them to Quidhampton families.
 - 11.4 KT had circulated the weblink link to the listing of Covid support groups in Wiltshire to the steering group for information as requested.
4. **Report from chair**

HR commended JC for initiating and setting up the Covid-19 support group and steering group, and for keeping it going. HR had enquired of the group who could replace JC following his wish to step back from coordinating Covid volunteer operations. His role as Community Emergency Volunteer for Quidhampton parish, for which the updated plan was issued recently, is unchanged. He will remain on the steering group.

Offers had been received from HN and ZH, and following discussion, it was determined:

 - **HN** will be the communication conduit for external contacts and be listed on the Wiltshire Council Covid focal point listings. Wiltshire council to be advised **Action HN**
 - **ZH** will be coordinator for contacts received for shopping and prescriptions or other support, alongside JM. Other roles are unchanged.
An email advice will be sent out, and a new card delivered to all homes. **Action BT**
Volunteers also to be advised by WhatsApp. **Action HN**
5. **Community emergency volunteer**
 - 5.1 **JC:** Reported there had been no requests for support for shopping, collecting from pharmacies or for help in getting to vaccination appointments. ZH will report in future.
 - 5.2 **JT :** had made 6 phone calls, received 6 calls, made and received several calls/emails related to the craft bags, and had 15 face-to-face conversations. Neighbours' support to an elderly resident newly home from hospital had been much appreciated.
6. **Committee members reports**

ID: Following a study of the use of masks, and seeing bad practices, ID would issue new advice. **Action ID**

ZH: Offered caution on the dates stated in government advice. They are "no sooner than" and the public needs to be cautious in assuming too much.

JC: Highlighted the Wiltshire Update due on the 2nd March at 17.30 which would be expected to describe Wiltshire Council's actions following issue of the new government road map.

7. Problems and lessons learned

None

8. Consideration of updates from UK government or Wiltshire Council

As above

9. Data Protection

Nothing to report

10. Training

Nothing to report

11. Any other business

Some remarks were made for information

- Look out for a report expected tomorrow on the efficacy of vaccines.
- Someone had been heard of in the village to be a vaccine denier.
- BT had emphasised in the March newsletter, the generous offer made by Lily Newman to make Easter lunches for elderly residents.

Date of next meeting: 19.00 Monday 15th March 2021.

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