

MINUTES OF FoLS MEETING

Thursday 23rd January 2020

Present: James Turner (Chair), John Rix (Secretary), Charlotte Norris (Surgery), Patricia Martin, Pauline Saunders, Chris Wilkinson (Village Agent).

1. Apologies, Kate Derrick (to be late), Des Haynes, David Robins, Jenny Rule, Mervyn Winslade.
2. New Village Agent – Chris Wilkinson. (this item was moved to the beginning of the meeting). Chris was welcomed and he told us about his background (military and police) and his experiences in the few weeks he has been in post. His work is based on contact at The Angel ('Langport Cares') and referral from the surgery. The funding for his role is provided by CLICK*. He is running a craft group on Mondays at the Angel for those with learning difficulties and is hoping to offer an ex-services veterans' group. He is aiming to make an impact on social isolation. He was keen to hear about our experience of similar local schemes eg 'Caring Hands' in Somerton.
(*Our Primary Care Network group of Chard, Ilminster and Langport surgeries which used to include Crewkerne)
3. Minutes of the last two meetings: The Minutes of the 7th Nov and 6th December 2019 were approved, with no matters arising. (approved/ seconded by James/ Patricia and John/ Charlotte respectively)
4. Surgery News: Charlotte says she is working on promoting on-line consultations and the NHS app. She will arrange a demonstration of this at our next meeting (if possible) and asked if we would be happy to invite Brendon, a pharmacist, from the local CLICK surgeries group to attend a future meeting to tell us more about his role. This was agreed to be useful.
5. Eurolyser CUBE: this is a diagnostic piece of equipment which we noticed Buttercross Surgery (Somerton) has acquired through their PPG. James had done a little research and passed the details to Charlotte for her to present to our doctors for further discussion. The cost is in the order of £1000 which we could consider funding.
6. Lucky Numbers: the draw for December was carried out.
7. Finance: A detailed report will be presented at our next meeting. The only thing to report was that a bill for £151 had been presented for the Creating Health event on 7th June 2019 (not the £85 we thought).
8. Next meetings: Thursday 20th February at 11.30am and our AGM on Friday 6th March at 1pm followed by a normal meeting straight after.
9. AOB: no items

The meeting closed at 12.50, at which time Kate joined us for a brief update