

ROSLISTON PARISH COUNCIL

South Derbyshire District in the County of Derby

Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council

Held at 7.00pm on Thursday, 23rd August 2018

in the Milligan Room, Rosliston & Cauldwell Village Hall, Rosliston

Present: Councillors B Matkin (Chairman), L Pountney (Vice Chairman)
Councillors S Marbrow , L Ross, and M. Yates

Officers: Mrs J Holder (Clerk)

Also Present: District Councillor J Grant, Charlie Simpson (Senior Researcher for Heather Wheeler MP)

38.18/19 APOLOGIES

Councillor P White

39.18/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

40.18/19 PUBLIC QUESTION SESSION

No members of the public were present.

41.18/19 PURPOSE OF MEETING

The purpose of this Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council was to discuss the possible closure of the Doctors Surgery.

Councillor Matkin advised the meeting that the piece of land in which the doctor's surgery sits on was sold to the Doctors by the Trustees of the Village Hall Committee some 25 years ago. The Doctors and staff were allowed to park their cars on the car park behind the building and there is a special dispensation for patients to park their cars on the car park during Surgery hours. That covenant remains in place whilst the building is still being used as a Doctor's Surgery/Medical Centre. Originally the Surgery was open part time running 3 days a week.

It was noted that the public consultations which took place on 26th and 27th July were well attended on both days with over 150 people at each session. Patients received letters regarding the consultations at very short notice. Although it would

seem that some did not receive letters at all. The general feeling at the meeting was that the partners were there to discuss the closure of the surgery rather than pursue other options to keep the surgery open. The assumptions were that patients would transfer to the Stapenhill Practice, the partner practice. This would significantly affect people who could not get to the Stapenhill Practice. The existing car park in Stapenhill is not adequate to accommodate the additional 1800 patients. It was noted that the bus service only ran every 2 hours.

If the Practice in Rosliston is sold the money would go back into the Stapenhill Practice. There appeared to be no consultations with the Derbyshire Clinical Group or any other neighbouring Practices. Following public consultations, and suggestions from the public at the meetings, nothing further has been heard from the Practice.

Currently the NHS is having difficulties recruiting new GP's, at the Rosliston Surgery, they are currently having problems with IT and the building requires considerable investment to bring it in line with current standards. There appears to be a national crisis in the recruitment of GP's and at present there is a shortage of GP's in the NHS. The final decision for closure of the surgery rests with NHS England.

At present the Surgery is closing on certain days and the feeling is the dispensary is not well stocked and is being run down. It would seem that the Practice is almost preparing the patients for closure by withdrawing the service.

MP Heather Wheeler has given her full support on behalf of the patients and has given press releases to local newspapers. It was noted that MP Heather Wheeler had written to NHS England with the patient concerns and also to Derbyshire Clinical Group asking if they would take on the Surgery and was awaiting a response. It was noted that there is a specific process for the closure of practices and a meeting between NHS England and the Surgery is to take place shortly. The minutes of that meeting should be placed on the Surgery's website.

Resolved: Councillor Marbrow together with the clerk prepare a notice to be placed on the notice board/website and village hall facebook to advise patients of this Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council and the Parish Council's intention to write a letter to the NHS Primary Care Team Shropshire and Staffordshire with a copy to NHS Derbyshire Primary Care Team. The deadline for letters is the end of August 2018.

It was agreed unanimously to put a press release in the Burton Mail subject to cost in response to their article to advise the public of our meeting and the Parish Council's intention to write to NHS England. Charlie Simpson to speak with MP Heather Wheeler to see if it is possible for her to give us a quote for the press release and find out more details about the meeting with NHS England and the Surgery.

Councillor Grant and Charlie Simpson left the meeting at 7.40 pm.

42.18/19 MINUTES OF THE EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 16th JULY 2018

42.1 The minutes of the meeting were approved as an accurate record and duly signed.

43.18/19 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council at 7.00pm on Monday 17th September 2018.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.45pm.

Signed (Chairman)

Date