

The Practice Stoke Rd Patients Participation Group

4, Stoke Road, Bishops Cleeve, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL52 8RP

Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 16th July 2015 at Bishop's Cleeve Academy

Present:-

PPG Members

John Coopey (JC) - Acting Chairman &
Treasurer
Doreen Dyer (DD) Secretary
Maggie Morris (MM)
Michael Otter (MO)
Samuel House (SH)

Practice Members

Dr Jim Moore (JM)
Dr Tim Hardwicke (TH)
Lester Pygott (LP)
Jane Tillottson (JT)

Apologies:-

Paul Holliday, Peter Badham, Peggy Dyer

1. Introductions

JC opened the meeting and welcomed Samuel House from Cleeve School. SH is the new representative from the school. PPG and Practice members were introduced to SH.

1a. Visitor and Presentation

JC also introduced and welcomed Neil Moffatt from Gloucestershire Telecare. Neil gave a presentation on "Stay safe & independent at home". He started by emphasising that Glos. Telecare provides a service to help vulnerable people to stay safe and independent at home. He introduced a range of equipment that is simple and easy to use. It includes:-

- Fall detectors
- Bed and chair sensors
- Movement sensors
- Smoke and heat detectors
- Medication Prompting devices
- Equipment to alert family or live-in carer directly if there is a problem

Telecare can help people with physical disabilities, memory problems, learning disabilities and some mental health conditions. All present agreed that it was a very useful presentation. Neil is happy to give talks to any organisation and we would consider inviting him to the next APM. At the end of question time, JC thanked him for taking the time to visit us.

2. Minutes:

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 5th March were approved unanimously.

3. Matters arising:-

APM:-

Attendance was slightly down. One of the reasons could be due to the general election. The sale of raffle tickets generated sufficient income to cover the cost of the evening. Presentations by the 3 speakers were good and well received by the public. JM stated that political comments by some members of the public were inappropriate and some of the remarks were embarrassing. The screen and mic were inefficient. At the next APM, JM suggested that we should have some ground rules as to the type of questions that can be asked.

4. Treasurer's report:-

Cheque payment to NAPP has been actioned. Cost for the APM has already been settled. As yet no invoice has been received for the Street Fair.

Correspondence:-

See AOB

5. Report from Sub Groups:-

a) HP - Event Health Promotion – Cleeve secondary school:- sterling job has been done by JC, Amanda Elliot and Jane Tillotson. Plans for this event are progressing and will take place in September. The school has limited poster boards. There will be appropriate background music. Lester would like to invite Neil Moffatt to this event. He will ask Amanda to contact Neil.

b) Elderly Group – MM reported that the information leaflets will be updated in November as the Village Agent would like to add to the list. LP asked if it is possible for the Village Agent to print the leaflets as the cost of printing is quite expensive. Transport and volunteer drivers much needed to ferry the elderly around, such as to doctors and dentists. Winchcombe group has such a scheme and it was suggested that MM and PD liaise with them.

6. Practice Report:-

a) Premises - similar to report for APM. The Practice have a meeting with the CCG next Monday. They have been in touch with Laurence Robertson, MP for Tewkesbury, who has written to NHS England 6 weeks ago.

b) Wall – Temporary measures to strengthen the wall has so far cost £28,000. Structural engineer has given advice re safety of wall. English Heritage will consider lowering of wall. The Surgery is extremely concern on the amount of money being spent on this wall. At the appropriate time, PPG will write a letter to the authorities to support our case for reducing the height of the wall.

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a) Street Fair

JC and DD felt that the PPG stall lacked the effect we would have liked. We needed more health related leaflets for the public. RR said that information stalls do not do well.

b) Woodmancote Newsletter

Back in April LP received an email from Nick Ebdon, editor of Woodmancote Newsletter inviting us to submit an article. Nick would like appropriate articles but not medical news. JC or PH to liaise with Nick Ebdon.

c) Village Agent

Lorraine Demir, the Village Agent would like to speak at our next meeting. MM to contact her regarding this possibility.

d) Change of day for PPG meeting

Both PH and PD would like to change the day of week we meet. They have other commitments on Thursday. It was agreed that Tuesday would be possible, subject to the current venue being available. DD to speak to Cleeve Primary Academy. JC said that if there is a problem, we might be able to use Grangefield Primary School.

Update:- Cleeve Primary Academy is not available on Tuesday evenings. JC has managed to secure Grangefield Primary School as a venue.

8. Date of next meeting:-

Tuesday 6th October. Venue:- Grangefield Primary School, Voxwell Lane, Bishops Cleeve.