

## **Quidhampton Covid-19 Steering Group**

**Minutes** of the meeting of the steering group 19.00 on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021 via Zoom

**Present:** Ian Day ID, Howard Rowley \*HR (chair), Hannah Newnham HN, Jane Taylor JT, Ken Taylor \*KT (minutes, zoom facilitator). \*parish councillors

**Copy to :** Zoe Hoare ZH, Jane Morgan JM

1. **Apologies for absence** - Bea Tilbrook BT (holiday)
2. **Approval of minutes** – The minutes for the meeting held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> August were approved.
3. **Matters Arising**
  6. BT had sent HR a draft village email on personal responsibility.
4. **Chair (HR)**

HR:

  - Feedback was given at the recent parish council meeting that the group’s activities were now largely social support.
  - There had been one new co-option to the parish council.
  - A village firework event was envisaged on Sat 6<sup>th</sup> November with up to 500 people attending. The procedures needed were to be investigated by the organisers. It had been heard that a recent IOW concert had required a double-jab check.

### **5. Volunteer coordinator’s reports**

**JT:**

Since the meeting in late August, she had made one call, received one and had seven face to face encounters. One of our oldest residents, aged 98, had died after moving to a care home only weeks before. She had lived in Quidhampton all her life.

### **6. Committee members reports**

ID – commented that hospital cases were mainly the unvaccinated.

HN – asked whether the double-jabbed can still pass on the virus. HR understood that the symptoms were less, and the propensity to pass it on lower, and there was the likelihood to pass on a weaker strain.

HR – understood people with weaker immune systems were expected to be at the head of the queue for the upcoming booster vaccinations.

KT – the issue of procedures at the village hall would be investigated. *(subsequent to the meeting it was learned that the advice of the Wiltshire Village Halls Association is followed, to establish numbers and procedures which are dependent on the type of event and hirer – e.g. sitting at tables, or audience seating or moving for a dance class. Some hires can be declined. Broadly, can be say : ‘25 – yes’, ‘50 - no’.)*

JT – had observed that most people on the buses are wearing masks.

HN – viewing Christmas 96 days away, asked whether anyone knew of envisaged events. Answers: No.

**Items 7/8/9/10 & 11** – nothing specific to be added.

7. **Problems and lessons learned**
8. **Consideration of updates from UK government or Wiltshire Council**
9. **Data Protection**
10. **Training**
11. **Any other business**

**Date of next meeting:** This was set for **19.00 Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

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