

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HEALTH SUB-COMMITTEE OF WANTAGE TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE BEACON, PORTWAY, WANTAGE ON THURSDAY, 25 MAY 2023 AT 7.30 PM

Sub-Committee members present:

Wantage Town Council: Councillors JT Hannaby (Chairman)

Other members: District Councillor R Batstone, County Councillor J Hanna, J Mabberley, J Parker, M Swain and S Thwaite.

Town Clerk: Mr W P Falkenau.

Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Town Councillors A Crawford, District Councillor P Barrow and J Hutchinson.

1. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests, other registrable interests and any non-registrable 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 Mabberley and M Swain are members of the OX12 CCG Stakeholder Reference Group. J Mabberley and J Parker are members of the Newbury Street Patient Group. S Thwaite is a member of the Church 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.

2. Statements and Questions from the public

None.

3.. Minutes of the meeting held on 23 February 2023

The minutes were approved.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

It was reported that HOSC had recently focused on dentistry and significant change would rely on national initiatives.

It was noted that David Johnston MP had recently conducted a survey of constituents regarding provision of health services.

5. To review notes of meeting with NHS on 18 April 2023 and consider further actions arising from this.

As follow up to the meeting, it had been agreed that a workshop be held to consider provision of future services at the Community Hospital. This was scheduled for 28 June at The Beacon between 10 am and 3 pm. An external facilitator was to be employed. A list of attendees was being prepared.

Mrs Mabberley was to ascertain who would attend from the Newbury Street Practice. **Action: Mabberley**

Mrs Mabberley and Councillor Batstone would be unable to attend. The Chairman was to confirm attendance with others. **Action: Hannaby**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HEALTH SUB-COMMITTEE OF WANTAGE TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE BEACON,
PORTWAY, WANTAGE ON THURSDAY, 25 MAY 2023 AT 7.30 PM

It was agreed to seek information from the NHS, in advance of the workshop, regarding what services could be made available at the Community Hospital should it be accepted that the beds be permanently closed. There was a need to understand what services might migrate to the recently enlarged Mably Way Health Centre. It was agreed that a special meeting of the sub-committee be called during week commencing 19 June to consider the information received prior to the workshop. **Action: Clerk**

6. Reports from HOSC and other meetings

There was nothing further to report.

7, Other business

The Clerk was to seek an update regarding the provision of physiotherapy services at the Community Hospital. **Action: Clerk**

8. Dates of future meetings

6 July, 14 September, 26 October 2023, 11 January and 22 February 2024.

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

WPF