

# FRIENDS OF STOW SURGERY

## MINUTES OF THE NINETEENTH AGM OF FRIENDS OF STOW SURGERY

On 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 in the New Surgery, Stow on the Wold.

21 members attended the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES.

Apologies were received from J Mattock, C Beckett.

2. MINUTES OF THE EIGHTEENTH AGM MEETING ON 13<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

The minutes were read and approved without change. There were no matters arising.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (KC).

A milestone for FOSS has been achieved with the opening of the new surgery. FOSS was set up following raising of funds for a defibrillator at the Millennium and KC became chairman in the belief that the new surgery would be open within 6 years. It in fact took 14 years to accomplish. During that time, FOSS has contributed £217K of items to the surgery including £79K to the new surgery in 2019. At this point KC is standing down from the committee. FOSS will continue to manage funds and donations as well as newsletter deliveries made 4 times a year and so new committee members are needed.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT (PE).

The audited Income and Expenditure Accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018 were presented. These showed assets of £160,405.46, up approx. £5,000 on the previous year. Equipment and services totalling only approx. £165 were purchased in the year, down on the previous year but most items were delayed until the opening of the new surgery. The accounts were adopted. Proposer Susan Brattin, Seconder Anne McKechnie.

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE.

The following were re-elected to the Committee (Proposer Janet Walker, Seconder Mary Honess):

Mary Aisbitt

Paula Evison (Treasurer)

Patrick Mattock (Secretary)

Robert McKechnie (Chairman elect)

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

PSherringham stated that the move from the old surgery was achieved 2 ½ weeks ago and went very smoothly and initial feedback was positive. He paid tribute to the work FOSS has done over the years not only in providing much needed equipment but in providing feedback through patient participation groups among other things. The retirement of KC from the Chairmanship of FOSS will be a great loss to the surgery and PS paid tribute to his calm approach to the office.

RMCK (as Chairman elect) thanked KC for his leadership which was achieved with reliability and integrity and would be a hard act to follow. PE presented KC with a gift on behalf of the committee.

JWalker asked whether there will now be increased staffing levels as waiting times for telephone requests were unacceptable. PS replied that staff numbers are defined by patient numbers but nursing staff is increasing. SWilliams added that they are separating receptionists (now called Clinical Administrators) from phone staff with more in training so the telephoning should improve significantly.

The lighting of both the Maugersbury Rd and Slad path were unacceptable. SW stated that there are ongoing discussions concerning both. The Slad path will be upgraded as part of the build but issues still remain about the responsibility for lighting.

A brief presentation was made by S Jones (Chairman of the British Legion) concerning his involvement in the healthcare plan for Gloucestershire run by the Clinical Commissioning Group. Opinions were being sought and SJ was willing to represent views from Stow if requested.

7. CLOSE OF MEETING.

Drinks were served.