

**RIVERSIDE MEDICAL PRACTICE
PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP**

MINUTES of a meeting held at the Surgery on 11th May 2017 at 7 00pm.

PRESENT [REDACTED]

APOLOGIES [REDACTED]

GUEST SPEAKER Colin introduced Richard Elliott of The Macular Society, who presented an interesting and informative talk on the causes, symptoms and treatment of age-related macular degeneration. The Society exists to support anyone affected by macular conditions, helping them to cope with the distress and frustrations caused, keeping them informed of the help available and how to access it.

TREASURER'S REPORT. There were no changes to report since the previous meeting.

PRACTICE NEWS Aaran and Vicky outlined the changes that were taking place within the Practice, including a) Call Navigation by the Receptionists, b) additional specialist staff, c) Clinical Pharmacist, d) applications for an additional GP/Partner were being invited. The Spring/Summer Newsletter outlining these changes in greater detail was in course of preparation; and would be available shortly.

NEW PREMISES. Planning application was going ahead, and it was hoped further more positive information would be available very soon.

CCG MEETING [REDACTED] has papers relating to items discussed at a meeting on 8th March concerning Cost Effective Prescribing Proposals. It was decided to hold these matters over to the next meeting when [REDACTED] would be available to speak to them in person.

EMERGENCY FLOAT It was agreed that a small cash float should be readily available to [REDACTED] for donations to Guest Speakers' charities, postage etc. Changes to the management of the Group's Bank account were also discussed and agreed.

Consideration was also given to the organisation of small fund-raising events in

aid of individual projects suggested by the Practice.

It was also agreed that the Group should recognise Dr Lovett's retirement with the presentation of a gift card.

NOTICES OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS will in future be advised by e-mail to those members possessing this facility together with Minutes of the previous meeting. Other members will continue to be advised by post.

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

SATURDAY 29TH JULY - GARDEN PARTY AT THE [REDACTED]

THURSDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER - THE SURGERY - 7 PM

THURSDAY 9TH NOVEMBER - THE SURGERY - 7 PM

Extra meetings may be called at short notice if the new-build development requires input from the Group.