

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE PPG HELD ON TUESDAY 10TH MARCH 2026 AT ASCEBI HOUSE

- 1 **Present:** Anne Charity; Jim Curtois; Michele Garner; Martin Cooper; Tony Green; Kurt Kovach; Hilary Mercer; Bhiku Mistry; Michael Phillips; Sue Richardson; Lynn Rigby; Renee Robinson; Lesley Salter; Karen Wesson.

Apologies for absence Paul Boddington; Ron Godwin; Laurence Rickards.

MC opened the meeting with a tribute to the longest serving member, Bhikhu Mistry, who was leaving the area and leaving the CMG. MC noted all the work that BM had put in over the years and presented him with a gift from himself, in appreciation of his work.

- 2 **Minutes of the AGM held on 25th March 2025.**
These were agreed as a true record. Proposed TG; Seconded KW.

- 3 **Matters Arising**
There were no matters arising.

- 4 **Chair's Report**
MC referred members to his report, previously circulated. He drew attention to the issue of the expansion of the building and the involvement of the MP, Amanda Hack, in this.
On behalf of the meeting, TG congratulated MC on his work over the last 3 years and drew attention to his efforts in a number of areas. The members echoed his thanks.

- 5 **Proposed Constitutional amendments**
TG reported that no amendments had been proposed

- 6 **Election of Chair**
TG noted that the only nomination had been received from KAREN WESSON, who had agreed to be meetings Chair.
Proposed Tony Green, Seconded by Hilary Mercer.
The proposal was agreed by all present.

- 7 **Election of Secretary**
TG noted that only one nomination had been received:
TONY GREEN Proposed by Hilary Mercer, Seconded by Karen Wesson.
The proposal was agreed by all present.

- 8 **Any Other Business**

- i) KW expressed the disappointment of the Group that no representative from CMG had been present. It was noted that although in the constitution, no Doctor had attended the PPG meetings for a long time.
- ii) Rapid Health was discussed at some length and the lack of consultation/input of the PPG prior to its introduction was noted.
Members generally noted that meetings did not allow enough time for

discussion of important issues. SR noted that the CMG presentations were very thorough and useful, but more time needed to discuss changes that had occurred. This was discussed and it was suggested that the report

deal with

important changes. Alternatively, was it possible to make the report available beforehand, then discussion on particular items could be made at the meeting? KW & TG to raise with JC.

iii) The issue of a survey was discussed.

iv) The use of leaflets to raise awareness of the PPG was noted.

v) After discussion, it was agreed the KW & TG to meet JC to clarify how things could move forward between CMG & PPG. **KW&TG**

vi) KW then asked for a brief note of new members' views - these are noted below:

Interested in meetings/concerns re RH/ CMG presentation - too long/ want to help more.

Meetings are positive/need more time to discuss - shorter presentation/ seen changes implemented/no survey

Need name plates on table!/issue of subgroups

Enjoy meetings/query on disabled parking provision

Listening & learning/query receptionists - some social training?

Change is important/like to test policies & procedures/focus on end of life/limited life procedures

vii) Members discussed use of sub groups and TG noted that the existing Steering Group would look into the Constitution, with the addition of new members. It was also agreed to set up a subgroup for fundraising. TG to follow up on these. **TG**

viii) LS noted that an organisation named "The Bereavement Journey" would begin on Wednesday, 6th May, at Holy Trinity Church.

TG then paid tribute to the work of BM over the last 13 years - as a volunteer; accountant; running surveys; taking part in subgroups; attending events; attending other meetings and his particular work in supporting KW & HM during Covid.

TG also referred to BM and himself and their work in British Coal.

On behalf of KW, HM & himself he presented BM with a coal figure, to remind him both of his work with the PPG and his time in Ashby.

9 Date of next AGM

This to take place in March 2027 - precise date to be confirmed.

Date of next normal Meeting - Tuesday 14th April 2026

The dates of all meetings in 2026 were listed on the agenda.

NB *These minutes are draft and will be taken at the AGM in 2027 for confirmation*