

Minutes of the meeting on 17th January 2019

We held our meeting as planned but sadly there were only 5 of us and Jane Hardy standing in for Rachael. I did receive some apologies, and others eventually, but I really do need to know if you can't make the meeting, by 4 pm if at all possible so that we can make the decision whether to go ahead, especially in the cold winter weather.

The meeting was opened by Sue. Present were Jane Hardy, Sue Jenkinson, Robert and Marilyn Hay, David Jackman and Trudy Alan.

Apologies were received from Peter Bestwick, Bob and Sue Goodwin, Pauline Sissons, Kathryn Evans and Rachael Carrington.

Jane offered to show us round the parts of the new build almost completed. The new rooms looked larger and will be a big improvement.

They hope to complete by the end of February and were looking at the possibility of having an open day so that patients can have a look round.

Jane also told us about the new 'hub' which is running at Avenue House Surgery, (now with the two Hasland practices, called the Aspire group.) The hub is to provide GP services for several practices at weekends and evenings as part of the Government plan for 7 day GP access. If Newbold surgery is unable to provide enough appointments on Fridays, patients are now offered the choice of having a booked GP appointment at Avenue House on Saturday or Sunday. The hub is not a drop-in centre, all appointments must be booked by the surgery and patients have to give consent for their records to be shared with the doctors at the hub. This does not replace the 111 number which will still be handling urgent calls with the out-of-hours (DHU) doctors and nurses.

Sue gave out copies of the new NHS England Long Term Plan for discussion, if anyone would like to, more copies will be available at the next meeting.

We are to try to obtain copies of the new 'Be cancer safe' leaflets and posters for the waiting room.

Sue then spoke about an article entitled '70 ways to save the NHS'

There are many suggestions about things which can or have already been changed by doing something simple, costing little or no money and actually saving thousands or even millions of pounds.

Sue asked if anyone had had contact with District Nursing in the past 12 months, to give an opinion on the service, but no one apart from Sue had done so.

There was nothing under A.O.B.

Here are the dates of the meetings for this year.

Thursday March 21st

Thursday May 23rd

Thursday July 18th

Thursday September 19th

Thursday November 21st.