

**MINUTES OF THE HEALTH SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE BEACON, PORTWAY, WANTAGE,
ON MONDAY 8 JANUARY 2018 AT 8.20 P.M.**

Sub-Committee members present:

Wantage Town Council: Councillor S Trinder (Chairman).
Councillors A Crawford and Mrs J Hannaby.

Grove Parish Council: Councillor Mrs J Stock.

Others: Mr S Blake, Mrs J Hutchinson, Mrs J Maberley and Mrs M Swain

Town Clerk: Mr W P Falkenau.

A. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S Dickson and Mrs J Nunn-Price, and Mrs E Jones.

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

None.

D. To review and consider a response to the Draft Locality Place Based Primary Care Plan: South West Oxfordshire Locality

The sub-committee felt that the Plan met its aspirations with regard to GP services but it was unclear how and when these would be delivered. There was a need to press for funding to get the Mably Way Health Centre extended as soon as possible. It was also felt that there was a need to press for the Community Hospital beds, and other services, to be reopened.

The following actions were agreed:

With regard to the Plan, the Clerk was to write to the Clinical Commissioning Group (OCCG) advising that it was cautiously welcomed, but advising of concerns regarding delivery. It was to be emphasised that the sub-committee supported the extension of the Health Centre. **Action: Clerk**

At the public consultation event held on 22 November in Didcot, Dr Crawshaw, the Locality Clinical Director, gave assurances that the issues that were obstructing the extension of the Mably Way Health Centre would be resolved early in the New Year. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to him asking what progress had been made, **Action: Clerk**

A letter was to be sent to the Oxford Health Trust seeking the reinstatement of beds and services at the Wantage Community Hospital. As far as sub-committee members were aware there had been no issues with Legionella in the premises over the past two years and the beds were needed for respite care.

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The Clerk was to use information/data from the Health Survey to support comments in the letters. It was agreed that copies of the correspondence should be widely distributed to other parties eg HOSC, Ed Vaizey MP, GPs, OCCG etc. **Action: Clerk**

E. Other business

Dr Gaw and Dr Davies had been invited to meet the sub-committee to discuss the output from the Health Survey. This had not taken place due to their attention being given to the Locality Place Based Primary Care Plan. It was felt that it would be helpful to meet them. The Clerk was to arrange this. **Action: Clerk**

F. Date of next meeting.

The date was to be set to fit in with the availability of Dr Gaw and Dr Davies. **Action: Clerk**

The meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.

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