

**Minutes of
Mere Surgery PPG Meeting
22nd May 2025**

PPG members. Present:

Lucy Woolley (Chair) **LW**, Judy McCulloch (Secretary) **JW**, Judy Stutchbury **JS**, Sue Jeans **SJ**, Holly Baker **HB**, Phil Paget **PP**

PPG apologies:

Geoff Knight, Steve Porter, Ann Courtney,

Surgery representatives:

Dr E Halsey **EH**, Michele Mason **MM**, Stephanie Thorn **ST**, Rachel Harrison **RH**.

AGENDA

Apologies

Approval and signing of minutes

Matters arising:

Coffee morning update and future fundraising for surgery defibrillator.

Surgery collage update

Defibrillator/First Aid training update.

Surgery News

AOB

Previous minutes approved and signed off.

Apologies received from Geoff Knight Steve Porter and Ann Courtney.

Matters arising:

Coffee morning update and future fundraising report:

The coffee morning was well attended and very successful raising £675 towards the surgery defibrillator. The Fund Raising sub-committee reported that the next event it has organised is a Garden Party on the 5th July 2 - 4.30pm. Mr and Mrs N Wilson have kindly offered the use of their garden at St Annes, Church St, Mere for this event. Plans are currently in place for cream teas, cake and produce stall, tombola stall, raffle and garden games, entry will be free. Donations for the various stalls would be appreciated. Posters and advertising in hand, it was agreed that a poster can be put up in the surgery. The sub-committee will meet again before the event and let all PPG members know the plans.

Surgery collage update:

LW and **JS** informed everyone that the photos of all previous Doctors and the Surgery history is now complete and everything has been framed and is now with the Surgery. **EH** thanked **LW** and **JS** for all their hard work and said they are arranging for these to be put on display.

Defibrillator/First Aid training update:

JM said she had spoken to the person who organised this training in the Upper Deverills and St Johns Ambulance volunteers are very happy to run this training event again in

Mere. It is suggest this should be a mid week event to start at 6.30/7pm and will last for 1 1/2 to 2 hours. **LW** agreed to contact the United Reform Church re mid week evening availability (late September/October) St Johns volunteers recommend a maximum of 22 attendees and suggest people wishing to attend register their interest, the surgery are happy to hold the registration list for the event.

Surgery news:

MM informed members that they have appointed James in the role of Trainee Dispenser. They also have a Clinical Pharmacist Ruth E who is undertaking the Safe Prescriber role. Unfortunately the surgery no longer has a First Contact Physiotherapist but are hopeful future recruitment will go well.

On Saturday 5th July the surgery is organising a "Get Mere Moving" event from 09.00 - 13.00 hours at the surgery. The plan is to inform the community on what Mere has to offer re exercise classes etc. A number of demonstrations will be taking place to show what is available locally (this is taking place on the same day as the Garden Party but hopefully the two events will enhance each other).

AOB:

LW said she had been approached by a patient asking how the Surgery was going to cope with the possibility of more patients when the new Nursing Home in Mere opens and with the prospect of a new housing development. **EH** said that the Nursing Home falls in the catchment area of 3 Surgeries and at present it has not been decided which one it will be allocated to. Regarding any new housing development, so far the Surgery has not received any information about a new development. He said there is no extra funding provided to Surgeries for new housing developments but they would be able to cope. **RH** said that there is always a very even turnover of patients registering and de-registering.

PP asked how the Buddy Scheme was progressing, **EH** said they had not had the uptake they thought they would have but this is probably because the Hospitals give such a good supportive service.

LW said the Mere Gardening Club had offered to help with the surgery garden, **EH** said the surgery would be happy for their help with the Pond Area, they already have someone who does the rest of the garden. **LW** to report back to Gardening Club.

SJ said the Girl Guides had recently organised a very successful Wine Tasting Evening which was run by Wild about Wine (Tor Reynolds). James at Sprout and Flower has offered his help should we decide to run an event. The Committee thought this would be a good idea for mid to late November and **LW** will get in contact with Tor Reynolds. **SJ** said the Walnut Tree were also happy to do something to help us with our Defibrillator Fundraising.

Actions:

LW to ask the United Reform Church for availability for Wine Tasting and Defibrillator/First Aid Training events and contact Tor Reynolds.

Date of next meeting Thursday 11th September at 2pm.

