

MINUTES OF THE PPG MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 10TH JANUARY 2017
AT THE DEEPINGS PRACTICE

Present: Mrs Margaret Parkinson (Chair), Mrs Marion Brown, Mrs Janet Quinn, Mr Gordon Stewart (Car Scheme Lead Co-ordinator), Mrs Helen Perkins, Mrs Pat Talbot, Mr David Wragg.

Dr K Rigg and Miss Jackie Wright - The Deepings Practice.

Also present were: Mr Graham Harris and Miss Linda Moment.

Apologies: Mrs Jenny Blake, Mrs Daphne Harrison (Secretary), Mr Alan McKie (Car Scheme Co-ordinator, and Mrs Heather Purllant (Treasurer),

Mrs Parkinson welcomed everyone to the first meeting in 2017 with a Happy New Year greeting, and introduced Amanda Gilbert, Clinical Nurse Practitioner within The Practice, who would explain her role.

Amanda is a degree qualified clinical nurse practitioner who joined The Practice in March 2016. She has twelve years experience in this role and 10 years as a practice nurse prior to that. She can see patients aged two and over for minor illnesses. Reception keeps a list of what patient illnesses she can see and she is an independent nurse prescriber within the realm of her capabilities. She can refer any patient immediately to a GP if she's not happy with what she sees. Patients can usually get a same day appointment with her, including Glington patients.

Mrs Parkinson thanked her for her talk.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting held on 8th November 2016 were read and were unanimously accepted, proposed by Mrs Janet Quinn, seconded by Mrs Marion Brown

Matters Arising: There were no matters arising.

Treasurer's Report: In the absence of Mrs Heather Purllant, Mrs Margaret Parkinson read out that the main account stood at £648.96, the increase being due to a £200 donation from The Rotary Club of The Deepings. The Car Scheme account was £189.14. The report was proposed accepted by Mrs Janet Quinn, seconded by Mrs Pat Talbot.

Car Scheme Report: Mr Gordon Stewart first gave a presentation of information obtained at the Lincolnshire County Council Transport Forum Meeting which he attended on 8th November which basically explained that the County Council wished to shed its assistance to all voluntary car schemes within Lincolnshire over the next eighteen months to two years (a cost saving exercise). The suggestion was that a hub be created incorporating a committee with a paid employee to deal with insurance, DBS, badges and driver recruiting, and to try to use drivers from the various schemes to supplement contract work. Lincolnshire County Council will fund the Public Liability Insurance for 2017. A previous suggestion that our drivers join a hub scheme which could take them anywhere in Lincolnshire was not accepted, and Gordon thinks that the same applies to this new suggestion and that The Deepings Car Scheme should remain independent with drivers working their normal areas. Funds would need to be raised to assist the running of the scheme, (£200 from Rotary has already been given and Mrs Parkinson is soon to receive a cheque for £500 from a Masonic Lodge).

Mr Alan McKie officially restarted the car scheme yesterday, 9th January when a large number of calls were received. Gordon wished it to be recorded that he commends Alan for getting all the driver information updated and getting the scheme off the ground with drivers working from today. Mrs Margaret Parkinson said she had received a template for hospital parking permits from Lincolnshire County Council and permits for all drivers were now up-to-date, a laminator having been purchased for their production. Efforts would have to be made to raise funds to keep the scheme going in the future.

The report was proposed accepted by Mrs Helen Perkins and seconded by Mrs Pat Talbot.

Building Development: Since last weekend there is now a temporary dispensary window while the builders increase the size of the current dispensary and the waiting room has been rearranged to bypass any dispensary queue. Room use changes are frequent during building work. New front doors will be installed on Saturday 21st January, and the fence has been repaired. Work on the car park is expected to commence mid-February which will involve loss of bays while work progresses.

PPG Objectives: Mrs Margaret Parkinson wishes to promote the PPG as much as possible and has asked committee members to look at the Gelatley Practice, Bourne, promotion leaflet to assist with ideas in developing something similar for The Deepings Practice, with a view to attracting younger people to join. Timings of meetings are to be reviewed.

The annual survey will take place in February - dates to be confirmed by Jackie. Margaret to produce the rota.

Practice Update: Dr Daniels will commence duty in February. An Advanced Nurse Practitioner is being advertised. Kerry Clare, Health Care Support Worker commenced duty this week, and a new receptionist, Francesca, starts on 23rd January. Donna, is a new Financial Assistant. An interview for a new dispenser took place today. Proposed accepted by Mrs Pat Talbot seconded by Mrs Helen Perkins.

A.O.B. The Chair stated that she had received a letter of thanks from Mrs Sybil Hopkins for the gifts received on her retirement.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 2.55 p.m.

Next meeting will be on 14th March when there will be no speaker as the meeting will be devoted mainly to review of the Constitution and the promotion leaflet.

