



**FLEET HOSPITAL AND COMMUNITY FRIENDS**  
**'Supporting local Health Care needs'**

**Minutes of the AGM held at the Church Hall, All Saints Church on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 7.00pm**

1. **Chairman's Welcome** – Claire Pamment welcomed all members and thanked them for coming. Claire explained that an AGM was a legal requirement for all charities. Claire also welcomed Hugh Terry from 'FREDS'- Free Response Emergency Delivery Service
2. **Present** – Claire Pamment, Harrie Glossop, Caroline Hoare, Brian Proctor, Ruth Hunt, Geoffrey Baker, Phil Winterbourne, Dawn Williams, Sally McMillan, Hugh Terry, Anne Tracey, Val Allen, Pauline Minty, Helen Bellamy
3. **Apologies** – Anne Crampton, Vera Pullen, Caroline Mullen, Karen Vout, Ann Gotting
4. **Minutes of the Last Meeting**  
The minutes were signed as correct.
5. **Matters Arising**  
None
6. **Talk by Hugh Terry from FREDS** – Hugh Terry had previously been a volunteer for SERVE which the Friends had previously contributed to but due to covid and Hugh's age he was deemed vulnerable therefore they parted. Now a new group has been formed, FREDS which compliments SERVE but they don't work at night and they have no county boundaries. Their service runs from 7am-6pm and mainly delivers bloods and baby milk. E.G. in May FREDS collected blood samples from Haslemere for prostate screening and transported them to Frimley Park Hospital. They have ten members and are fund raising
7. **Chairman's Report – Claire Pamment**  
Claire said the highlight of the year was the garden party held in August to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> birthday, this had to be re-scheduled due to covid. The party was held in the Church Crookham Memorial Hall on a sunny afternoon. The hall was beautifully decorated and all the tables looked lovely with the Church Crookham WI's china. The WI had arranged a lovely afternoon tea which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Claire said it was lovely to meet old friends and make new ones who have always supported the hospital. We were also very fortunate that the local MP and his family could attend.  
Claire went on to say that during the year we have been very lucky to receive several donations. One donation from a family whose father had been looked after

in the Outpatients department had requested for 'something to benefit the staff' Garden furniture was purchased and also two benches designed for patients waiting to be picked-up after their appointments.

Donations had been received from the All Saints Wives group, the Fleet Art Society and a donation from Hart First Response.

Monies collected after the cremation of Mr Anthony Barrell, one of our committee members was also gratefully received.

Claire explained the Friends this year had donated £5000 to Sasha's project, £3000 to Fleet Lions for Prostrate Screening and £2,600 to All Saints church for a wheelchair.

Claire explained that we had lost two loyal members of the committee Anthony Barrell who died in December and Gwen Easter who has moved to Dorset but that we have welcomed Phil Winterbourne and Caroline Mullen onto the committee.

Claire then thanked all the committee for their continual support and that we look forward to another year and hope that the changes to Fleet Hospital will be positive.

#### **8. Treasurer's Report – Brian Proctor**

Brian Proctor began his report by saying that we had had a good year and that the accounts had again been audited by Menzies and that John Biffen the partner who audits our accounts is retiring but that Mike Aires will carry on without charge. Brian asked if there were any queries or comments, none given. It was agreed to continue with Menzies, this was proposed by Anne Tracey and seconded by Phil Winterbourne.

See enclosed sheet

#### **9. Secretary's Report – Helen Bellamy**

Helen explained that we were now able to return to the hospital for our meetings. The hospital continues to remain busy with the OP department, walk in x-ray, and a physio department that works out of the ward as well the original physio. The midwives also work out of the hospital. There is still no news about the future of the hospital.

For the Queens jubilee we had a very successful children's tombola in Calthorpe Park and hope to repeat that at some point.

In September we held our annual street collection but these are becoming more difficult as so many people don't carry cash. We do have a card reader but the signal in the Hart Centre is poor.

November saw our Christmas Fayre held in All Saint's church hall, it was well attended and we made over £700. Our thanks go again to the Church Crookham WI and the Fleet outpatient staff who really make the day.

The hospital again was decorated by Fleet Lions and although the Rotary have disbanded some past members helped as well. At Christmas the Friends gave chocolates to the staff as a thank you.

February saw the repeat of our annual quiz which is proving very popular and thanks go to Ann and Steve Gotting for organizing the quiz.

A big thank you goes to Jo Mullen for his gardening help.

#### **10. Membership Secretary's Report – Ann Gotting, read by Harrie Glossop in her absence.**

Ann said subscriptions are dribbling and indicates we have about 90 members. Ann apologized for the confusion about the gift aid attachments sent out with the newsletter and that she would review this.

Ann and Harrie have been doing talks to local groups about the history of the hospital and have more in the pipeline.

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#### **11. Election of Committee**

Members up for re-election

Dr Caroline Hoare – President

Claire Pamment – Chairman

Helen Bellamy - Secretary

Brian Proctor – Treasurer

Harrie Glossup – Vice Chairman

Ann Gotting – Membership Secretary

The re-election of Caroline Hoare as President was proposed by Geoff Baker and seconded by Phil Winterbourne

The re-election of the Officers, and Committee Members, Geoff Baker, Ann Tracey, Anne Crampton, Dawn Williams and Karen Vout was proposed by Geoff Baker and seconded by Sally Mcmillen

(confirmation that Ann Crampton is happy to be re-elected to be confirmed at our next meeting)

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#### **12. AOB**

A discussion took place about the continuing monitoring of equipment bought by the Friends, although we do this it was pointed out that the equipment is donated and therefore we had no say in its future use.

Claire Pamment thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 8.10pm

