



Minutes of Meeting held at 7pm on Wednesday 8th May 2019

Present Barry Lynch (Chairman), Dr Mark Howcutt, Ellen Solley (Practice Manager) and 20 members. Apologies from Stuart Monro, Mr. & Mrs. Tong, Alan Watkins, Jan Backhouse, Brian Rogers. Peter Quilleash.

1. The Chairman greeted everyone and thanked them for their attendance.
2. The Chairman welcomed the guest speaker, Geoffrey Farrer-Brown who gave an excellent presentation of the work and research done by the charity, Medical Detection Dogs. The charity was founded in 2008 to work with the powerful scenting ability of dogs to help detect disease or assist with managing life-threatening medical conditions. Geoffrey brought along his dog Pepper. The charity conducts groundbreaking research into a dog's ability to detect illnesses in people and is examining the possibility of replicating this ability by technical means to provide new diagnostic tools. They also train and supply detection dogs to people with long term conditions to alert them to changes in their condition. An example of this is a diabetic who is about to go hypo but is unaware of the situation. The dog can detect the hypo condition and alert the patient to the condition. Geoffrey showed us an impressive video of a detection dog waking up its diabetic owner from sleep who was about to go hypo. Visit their website www.medicaldetectiondogs.org.uk
3. Practice Report

Ellen first thanked Geoffrey for his splendid presentation.

There are now several new ways to access appointments. Extended Hours appointments available 8am-8pm among the three practices Crosskeys, Unity and Haddenham. Virtual Q Doctor video appointments are now available with online GPs and Stoke Mandeville GP appointment which can be booked during open hours at the practice, otherwise booked in at Stoke Mandeville.

Ellen reported that there had been an increase in patients walking into the practice and insisting on an appointment having not used the telephone to make an appointment. Members are asked to spread the word that it is necessary to book an appointment by phone.

There will be a training afternoon on the 22nd May for staff for Life Support Training. There is to be a new nurse, Cheryl one day per week. Jenny will cut her hours from 3 to 2 days a week and with the new nurse the hours available will stay the same. Paramedic Network will continue at least until the end of March next year.

Dr. Howcutt is working with the U3A to send patients for social interaction as well as Carers Bucks and Tyrefighters. In future Social Prescribers will be able to direct patients to different organisations.

Dr. Howcutt spoke about the Primary Care Network to be formed under the NHS Long Term Plan. It is proposed that Haddenham Medical Centre, Cross Keys surgery in Princes Risborough and Unity Health surgeries (Brill, Chinnor, Long Crendon, Princes Risborough & Thame) will apply to form a Primary Care Network. Submissions to the CCG to form a network close on Wednesday which if approved, will exist from the 1st July.

4. Vice-Chair PPG

The Chairman announced the resignation of Sivaswami Nagraj (“Raj”) as Vice Chair. An email will be sent to members inviting applications for the position. In the event of more than one applicant there will be an election at the next PPG meeting on Wednesday, 24th July 2019.

The Chairman also reminded the members that we now have a successful Working Group to move forward PPG projects such as the Training Programme and PPG events like “Connie’s Colander” at the library. Members who would be interested in contributing to the work of the PPG and joining this group should contact him at chairman@theppg.org

5. Connie’s Colander

The Playlet Connie’s Colander will take place on 22nd May and half of the tickets have been taken. The playlet will last just under one hour and there will be a panel answering questions at the end.

6. Any Other Business

Member said that the chemist had a sign saying Prescriptions would take 4 days to process. Dr. Howcutt was not aware of any change and said the Practice say 2 days to issue prescriptions but usually these are done within 24 hours. It is known that in some areas it can take 5 days. Clarification will be sought.

7. Next PPG meeting will be on Wednesday 24th July 2019 at 7.00pm

Other dates: Connie’s Colander Playlet at Haddenham Library 22nd May 7.00pm