

**MINUTES OF THE HEALTH SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE BEACON, PORTWAY, WANTAGE,
ON THURSDAY 20 JULY 2017 AT 7.30 P.M.**

Sub-Committee members present:

Wantage Town Council: Councillor S Trinder (Chairman).
Councillors CS Dickson, J Goodman, Mrs J Hannaby and B Mabbett.

Grove Parish Council: Councillors Mrs J Stock and D Rolfe

Others: Mrs J Hutchinson and Mrs M Swain

Others present:

One member of the public.

Town Clerk: Mr W P Falkenau.

A. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs J Nunn-Price, and Mrs E Jones and Mrs J Maberley.

B. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests

Councillor Mrs Hannaby declared an interest as a member of the Hospital League of Friends and a Trustee of the Wantage Nursing Home Trust. Mrs Swain is secretary to the League of Friends.

C. Statements and Questions from the public

Mrs. Parker advised that the surgeries were seeking Council and public support for the expansion of the surgery.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Goodman
SECONDED BY Councillor Mabbett

IT WAS RESOLVED that support be given to the expansion and that dialogue be opened with the GPs concerning this. An extract from a recent OCCG Report was noted. The Clerk was to distribute the extract. It indicated that consideration was being given to disposing of the Community Hospital to fund further development of the Wantage Health Centre or, alternatively, to retaining it and possibly utilising it for GP and other primary care services. It was agreed that the Clerk should investigate whether it would be feasible to deem the hospital a “community asset”. **Action: Clerk**

The Clerk was also to write to the Oxfordshire Health Trust requesting that, as legionella was not present, the Community Hospital be re-opened. **Action: Clerk**

D. Update on Health Survey

Councillor Hannaby declared an interest with regard to this item, a family member being employed by the Church Street Practice.

An analysis of the ‘tick box’ responses to the survey had been distributed to members earlier in the year. The Clerk reported on the analysis of narrative comments to question 5 in the survey “What would be the biggest improvements you would like to see to the services you have used, and how do you think these

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could be achieved?”. These were primarily concerned with GP services. It was agreed that issues identified in the survey be raised at a meeting with the GPs.

It was noted that a meeting of the OCCG was to be held on 10 August to consider the outcome of the consultation of the first phase of its transformation plan. Members of the Sub-Committee were urged to attend this.

It was suggested that representatives of the LINK and PIG Patient Groups be invited to participate in this sub-committee. It was noted that some of the sub-committee members were participants in PIG and LINK.

E. Other business

None

F. Date of next meeting.

The date was to be agreed.

The meeting closed at 8.42 p.m.

WPF/ME
