

**MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE HEALTH SUB-COMMITTEE OF WANTAGE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ONLINE USING ZOOM ON THURSDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 2020 AT 7.30 PM**

**Sub-Committee members present:**

Wantage Town Council: Councillors JT Hannaby (Chairman), A Dunford and A Menzies.

Grove Parish Council: Councillors R Batstone and D Rolfe.

Other members: District Councillor P Barrow, County Councillor J Hanna, J Maberley, J Parker and M Swain.

Others: One members of the public.

Town Clerk: Mr W P Falkenau.

**A. Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Town Councillors A Crawford, J Goodman, E Johnson, I Sheldon and C Walters, and Grove Parish Councillor J Stock. Mrs Hutchinson attempted to join the meeting but was unable to do so.

**B. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests**

Councillor Hannaby declared an interest as a member of the Hospital League of Friends and a Trustee of the Wantage Nursing Home Trust. M Swain is secretary to the League of Friends. Councillor Hannaby, J Maberley and M Swain are members of the OX12 CCG Stakeholder Reference Group. J Maberley and J Parker are members of the Newbury Street Patient Group. All the above were also members of the Save The Hospital Group. Councillor Hanna was a member of the HOSC Task Force and a CEO of a locally based health charity.

**C. Statements and Questions from the public**

None.

**D. Minutes of the Sub-committee meeting held on 16 July 2020 and to consider matters arising.**

The minutes were approved.

Events had overtaken a number of the actions that were detailed in the minutes. The Clerk had not written to the Chief Executive Officer of the Oxford Health Trust.

Covid-19 testing. Those responsible for testing had refused to bring a testing centre to the Vale of White Horse District.

Flu vaccinations. Those eligible were being invited by the Newbury Street Practice to be vaccinated at various village locations around the area. The Church Street Practice was conducting vaccinations at the Health Centre.

Engagement tool software. The consultant was currently too busy to engage with Councillor Sibbald. Councillor Hanna agreed to report back to the next meeting. **Action: Hanna**

Letters from Chair of HOSC to others indicating expectation that previous commitments made be met by 15 September. Copies of the letters were available for inspection, as an attachment to the HOSC meeting agenda the following day.

S106 Contribution to Health Services. The Clerk agreed to seek details of how an S106 contribution had been spent. Mrs Maberley agreed to provide details of the planning application to which the contribution related. **Action: Maberley/Clerk**

Maternity Unit. Following a temporary closure, the maternity unit was due to re-open on 1 October.

**E. Other business**

Legionella risk. It was reported that the pipework at the Community Hospital had been replaced and therefore the legionella risk was no longer a critical issue.

HOSC meeting 24 September 2020. Councillors Hannaby and Hanna, and Mrs Maberley were due to speak at the meeting the following day. Councillor Hanna gave details of what she intended to say. It was agreed that there was a need to engage with the new CEO of the Oxford Health Trust and others regarding the future use of the Community Hospital and other local services. Mrs Maberley gave details of what she intended to say. It was noted that statements might need to be adjusted in the light of the report by the CEO of the Health Trust.

It was agreed that a meeting should be requested with the CEO of the Health Trust. **Action: Hannaby**

Members were invited to consider what might be done locally to give support to the provision of health services. **Action: All**

**F. Date of next meeting.**

Date to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

WPF