

**Minutes of
Mere Surgery PPG Meeting
13th November 2025**

PPG members present:

Lucy Woolley (**LW**) Chair, Judy McCulloch (**JM**) secretary, Judy Stutchbury (**JS**), Sue Jeans (**SJ**), Steve Porter (**SP**), Geoff Knight (**GK**), Ann Courtney (**AC**), Holly Baker (**HB**)

PPG apologies:

Julie Weise-Williams, Phil Paget

Surgery representatives:

Dr Ed Halsey (**EH**), Michele Mason (**MM**), Rachel Harrison (**RH**), Ali Graham (**AG**)

Agenda

Apologies

Approval and signing of previous meeting minutes

Matters arising from previous meeting

Surgery News

Mere First Responder

AOB

LW welcomed everyone to the meeting, the previous meeting minutes were approved and signed. **MM** introduced Ali Graham who is the Surgery Dispenser Lead.

Matters arising:

MM confirmed that the gardening group have been in contact and they are arranging to come and see what can be done to improve the pond area.

It was agreed that the First Aid evening run by St Johns Ambulance volunteers was a great success. Uptake was lower than expected due to two similar events being organised in Mere prior to our event, however all who did attend felt that fewer numbers enhanced their practical experience. It was proposed that we give St Johns Ambulance a donation of £50, agreed by all PPG members present.

Since our last meeting the PPG has presented the surgery with the defibrillator purchased from the funds raised from the Coffee Morning and the Garden Party. A photo of the presentation has not yet appeared in Mere Matters, **LW** to look into this as the committee felt it important that everyone who so kindly supported these fund raising events see this. (Following the meeting **SP** confirmed he has sent the photo to the Editor).

Surgery News:

The Mere Surgery history pictures are now hanging in the surgery waiting room and favourable patient comments have been received. **LW** agreed to write a something that

can be put up by the pictures along the lines that they were presented by the PPG in 2025 and acknowledging all the help and research Jean Booth kindly put into the project. **MM** said she will get this framed.

The PPG fundraising events have been so successful that after purchasing the defibrillator there are funds left over, the Surgery is looking into purchasing a Dermatoscope. This is something that will be kept at Mere Surgery but Silton, Tisbury and Hindon patients would be able to be referred to use it. **EH** explained that the plan is for Mere, Tisbury, Silton and Hindon Surgeries to be supporting each other in Primary Care, there will hopefully be more information on this at the next meeting. Regarding the Dermatoscope Dr King is doing research into this and **MM** will bring more information to our next meeting.

Jess the First Contact Physiotherapist is now established in the Surgery. **EH** explained that a First Contact Physiotherapist is a patient's first surgery contact following hospitalisation or injury for advice. Following the initial assessment a decision is then made as to whether further physio is required.

EH said the surgery has been granted more pharmacist time. James is now fully trained. Ruth the pharmacist helps oversee Sophie in the safe prescribing initiative.

EH said the Government had introduced the "All day access to request appointments online" initiative. This is something Mere Surgery has been doing for the last 2 years so no changes had to be made.

RH said the Covid and Flu clinics went well. There is still the opportunity for patients to have the flu vaccination should they want it. The vaccine used this year covers the current strain of flu.

The Chemist in Mere has recently changed hands and is now owned by a private individual as opposed to a large chain. All the existing staff still work there. There was some initial setup problems which have now been ironed out. The Surgery Pharmacy were needed to help with some urgent prescriptions but this is no longer needed.

Mere First Responder:

LW said she had been asked by various people who is the First Responder in Mere. **EH** explained that a First Responder is organised by the NHS and Ambulance Trust.

AOB:

Nothing to discuss.

Next meeting Thursday 12th February 2026 at 2pm.