

Quidhampton Covid-19 Steering Group

Minutes of the meeting of the steering group 19.00 on Monday 29th November 2021 via Zoom

Present: Bea Tilbrook BT, Hannah Newnham HN, Howard Rowley * HR (chair), Jane Taylor JT, Ken Taylor *KT (minutes). *parish councillors

Copy to : Zoe Hoare ZH, Jane Morgan JM

1. **Apologies for absence** - Ian Day ID.

2. **Approval of minutes** – The minutes for the meeting held on Monday 25th October 2021 were approved.

3. **Matters Arising**

Ref item 3, BT had sent a village email on 27th Oct on the basis of Wiltshire Council's news release recommending distancing, masks in crowded or enclosed areas and hygiene.

4. **Chair**

- HR highlighted that things change from tomorrow in view of the emergence of the Omicron variant. There was lack of data at present. A halfway mandatory measure was expected to be implemented by government for masks on transport and in shops. Omicron was known to be more contagious than Delta.
- The main message is to get a booster when you can.
- The White Horse was thought to be keeping in place its approach for mask wearing. **Action: BT** to check and send email

5. **Volunteer coordinator's reports**

JT: Had little to report. She had suffered a fractured shoulder.

6. **Committee members reports**

HN – reported that Wiltshire Council had communicated rising number of cases, but little else specific to Covid.

BT- mentioned that ZH has organised carol singing arranged by Celebrating Age in conjunction with professional singers from Celebrate Voice. This will take place at 14.30 on Fri 10th December at Rogers Close. An email notice and reminder will be sent. Leaflets will be distributed to people we know to be elderly and vulnerable who don't have email. It will be emphasised that people are responsible for their own safety.

Action BT

HR asked what was known of White Horse events at this stage: the present plan was understood to be a Raffle, sloe gin competition, Christmas menu and a New Year's Eve ticketed event. Emails would be sent out when dates were advised. **Action BT**

General – it was recognised that we should watch for advice from Wiltshire Council's head of public health.

Items 7/8/9 & 10 – 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**

HR – asked whether the free lunch offered by Greenways Barn was still available. BT confirmed it was.

- he added that arrival from red list countries would be quarantined and require PCR's on days 2 and 8.

Date of next meeting: This was set for **19.00 Monday 20th December 2021**

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