

Albrighton Patients' Group

Minutes of the Meeting held 3rd March 2015 at 6.30pm

1. Present: - Valerie Eastup; Gill Sower; Richard Shaw; Christine Hassall, David Beechey, Ann Burgess, Mary Hancox, Dr. Macdonald

Apologies: - Sylvia Pledger; Dr. Bird; Beryl Shelton; Jenny Thomas; Keith Woodhead; Ann Barclay;

The Secretary informed the Group that Rita Hester had decided to resign from the PG.

Christine Hassall informed the meeting that she would not be rejoining after the AGM in May.

In view of the absence of the Chairman, Christine Hassall chaired the meeting.

2. The notes of the meeting held 6th January 2015 were accepted as a true record.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Virtual Membership. The Surgery has received two expressions of interest from patients who would be prepared to help run a web site. Val Eastup will retain their details for future contact. Gill Sower will enquire at tomorrow's SPG meeting if any members have had experience in this field. Gill will keep Val informed.

3.2 CoCo Gill Sower reported that one Client had decided to leave the scheme because they had plenty of private visitors. The volunteer will be allocated a new client as soon as possible.

3.3 Future Fit. A short list of possible locations for the Emergency Centre and the Urgent Care Centres had been published. Attention had now focused on the Rural Urgent Carr proposals and the arrangements for Community Care consolidation.

3.4 Village Defibrillator. The Parish Council was due to further discuss the provision of a Defibrillator at its next meeting. Christine Hassall presented the meeting with an article explaining in detail various aspects of the provision, maintenance and use of the unit.

The meeting expressed concern about who could safely use the unit in an emergency as a trained operator was unlikely to be present when needed. Dr. Macdonald gave a clear and precise description of the method of operation. Simple instructions are included with the equipment and once positioned the operation is automatic. No harm can be caused and members of the general public should not shy away from using the defibrillator.

3.5 Health Watch. David Beechey reported that a survey had been undertaken of Shropshire Surgeries in relation to Access to GP Services. He and Rita Hester had surveyed the Albrighton Practice. All results from the survey are sent to Health Watch for analysis. The results from the analysis will be reported to the Practice.

3.6.. Presentation of Waiting Room Information. Off Agenda

- 3.7. Publicity Proposals. Deferred

3.8. Vaccination Clinic organisation. Dr. Macdonald told the meeting that the way the clinics had been scheduled and organised had been reviewed and that the procedures would be changed for the future.

4. GP Survey. NHS England had issued a Standard Reporting Template which has to be used to record the results of Patient Surveys. The Template requires answers to standard questions and also an indication of the actions resulting from the survey. A copy of the report is included with these minutes.
5. External Meeting reports. Gill Sower submitted a report from the SPG meeting of 20th January 2015. A copy is attached to these minutes.
6. Treasurers Report. Postponed to the next Meeting.
7. Hospital Transport. The Secretary had circulated, with the Agenda, the article about the new non emergency ambulance service provided by Medical Services available for all NHS patients throughout Shropshire. If any further information is required it can be obtained via 01743 762 650
8. Newsletter Items. Val Eastup had prepared a brief report for the Parish Magazines which she submitted to the meeting for approval. It was agreed that for the time being contact numbers would remain for the Chairman and Secretary. A copy is attached to the minutes.
9. Any Other Business
 - 9.1 Secretary again raised the issue of the need to find members who are willinh to undertake the duties of Chairman and Secretary for the coming year. To date there had been no nominations or volunteers,
9. Date of next meeting. **This will be the Annual General Meeting and is scheduled for Tuesday 5th May 20015**

Richard Shaw
9th March 2015