

Minutes of the Nettleham Medical PPG held on the 12th October 2022 at Nettleham Bowls Club at 12.30 p.m.

Present : Dave Head(chair), David Pape(VDS organiser), Lesley Hodgson (Treasurer), Betty Pape (minute taker), Alan Henderson, Barbara Milns, Dinant Hagens, Ursula Moir, Robin Hatcliff, Peter and Jackie Greenfield, Dr Phil Williams (from 1 p.m.), Sarah Deacon (from 1 p.m.)

Apologies : Beth Jenkinson, Christine Rose, David Burrows, Michael and Freda Edwards, Pam Henderson, Ingrid Atkins, Jane Sharman, Brian Hodgson, Mike Biggs.

Chair report : Dave H started by welcoming everyone to the meeting after such a long absence. He expressed his thanks to the outgoing chair, Pam Henderson, for all her hard work.

Donald Harrison has retired from the committee and sadly Dawn Head has died.

There was a discussion re frequency of meetings. It was agreed that meetings should be held every 4 months.

New members are needed on the committee to fill the roles of Secretary, Vice Chair and in a years' time Treasurer.

VDS : David Pape gave his report re the scheme during Covid. The scheme is getting busier.

There was a discussion re carrying multiple passengers. There would have to be agreement by all passengers involved. The situation would need to be constantly reviewed in light of the current Covid situation.

He explained he always tried to allocate the drives to the best driver geographically.

The allowance of 45p per mile will remain as it is too complicated to go over this limit.

Safeguarding courses must be completed by the drivers annually.

Drivers should destroy confidential paperwork to comply with Data Protection rules.

Dave H said drivers will not be doing hospital runs or child school rides.

Peter felt another driver in the Cherry area would be an advantage.

David P would like more drivers to be able to take over the nominated person for the surgery to call.

Treasurer : Current balance £2041.75. Generally £55 -£60 is added per month. There is a poster in the surgery re voting for the VDS as a Co-op Community Champion.

Surgery : Dr Williams was pleased the PPG meetings have resumed.

The surgery is trying to return to normality but national pressures do not help. 3 GP's have been lost in the last year but the newly appointed GP's mean the surgery still has above average numbers for the population. The number of consultations are increasing.

One doctor does triage every day to ensure the right patients get to the right professionals.

He agrees with the drivers that the car park is an issue but it is proving difficult to get companies to quote for repainting the lines.

At the moment they have nothing the PPG could fund but bike shelters could be an option if grants are not obtained.

The surgery may need volunteers to do patient education re AskMyGP.

The surgery are willing to put adverts on their website re driver recruitment.

A.O.B. :

Barbara Milns said the back of the chairs in Cherry waiting room are worn Sarah D will check this.

Dinant raised the issue of electronic prescriptions not being fulfilled by Pharmacies .In this case the VD could ask the GP dispensary for a green slip(token).

Peter G asked if Cherry could open longer hours to prevent it closing. Dr Williams reiterated it is not closing.

Concerns were expressed about the new homes in Cherry overwhelming the surgery but Dr Williams explained that developers have to contribute to the local infrastructure which should mitigate this.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2 p.m.