

Quidhampton Covid-19 Steering Group

Minutes of the meeting of the steering group 19.00 on Monday 21st June 2021 via Zoom

Present: Ian Day ID, Howard Rowley *HR (chair), Hannah Newnham HN, Jane Taylor JT, Ken Taylor *KT (minutes, 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 Monday 17th May were approved. Earlier comments from JT had been incorporated in the circulated draft.

3. **Matters Arising**

Re Mtg 29/3: item 3 ID has completed a study of masks, and that now extended to the effect of no masks on health and lessons learned. **Ongoing.**

4. **Chair (HR)**

- Given the extension of Covid procedures, a meeting envisaged on Lower Road Calming measures would be arranged after 19th July.
- The parish clerk had resigned as of end June and new recruitment was required. She will come to a PC annual audit meeting (AGAR) on 29 June and hand over.
- Garden Show Saturday 3 July: It was unclear what Covid procedures were being implemented. Following discussion, it was concluded that HR would discuss the show with ID and the organiser. There was a distinction between the daytime show in the marquee, and the White Horse-controlled barbeque and live entertainment in the evening. **Action HR and ID**
BT had forwarded useful information about the procedures adopted for Bemerton Gardens show and also a set of controls being adopted for a Guildhall community event, following a risk assessment (controlled access, sign-in etc).

5. **Volunteer coordinator's reports**

JT: Since the meeting in May,

- JT had made 19 phone calls, received 10 and had various email correspondence. She's also had 16 face to face conversations.
- JT had facilitated two Noticing Nature art workshops, with a third next Thursday. Artist James Aldridge had run the sessions in an elderly resident's garden, with the host at the open window participating.
- Four separate personal situations were discussed by the group, including a resident who had died, one in hospital and a third now with full-time carer and family support. A fourth resident had successfully visited family and was returned and supported by another villager. Befriending was seen to be working.

6. **Committee members reports**

HR – asked about the current Wiltshire Council enquiry on bus services. BT remarked that the community bus requires more people to keep it going. However WC's enquiry concerned public services. The public service was thought quite good, with no comments yet received by KT to feed back via the PC. The end date for comment by the PC is mid July. JT would consider commenting for more diversions of the R3.

ID - advised that Monkey Pox was prevalent in the Congo. Other African diseases also could become a problem as India is also the major supplier of drugs combatting serious diseases in Africa but has diverted production to Covid vaccines.

7. **Problems and lessons learned**

HR noted that the group was now more concerned with social care, which may well need to continue in the future.

8. Consideration of updates from UK government or Wiltshire Council

HR considered that some controls will remain after the next government announcement for 19th July. e.g. wearing masks, social distancing and limitations on travel abroad.

KT noted that more may be learned of Wiltshire Council's perspective on Covid and social support at the forthcoming South West Wiltshire Area Board meeting, to held online on 30th June. He would attend .

Action KT

9 **Data Protection** – Nothing to report

10 **Training-** Nothing to report

11 **Any other business** - none

Date of next meeting: 19.00 Monday 19th July 2021

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