

Minutes of the Community Care Committee meeting held on Wednesday 7 May 2014 at 11.30am in the Parish Council Office.

Present: IF May (chair) A Bradnam RT Summerfield
T Ebbon – Warden, Community Care Scheme The clerk

1. **Apologies for absence:** H Smith (Other commitment) D Chamberlain (Other commitment).
2. **Declarations of interest and dispensations**
 - a) **To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda.**
 - b) **To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any).**
 - c) **To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate.**
None received.
3. **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting of 22 January 2014 were approved and signed as a true record.
4. **Mobile Warden Scheme:**
There are currently 16 clients. A current list to be taken to the doctors surgery. Very manageable amount for Tracey. Maximum 20. Waiting list after that. Tracey is currently without a car and using a bike. Clerk offered to help with grocery deliveries for clients if needed.
5. **Grants:**
SCDC have awarded a grant for £1250.00 towards the Community Care Scheme for 2014-15.
Clerk to look into Milton Charities grant.
Feedback from District Councillor Hazel Smith. –
Environmental Health meeting I went to confirmed the level of grants. We are in competition with other similar schemes for the money available, so they set up criteria to judge the schemes. There was a judgement on the number of clients each scheme served - in future it would be to our advantage in terms of the grant awarded to have at least 20 clients on the scheme. They also look at the level of contribution the clients pay and £4 or £5 was typical
6. **Barnabas Court update:**
Report from Hazel.
Barnabas Court matters: the service charge has gone up by 30% but there is nothing we can do to change this. To some extent it is because the winter 2012-13 was a harsh one and heating costs were high. Some of this is apparently paid as an average across the tenants with the cost being worked out in September and applied from the following April. It may be expected to go down next year as this last winter was a mild one, but they would not consider evening out the payment. They had a tenants meeting on the 24th April to discuss this
7. **Correspondence received:**
Home instead correspondence received with a request for a meeting to offer services. We are currently very happy with using A Class Care so will not pursue.
8. **Date of next meeting:** Weds 10th September at 11:30am.
9. The meeting closed at 11:51am

Signed Date