

## Quidhampton Covid-19 Steering Group

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

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

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1. **Apologies for absence** - Ian Day ID.
2. **Approval of minutes** – The minutes for the meeting held on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021 were approved.
3. **Matters Arising** from 29<sup>th</sup> November meeting  
Re item 4.; BT had sent a village email regarding known White Horse events.
  6. Leaflets had been distributed about the open air concert by Celebrating Age
  6. There was no recent information on events at the White Horse. **Action BT to check**
4. **Chair (HR)**
  - HR highlighted the change of status. It had been advised by forwarding Wiltshire Council's summary of 15<sup>th</sup> December by village email. (mandatory wearing of masks on transport and in shops). A further stepping up of requirement could be anticipated as cases increase owing the Omicron variant, though severity appear lower.
  - Booster vaccination had reached 1mln. per day by Saturday.
  - HR asked the rhetorical question of members whether the vulnerable are taken care of? A discussion took place during which it appeared that the care of several of the more vulnerable in the village was being catered for by family, friends and neighbours.
5. **Volunteer coordinator's reports**

**JT:** mentioned that the carol service outside the White Horse had gone well. She had made four phone calls in the month, received two, and had some face-to-face contacts. She had also sent and received email.
6. **Committee members reports**

**HR** mentioned that the Rev. Kevin Martin was at the carol service and had a discussion about having church services in the village hall say 3 monthly. Services would therefore be accessible to the less mobile and elderly in Quidhampton. This had been welcomed by HR and villagers present.

**BT-** said that she had sent out an email reminder of the lunches offered by Greenways Barn. Between attendees, it was recognised that it had been taken up by a number of people.

**HN** – had seen that vaccination uptake in Wiltshire of 12+ adults was reported as : 1 vacc . 88.6%, 2. 82.3%, 3. (booster) 53.4%. All agreed that boosters were low and need emphasising.

  - She had experienced a shortage of LFT test kits. It was remarked that the Council Offices have supplies.

**JT-** had found from conversations in general and outside the village that people were making their own decisions about limiting contact. LFT's are advised before people meet up.

**HR-** had noted a 'red' status for Covid cases locally i.e. greater than 700 / 100,000.

**BT-** mentioned the impressive displays of Christmas decorations throughout the village, with judging to take place in the coming days by BT and HR.
7. **Problems and lessons learned**
  - Omicron was emphasised by HR as a problem. Very little was needed to spread it.
8. **Consideration of updates from UK government or Wiltshire Council**
  - As mentioned above in items 4 and 6
- Items 9 & 10** – nothing to report
9. **Data Protection**
10. **Training**
11. **Any other business**

None

**Date of next meeting:** This was set for **19.00 Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

An earlier meeting could be called by anyone if felt needed.

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