

STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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**NOTE OF ZOOM MEETING OF COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS AND GP PRACTICE
HELD ON 24TH JUNE 2020**

Item		
1	MEMBERS PRESENT & APOLOGIES	
	In attendance	Apologies
	G Smith, R Freel, R Craig, N Wood, Dr Howie	Y Gardiner
	<p>Chair George Smith thanked Dr Howie for setting up the meeting to update the community council of what was happening at the practice.</p> <p>Dr Howie advised that patients were emailing photographs of ailments for consultations and were also using video. Dr Howie advised the process if having to see a patient face to face. Patient phones reception to advise they have arrived; doctor takes patient in the side door after putting on PPE. Patient leaves by side door and the room is then cleaned down again. Chair advised his experience on being left outside for 15 minutes and though this is ok on summer's day not suitable for some elderly or more vulnerable patients. Dr Howie will investigate. Chair asked if there was no way the waiting room could be opened up using social distance measures however Dr Howie indicated this was not practical as it would have to be cleaned after each patient.</p> <p>Patients have been using on line app and Chair asked if the app could be modified but this would take time. Prescriptions go straight to pharmacy being picked up at various times by pharmacy, although issues with ques at pharmacy.</p> <p>Chair advised Dr Howie on the recent application for another pharmacy in the village and the issues surrounding it, he asked if the GP practice would support the application and Dr Howie intimated that they would.</p> <p>The practice also uses a face book page to communicate messages to the wider public.</p> <p>R Freel asked if they were still referring patients for other services in light of Covid and was told they were. N Wood asked if they would be retaining any of the practices adopted during the pandemic and email and video will be retained.</p> <p>R Freel asked if the New G P contract changes to practices had been implemented. I.e. Physios and Pharmacist working from GP practice. The pharmacist working in practice was working well and they had set up groups on what's app to communicate, as well as check repeat prescriptions. Physios were not in place yet. Chair intimated that the CC could write to Val de Souza to establish when this would be rolled out. Dr Howie intimated that the Health Board were still recruiting Nurse practitioners.</p> <p>Chair asked if the practice doctors or GPs were tested and was told no. On the question of PPE no issues were reported on obtaining PPE although at the start of the crisis delivery was slow.</p> <p>Dr Howie advised that one doctor had moved but the trainee Doctor was staying on.</p> <p>Chair again thanked Dr Howie for the meeting.</p>	
	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
	To be agreed.	