

Quidhampton Covid-19 Steering Group

Minutes of the meeting of the steering group 19.00 on Monday 25th October 2021 via Zoom

Present: Bea Tilbrook BT, Ian Day ID, Jane Taylor JT, Ken Taylor *KT (chair, minutes).

*parish councillors

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1. **Apologies for absence** - Howard Rowley * HR, Hannah Newnham HN.
Members asked KT to chair in HR's absence.
2. **Approval of minutes** – The minutes for the meeting held on Monday 20th September 2021 were approved.
3. **Matters Arising**
Ref item 3, 20 Sept: The personal responsibility of the public to act safely was felt well expressed in the Wiltshire Council news release of 21st October forwarded by Wiltshire Councillor Pauline Church, and would be very appropriate to be shared and quoted. The Council had mentioned the rising number of Covid cases in Wiltshire and repeated their (and the government website) recommendations on procedures; e.g. distancing, masks in crowded or enclosed areas and hygiene.
4. **Chair (KT)**
KT invited general observations from attendees.
 - ID : A new variant had emerged, Delta+, which is more transmissible. Guidance on masks and hygiene was important. At the same time vaccines are wearing off, making boosters vital. The different messages given by politicians and scientists were causing the public not to take care.
 - JT : Wiltshire now had one of the highest rates in the country.
 - It was anticipated that the White Horse own procedures would be applied at the village firework event.

5. Volunteer coordinator's reports

JT:

- In the last month, JT had made three calls and received two, and has had conversation with about twenty people in the month, with some texts and email. . No Covid-related issues were known to have arisen. Some people were beginning to receive booster vaccinations.

6. Committee members reports

ID – added to his earlier comments; “Be careful. It is not over”

KT – highlighted a Fraud Awareness session would be run by Wiltshire Police on Fri 12th November, following village hall guidance to limit attendees to a maximum of 25 e.g. with masks to be worn and distanced seating.

JT- mentioned that Denise Rowley plans to collect village emails at month end, with a printed copy for those without email. John Cater has offered to deliver it.

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

BT – mentioned that an email reminding villagers of the 11 Nov St John's lych gate remembrance ceremony would be sent out. She also mentioned that the recent flyer which was printed and circulated for the known November events is not a regular thing. She did not know of other events planned in December.

Date of next meeting: This was set for **19.00 Monday 29th November 2021**

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