

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE HEALTH SUB-COMMITTEE OF WANTAGE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ONLINE USING ZOOM ON THURSDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2020 AT 7.30 PM

Sub-Committee members present:

Wantage Town Council: Councillors JT Hannaby (Chairman), A Crawford, A Dunford (part), J Goodman, A Menzies, I Sheldon, J Sibbald and C Walters.

Grove Parish Council: Councillors R Batstone.

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

Town Clerk: Mr W P Falkenau.

A. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Town Councillor E Johnson, and Grove Parish Councillor J Stock.

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 is a member of the Newbury Street Patient Group. All the above were also members of the Save The Hospital Group.

C. Statements and Questions from the public

None.

D. Minutes of the Sub-committee meeting held on 15 October 2020

The minutes were approved.

E. To consider matters arising from the meeting held on 15 October 2020

E. Conversion of two offices into consultation/clinical rooms

The conversion was funded by £39k of S106 funding. Dr Davies had not yet confirmed whether this was the full amount spent. The Clerk was to ask Dr Davies to confirm. **Action: Clerk**

F. To consider arrangements for the meeting with Dr Broughton, the CEO of Oxford Health Trust, on 15 December 2020.

The Chairman outlined how she would like the meeting with Dr Broughton and Dr Riley to proceed. There had been a lack of engagement by the CCG and other NHS bodies with HOSC and other interested parties since the start of the pandemic. The meeting would provide the opportunity to start to re-engage with one of the NHS organisations.

It was noted that the meeting was to be with representatives of this sub-committee. The Chairman proposed that she, Councillor Hanna, Mrs Maberley, Mrs Parker, Mrs Swain and the Clerk be the representatives. Other members and parties would be invited to put forward topics and questions to be referred to the meeting.

Councillor Dunford joined the meeting.

The meeting was being hosted by the Health Trust. The Clerk was to ascertain whether the meeting would be open to the public to observe. **Action: Clerk**

The Health Trust had announced it was going to conduct a review of community hospitals across the whole of Oxfordshire.

Mrs Maberley agreed to call a meeting of the OX12 Stakeholder Group to propose questions to be put forward to the meeting with Dr Broughton. **Action: Maberley**

It was noted that there was a legal obligation on NHS bodies to consult with the public before proceeding with any major changes or decisions that affected services. There was a need to ascertain the Health Trust's intentions concerning this, and have decisions already been made? If necessary, the Town Council could resort to legal action.

The Chairman and Clerk were to bring together the questions received. **Action: Hannaby/Clerk**

H. Other business

a) Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire & Berkshire West Integrated Care System (BOB)

Proposals regarding BOB were proceeding. It was agreed that these should be considered at a future meeting. **Action: Hannaby**

I. Date of next meeting

Date to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 8.29 p.m.

WPF
