



Minutes of the Meeting held on  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2014  
At the Deepings Practice

Present: Mrs Margaret Parkinson (Chair), Mrs Heather Purlant (Treasurer), Mrs Daphne Harrison (Secretary), Mrs Marion Brown (Car Scheme Co-ordinator), Mrs Jennifer Blake, Mrs Sybil Hopkins, Mrs Janet Quinn, Mrs Pat Talbot, Mr David Wragg.  
Mrs Helen Perkins, Miss Catherine Pridgeon (co-opted members).  
Mrs Jackie Sterling, Dr K Rigg (The Deepings Practice).  
Mr Geoff Whittle (volunteer driver) observer.

1. Chair Person's opening remarks

Following the AGM the Chair opened the meeting at 2.30 p.m. and welcomed the new member of the committee Mrs Jenifer Blake and the two new co-opted members Mrs Helen Perkins and Miss Catherine Pridgeon.

2. Apologies: Mr Jim Winstone (Vice Chair)

3. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2014 were agreed.

Proposed by Mrs Janet Quinn and seconded by Mrs Heather Purlant

4. Matters Arising

(a) The uncertainty regarding the funding for the volunteer drivers insurance continues. We should have clarity at the next meeting in January. In the meantime current PPG funds will be set aside in case Lincolnshire County Council's funding is withdrawn and the PPG has to cover this cost.

(b) Item 7(b) The Chair was to send a letter of thanks not the Co-ordinator.

5. Treasurer's Report

(a) Refer to the AGM report.

(b) Drivers evening will depend on the funds available if we have to cover insurance from PPG funds.

Proposed by Mr David Wragg and seconded by Mrs Marion Brown

6. Car Scheme Co-ordinator's report

(a) Refer to the AGM report

(b) Mr Geoff Whittle had been cleared to drive and commenced on the 10<sup>th</sup> November. The pool of drivers continues to fluctuate due to retirement or ill health and new drivers are always being sort.

Proposed by Mrs Heather Purlant and seconded by Mrs Sybil Hopkins

7. Safeguarding

Will be discussed at the meeting in January when more will be known regarding the insurance funding.

8. PPG Objectives 2013/2014

- (a) Thanks were recorded for the help PPG members gave at the flu clinics. 8 clinics had been held seeing 3,000 plus patients.
- (b) Survey to be carried out in January 2015. Members will be asked for their availability when dates are known.

9. Practice Update

- (a) The receptionist now had new updated uniforms and new badges. There were also new badges for PPG committee members to be worn when helping at the surgery.
- (b) The new signage was complete around the building and thanks were expressed to the working group who had had an input to this improvement.
- (c) A locum is to be employed whilst a Doctor is on maternity leave.
- (d) Six complaints and two compliments had been received.
- (e) The new promotional material was now available in reception along with a new PPG Notice Board.

10. Any other Business

- (a) In response to a question regarding the recently announced payment to GP's for diagnosing Alzheimers, Dr Rigg reported that the views of the partners was mixed. Some would welcome extra funding and some thought a more sensible use of the funds would be to invest in assessment and treatment. The issues and implications would be further discussed at a future partners meeting.
- (b) In response to a question regarding the development in the practice catchment area and the resulting pressure on the practice, Dr Rigg explained that the patient list was constantly monitored. At present a list of 2000 patients per GP was maintained and workloads were monitored. In some instances contributions were made by developers towards infrastructure which included health care provision.
- (c) In response to a question regarding Doctors providing medicines on a Saturday morning at Glinton when the pharmacy is closed, Dr Rigg explained that Doctors could only provide medication in very exceptional circumstances or emergencies. Market Deeping patients attending at Glinton on Saturday mornings could access the pharmacy in Deeping on their way home. It was suggested that if patients could not get help to access the Deeping pharmacy that they speak to the doctor when issued with a prescription at their appointment.

11. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at 2.00 p.m. at the Deepings Practice.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 3.05 p.m.