

FRIENDS OF ST LAWRENCE SURGERY (PPG)

Minutes of the committee meeting held Tuesday 19th July 16 at 6.30pm in the education room

Present:

Bob Barden (Chair), Judith Skitt (Treasurer), Sue Pickering, Eric Bridger, Dave Horton, Hilary Stoner, Patsy Newton, Ian Leedham, Chris Moon-Willems, Jo Wadey, Dr Purvisha Patel, Carol Frogett, Diane Gough

Apologies:

Phil Skitt

The Chairman welcomed Carol Foggett and Diane Gough as potential committee members
The previous minutes held on the 7th May were approved
All committee members are now Charity Commission registered
The Chairman read out a letter from Christine Osborne thanking the PPG for the gift for her long service. Christine stood down at the last AGM and had served the PPG since 1996

Treasurers Report:

Judith provided detailed information and update of our financial balance of £3045.05 and a statement on Health Promotion Day 30th June which shows a loss so far of £54.58, mainly due to the high cost of the children's entertainer of £150.

Surgery News and Spending Requests:

Jo gave a presentation on 2016 Patient survey which was presented very positively and will help with the forthcoming CQC inspection. The new Surgery telephone system was proving a great success showing information such as number of patients waiting and how long they have waited. Jo explained we have new doctors/registrars starting training in August/September. The Surgery would like to purchase a baby heart rate monitor which GPs could use and Jo showed one to the meeting. Dr Patel spoke about a lower leg blood pressure meter (Doppler machine) which can save a significant amount of time on the current system used. Following DR Patel's request and explanation the committee unanimously agreed to spend £1500 on the Doppler machine and £300 on the Baby sonic aid.

Updates from Walking group, Singing group and Self-care group:

Eric gave an update on the walking group, Zen O'Sullivan is to help in an admin role and there will be a joint walk with other groups in the area in September. A barbecue is planned during August following a Tuesday morning walk. The Chairman explained that insurance for the walkers now cover all days where previously it was just Tuesdays.

Sue gave an update on the singing group and explained that on the days where the musical director and musical accompaniment were absent, Sue lead the group herself with the normal selection of songs and this was received well. Tony one of the singers had supported Sue with some folk music cassette recordings.

Chris gave an update on the self-care group and explained that the group produce a monthly handout on problems such as hay fever, insect bites and stings etc, these were very well received. Chris also spoke about the worrying future national problem of pharmacies closing down.

Health Promotion Day:

Bob spoke about the success of the day. The health checks carried out by the nurses were very well used and very successful, the various healthcare stands were well attended, the stalls did well, Bob Smytherman the town crier was excellent. Generally, the only disappointment was the low response during late afternoon for the children's entertainer who was expensive. It was determined this was due to various reasons, such as competing with after school clubs and although apparently successful in schools this could be due to being preferable to doing lessons, also busy parents wanting to get children home for tea and homework etc. Possibly holding the event or part of it on a Saturday morning could be explored.

Health and Safety:

The chairman explained that following an incident on Health Promotion Day with an extension lead there is a need for a Health and Safety policy for using any electrical equipment on site and all electrical equipment was to be PAT tested before use.

Due to the lateness of the hour the Chairman drew the meeting to a close and any matters not completed will be discussed at the next meeting.

The next meeting will take place on 27 September 2016 at 6.30pm.