

Kelsall PPG Meeting

Thursday 26 March 2020

held by conference call

Minutes

Present : Humphrey Claxton (Chair), Caroline Stein (Vice-Chair), Michele Grant (Secretary), Dr Claire Baker, Julie Johnson, Alan Bottomley, Jen Bottomley, Arthur Wycherley, Nick Kuszniir, Fiona Smith, Pam Lewis, Alan and Ann Parsons

Apologies: Rena Gardner, Monica Howarth

Minutes of the last meeting

Agreed.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

None not covered on the agenda

Update on the Medical Centre

Claire thanked the PPG for the leaflet and message about the surgery arrangements and COVID 19. The focus for the new Medical Centre is on the legal arrangements and these are now coming to a conclusion. It is not clear on how COVID 19 might influence progress but the new Centre will go ahead.

Claire reported that staff are 25% down at the moment due to COVID 19 related issues.

There was a discussion about what good news story could be put out through the village newsletter and other communication channels.

Fundraising

All events have been cancelled or postponed because of COVID 19.

This includes the Ferret Racing event which has been delayed. The Morris Dancer remains very keen to support the event.

The Morris Dancer quiz nights remain popular and have raised £550 for the three events.

There is a lot to move forward once things open up. The tile leaflet is now ready to go to print.

Marketing and Promotion

Humphrey thanked Nick for his work on the website.

Nick reported that the PPG website is leading with the coronavirus news and updates on the surgery arrangements. There is a page for the Rural Alliance and links to the Care Hub. The site is getting around 150 hits a month.

The website is good for detail. The Facebook page updates need to be prompter and the page is hard to access.

Friends and Family

To be forwarded.

Other Business

On behalf of the committee Jen thanked the surgery for their hard work in these difficult times. The Committee appreciates the surgery is under a lot of pressure and the additional work required is significant.

Prescriptions – there was a discussion about ensuring everyone was aware of arrangements about prescriptions. It was noted that Holmes Pharmacy is sending out this information with prescriptions. It was confirmed that information about the support available in the village will go out with all prescriptions delivered by both pharmacies.

Action: Alan to circulate an email to the PPG database with revised information about repeat prescriptions. The surgery to provide the email content.

Date of next meetings

Next Meeting : **Thursday 30 April** by conference call.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 18.20