ST GEORGE’S MEDICAL PRACTICE,

PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP MEETING

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4 OCTOBER 2023 AT 15.30 HOURS

PRESENT

Doris Jones – Chair

Susan Taylor – Secretary

Patrick Holmes

Val Johnston

Graham Levett

Liz Stewart

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Serena Rana Rahman

Jane Tidd

Colin Pease

Karen Gannon

Andy Jones

Lyndsey Jenkins

Flu and Covid Vaccinations

This year’s uptake of flu vaccinations has been extremely successful, with the surgery ordering a second supply. To meet demand additional clinics have been added.

COVID vaccinations. It is very encouraging to see the numbers of people taking up this option and again additional clinics have been added to meet demand.

New Surgery Update

PJH provided the update. The concrete foundations are being laid and completion is expected May 2024. The building will not be owned by the Partners of the Practice but by Community Ventures. The Partners, however, have to pay approximately £20k to £30k in Stamp Duty . With resources within the NHS being tight, PJH raised the subject of fund raising to raise money to equip the surgery. Under the contract all the surgery will receive is the building. Contents need to be purchased.

GL expressed surprise and disappointment at this news. He said residents would be devastated that after all this time, money would not be available for this.

PJH responded by saying that unfortunately the NHS is not in a good state at present. Not only with funding but with staffing issues, recruitment, retention, morale, etc. He would like to see the surgery embraced by the community. That they would see this as an investment for future generations. It is a once in a lifetime opportunity to get it right. Hurworth was an example of this.

The surgery will initially have more rooms than staff. All rooms would not need equipping at the start. A figure of £5k to £10k was mentioned

DJ said she was happy to support the fund raising initiative and that she was happy to set up a separate department to action this. There will be a lot of work involved and time is not on our side.

LS said that she had started compiling an inventory of current items that could be taken over to the new surgery and what items would need to be purchased. This would provide a clearer idea of the amount required

Further discussion centred on resident’s disappointment. DJ said that in her 40 years as a Ward Councillor there will always be opposition, keyboard warriors etc. We should ignore them and put our heart into the surgery. It has been a long fight to have it in the village. She thanked Middleton Hall

A vote of the panel was taken as to the go ahead of the fund raising group. It was agreed unanimously. Monday 23 October at 3.30pm was agreed. DJ to speak to David in the Community Centre re holding the meeting there. ACTION DJ

LS said the inventory would be ready for this. ACTION LS

PJH finished by saying that we need to have a very clear and coherent message. Communication is key. Positivity is needed This period has been the most challenging time in all his career. 25 years in MSG

With nothing further to discuss, the meeting closed

Susan Taylor

4 October 2023