

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HEALTH SUB-COMMITTEE OF WANTAGE TOWN
COUNCIL HELD AT THE BEACON, PORTWAY, WANTAGE ON THURSDAY, 12 JANUARY 2023
AT 7.30 PM**

Sub-Committee members present:

Wantage Town Council: Councillors JT Hannaby (Chairman), E L Johnson and A Menzies.

Other members: District Councillor R Batstone, County Councillor J Hanna, J Hutchinson, J Maberley, J Parker and M Swain.

Town Clerk: Mr W P Falkenau.

Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Town Councillors A Crawford, A Dunford, J Sibbald, I Sheldon and C Walters, District Councillor P Barrow and Grove Parish Council Chairman J Stock.

The Sub-committee expressed its condolences to Councillor Stock on the death of her husband.

1. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests, other registrable interests and any non-registerable interests.

Other and non-registerable interests were detailed as follows - 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. J Parker is a member of the South Oxfordshire Patient Alliance.

The Clerk had not yet distributed the recently adopted Code of Conduct and Register of Interests form to co-opted members. **Action: Clerk**

2. Statements and Questions from the public

None.

3.. Minutes of the meeting held on 27 October 2022

The minutes were approved and signed.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

The maternity services at Wantage Community Hospital had returned to full operation. The Trust had in the recent past managed to recruit thirty eight full time equivalent midwives across Oxfordshire.

The Clerk had not yet followed up on the actions relating to dentistry. **Action: Clerk**

5. Reports from HOSC and other meetings

Councillor Hanna reported that letters had gone from her as HOSC chairman to the Health Trust and University Trust requesting the completion of the substantial change toolkit be undertaken and provided in time for the next HOSC meeting in early February. The letters also requested that they engaged with this sub-committee. She agreed to pass copies of the letters to the Clerk for distribution to sub-committee members. **Action: Hanna/Clerk**

She advised that there was a mismatch between the demand for services in a particular community area and the estate available to provide them. Determining the extent of the community area to be covered was also an issue. There was a need to consider what local services should be pressed for having regard to the estate available.

It was agreed that there was a need to scrutinise the papers being referred to the HOSC meeting on 9 February and consider a response to these. **Action: All**

It was agreed to engage with Dr Riley of Oxford Health Trust with a view to seeking more information about his current thoughts and what data had been gathered. **Action: Clerk**

It was also agreed to hold a Teams meeting as soon as the HOSC papers were available to consider what response might be given to the HOSC meeting. This was to involve members of the OX12 Group who were currently not members of this sub-committee. **Action: Clerk**

6, Other business

GP Services

A recent CQC report had deemed the Newbury Street Practice as 'inadequate'. Concerns were expressed about the services provided by both practices. Members were urged to put in formal complaints. This would enable the practices to follow up specific incidents.

7. Dates of future meetings

23 February 2023.

The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

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