

Patients Participation Group Meeting
Minutes of Meeting held in the Memorial

Hall Annexe

Monday 17/11/2025

Chairperson: Philippa Jones

Minutes: Michael Wright

Present: Mr. & Mrs. R, Adams, Mr. & Mrs. J Cameron, Mr. J. Chaplin, Mrs. J. Gardiner, Mrs. G. Holloway, Mrs. W. Hookey, Mr. R. Knight, Mr. F. Lawrence, Mrs. R. LeViscount, Mr. D. MacClausland, Mrs. G. McKay, Mrs. D. Neilson, Mrs. J. Robie, Mr. P. Ruddick, Ms. K. Staff, Mrs. E. Wood

Woodchurch Surgery: Dr. J. Hickey, Mrs H. Fox

Guest Speaker: Reverend Sue Rose, All Saints Church

Apologies: Mrs. P. Savage, Mrs. B. Hanks, Mr. G. Bedford

Chair's Welcome:

Philippa welcomed everyone, introduced our guest speaker and outlined the Agenda for the meeting. A presentation was made by Dr. Hickey to Michael Wright on the occasion of his end of tenure as Secretary and Vice Chair.

Minutes of Last meeting (09/06/2025)

Accepted

Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising.

Rev. Sue Rose

Reverend Sue gave a very enlightening presentation about our church and her duties and responsibilities. The church dates back to the 12th. or 13th. century with a spire that is angled approx. four feet off centre (quoted from 'Woodchurch – A Brief Account' 1957). There is a brass rubbing under the carpet that goes back to around 1333 and also in the church is a memorial to court official from the time of Queen Elizabeth the first. But with great age comes issues with maintenance and this is all paid for by donations and grants, no other funding is incoming. Sue made the point that she did not become a vicar to look after old buildings, but it does come with the job (calling).

Sue outlined her schedule for the day as an example of her activities, this included meetings at the church to discuss the installation of CCTV, visits to William Harvey for pastoral care, prayer meetings in both Woodchurch and Bethersden and admin duties at home.

The church works very closely with the school holding general and class-based activities, there is also a charity called "here to Help" which tries to help local families going through difficult times. A food bank is also organised and run on a private request basis. The churchyard requires regular maintenance also and of course there is the very popular Tuesday coffee morning held in the Church. This is all accomplished with the help and dedication of volunteers who generously give their time.

The church supports a worshipping congregation of around 20 people.

Woodchurch Surgery update from Mrs. Helen Fox

Helen reported that there were no changes within the surgery this quarter. A comment from the floor of the meeting was made to the fact that perhaps receptionists could identify themselves when answering the telephone

AOB

Philippa announced that a new vice chair/secretary had been recruited (Karen Mannering).

Philippa handed £77 to Helen and Jack from the money made from donations for teas & coffees during 2025 PPG meetings. As previous years, this is for the Surgery Team to spend.

Next meeting:

Monday 16th. February 2026

Thanks to Liz Wood and Jean Gardiner of the "Heavenly Helpers" for providing refreshments.

The meeting was closed at 6.45pm