

Maiden Newton and Beaminster (Tunnel Road) PPG Meeting

Webbers Piece, Maiden Newton, 4-5pm, 23rd September 2025

Present: David Webb (Chair), Annabelle Matterface, Gillian Fearnough (Treasurer), Colin Fulton, Carly Reed, Rob, Chris Wardle, Emma Hallet, Sue Hinchley (secretary), Di Padfield, Rob Greening, Chris Bennett,

Apologies: Bekkie Webb, Carol King, Annabel Jackman.

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

1) Minutes & matters arising - David Webb

Previous minutes agreed.

Colin being added to be 3rd signatory for cheques.

A plaque ordered to be on BP machine in acknowledgement of PPG funding at TR.

Still need representation from Tunnel Rd surgery. Ideas discussed that surgery could try to recruit new members and hopefully younger representation. David will send suggested wording for advertising to be used.

Issues with raising feedback raised at last meeting have been forwarded to data team to work through.

Altering text on PPG on the website also in hands of data team currently. Annabel to chase up.

Common themes feedback - AM will collate and send out this week.

Health cafe in Toller Porcorum well attended. Hoped to do another in the new year. Highlighted that there is surgery representation via the PCN's as they are employed in part by Ammonite.

2) Progress on changes at Maiden Newton

Flooring going down this week. Some small remaining painting and carpentry left to do. Planning an area for children.

Have identified area for BP machine. Promote people coming in to check readings and to use to check accuracy of home machines.

Concern raised that sign in screen may get blocked by people queueing - will be monitored.

3) impact of local plan.

500 homes identified for Beaminster. GF asking for feedback re potential impact/concerns for the surgery.

Ammonite main issue is the 4000 potential new patients from the development at Bridport. They may obtain a one off payment to assist service provision but is a complicated process. Won't apply to the many smaller developments in the many villages in the catchment area.

Stated no extra space at TR to provide any extra services from those premises.

4) Practice policy re Racism and discrimination.

CR confirmed there is a zero tolerance policy towards racism and abuse of staff. Those deemed to have behaved in racist or abusive manner will receive warning letter. If behavior persists will ultimately be removed from surgery list and referred to Specialist Allocation Scheme that take on excluded patients. Based in Cranbourne they do face to face and phone consults. After year may be referred to re-register at another surgery.

5) Ammonite update – Carly Reed, Practice Manager

Now have a well-staffed (5) Ageing Well team of ACP's. They are proactive in care homes, and the housebound frail patients and also provide a reactive home visit service for unwell frail patients. This allows GP's more time to facilitate end of life care.

The surgery are in top 3 in the South West for delivery of the shingles program.

Flu and Covid vaccine delivery program to start 1st October with some large clinics planned. Alongside smaller daily clinics.

RSV, pneumonia and shingles program will resume December.

New staff appointed to Ammonite;

Dr Morrow is joining full time and there is a possibility of new salaried GP coming on board. One GP has become a partner. 1 salaried GP from Bridport leaving to go to Australia.

£70 raised from book sales at TR.

6) AOB

CF had general questions of what to do when person in community has apparent mental health issues. Where can these issues /concerns best be raised?

CR suggested in first instance safeguarding be raised with police.

Agreed to approach Bridport PPG to swap minutes to try to avoid duplication of agendas.

GF to send link to CR of a contact as support for social prescribing.

Date of Next meeting – 6th January 2026 in Beaminster. Venue to be confirmed.