Quidhampton Covid-19 Steering Group

Minutes of the meeting of the steering group 19.00 on Monday 7th March 2022 via Zoom

Present: Hannah Newnham HN, Howard Rowley * HR (chair), Jane Taylor JT, Ken Taylor *KT (minutes), Bea Tilbrook BT) *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 7th February were approved after comment.
- 3. **Matters Arising** re item 6, Covid business grants. KT mentioned that the opportunity had been looked at by the village hall treasurer and not pursued. Hall revenues had held up over the Christmas period, whereas the grants were understood to be aimed at seriously affected businesses.

4. Chair (HR)

- HR had nothing specific to report on Covid. For discussion on standing down the group given the ending of government restrictions– see AOB.
- For information HR highlighted that activities for the Platinum Jubilee had been discussed at a gathering at The White Horse, with a further meeting scheduled on April 6th. Currently it was envisaged to have an event in the pub marquee on Fri 3rd June, and a Street Party 1-6pm on Saturday 4th June. Events were envisaged as under the auspices of the parish council, including liability insurance.
- HR advised that a new parish clerk had been found, and arrangement were being made for her to start April 1st, with the acting parish clerk supporting the village and a future clerk through year-end and audit until May.

5. Volunteer coordinator's reports

JT had no particular Covid issues to report . She had made fifteen calls, received eleven and had seventeen face to face contacts. There had been some Covid cases in the village, but the severity generally seemed low, and most people were known to be vaccinated.

6. Committee members reports

A mixed picture emerged in general discussion. Mask wearing was noted in most shops, but much less in crowded town streets. Almost no mask-wearing was experienced in a full theatre performance recently, but it was mentioned that churches take greater care. In Wilton, Wiltshire Council held a first area board meeting in public for two years though with distanced seating.

7-10. Nothing to report

Problems and lessons learned Consideration of updates from UK government or Wiltshire Council Data Protection Training

11. Any other business

Following discussion, and the end of formal government restrictions from April 1st, it was agreed to end the activities of the Covid Support Group. It was noted that members or anyone else could call to re-form the group if felt necessary, notably including the parish council and the CEV.

JT emphasised that we are in touch with each other and can pass social or Covid-related information around as felt necessary. She would continue to be in touch with people giving support to the community as an ordained minister.