



Minutes of the Meeting held on
Tuesday 12 November 2013
At the Deepings Practice

Present: Mrs Margaret Parkinson (Chair), Mr David Wragg (Vice Chair), Mrs Heather Purlant (Treasurer), Mrs Daphne Harrison (Secretary), Mrs Marion Brown (Car Scheme Co-ordinator), Mrs Sybil Hopkins, Mrs Janet Quinn, Mr Steve Robertson, Mrs Patricia Talbot, Mr Jim Winstone. Dr K Rigg, Mrs Jackie Sterling (The Deepings Practice).

Apologies: There were no apologies

1. Chair Person's opening remarks

- (a) The Chair opened the meeting at the conclusion of the AGM at 2.35 p.m.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 10 September 2013 were agreed after which The Vice Chair gave his apologies and left the meeting.

Proposed by Mrs Sybil Hopkins and seconded by Mrs Heather Purlant.

3. Matters arising

- (a) There were no matters arising.

4. Treasures Report

- (a) The Treasurer reported that the main account stood at £264.01 and the car scheme account stood at £738.67.

Proposed by Mrs Pat Talbot and seconded by Mrs Sybil Hopkins

5. Car Scheme Co-ordinator's report

- (a) The number of requests for September and October were 276 and 298 respectively. Mileage for September 3,748 and October 3,837.
(b) Mr John Bell has resigned as a driver from the car scheme.

Proposed by Mrs Janet Quinn and seconded by Mrs Heather Purlant

6. Transport Meeting Report

- (a) The Vice Chair will give an update at the next meeting.

- (b) A book mark has been chosen as the medium for promoting the community transport schemes. An example of the chosen design was tabled. This is being funded by the County Council.

In connection with the promotional material the PPG logo which is a picture of the bridge linking Deeping with the practice area south of the river came under much criticism and it was agreed that an update was needed. Mrs Brown has taken photographs of the bridge and a new logo will be designed using these photographs. The promotional material will be distributed through the surgery, library, community centre and other venues.

Given the increasing number of requests for the car scheme the question was raised as to whether we needed to be promoting community transport in our area and whether additional requests for transport could be met. It was felt that the car scheme could fulfil requests and it was suggested that the promotional material may attract new drivers as well as passengers.

7. PPG Objectives 2013/2014

- (a) PPG promotion Open Day - to be discussed at next meeting.

- (b) Flu Clinic – thanks were extended to the volunteers who helped at the flu clinics.

Many patients expressed concern and confusion over who was eligible for the shingles vaccine. It was agreed that the Governments reasoning behind the age range defies all common sense!

- (e) Practice Survey – to be discussed at the next meeting.

8 Practice Services

- (a) Expanding Services – the list provided to the group was in part difficult to understand and some abbreviations meaningless to a lay person. Clarity on the services will be sought.

It was suggested that it would be helpful if clinical staff e.g. senior nurses/district nurses etc. could attend PPG meetings – perhaps every other meeting - to give a presentation on the clinics and care that is available which would help our understanding of what is over and above statutory provision.

9. Practice Update

- (a) We were informed that the two newly appointed Doctors mentioned at the last meeting had commenced their posts.

10. Any other Business

- (a) The question was asked regarding a drivers evening in 2014. This is to be discussed at the next meeting
- (b) The order for new wheelchairs is to be chased up.
- (c) A member of the committee asked that we note how fortunate we are to not only have an excellent practice but that our local hospital, despite its financial difficulties, had received an excellent report for clinical care.

11. Date and venue of next meeting - 14 January 2014.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 3.15.