



**The League of Friends of Axminster Hospital
Minutes of the Meeting held at Axminster Hospital
Tuesday 7th April 2026**

	<p><u>Present:</u> Steve Holt (SH) - Chair Julian Hussey (JH) Chrissy Cawley (CC) Hazel Cross (HC) Gill George (GG) Delia Driver (DD) Dr Phil Taylor (PT) Margaret Pike (MP) Teresa Denning (TD) Sara Holway (SH) Martine Dack (MD) Helen Arnold (HA)</p> <p><u>Apologies for Absence were received from:</u> Jeanette Ward (JW) Dr Sarah Ellis (SE) Mervyn Symes (MS) Karen Churchill (KC)</p>	<p><u>Action</u></p>
1	<p>Minutes of the Previous Meeting – 24th February 2026 Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as an accurate record of discussions held.</p>	
2.	<p>Matters arising</p>	
3	<p>Financial Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Donations received <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● £144.00 CAF ● £345 AG Down ● £56 Much loved ● £100 Kilmington Table Tennis Club ○ Gift Aid Trustees present were asked to sign amendment to HMRC Gift Aid registration. CC to contact remaining Trustees. ○ Bank Balance 	<p>CC</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £365,195 current account • £200,000 savings account <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 100 Club <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 38 members. The profit from 100 Club for this year was £39. Trustees to encourage membership. Forms available from the Hospital, HA, or website ○ The profit from Quiz was £497 ○ Christmas Cards income was £765.00. 	ALL
4.	<p>Report from Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sara Holway and Martine Dack were thanked for coming to the meeting to update Trustees on Hospice at Home. ○ MD thanked Trustees for their patience during the NHS recruitment process. She confirmed that Hayley Allen was now in post and there had been very positive feedback from patients, families and medical colleagues. Michaela Board will join on 4 May and Helen Smart on 25 May. Both will have an induction period. ○ Launch event Provisional date of 4 June. HA to contact Guildhall re availability. SH to contact Richard Foord. Details to be confirmed but to include presentations by SH, a representative of Community management team and family who have received care from H@H. Possible displays in hall. SH to discuss with Steering group. HA/SH to discuss arrangements. 	HA/SH SH/Steering group HA/SH
5.	<p>Update from Manager</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Axminster Hospice at Home Each patient will receive an information pack which will include a variety of leaflets re League of Friends, counselling, carers etc. An Axminster Hospice at Home leaflet has been drafted for inclusion. HA agreed to add QR code for donations, finalise format and liaise with MD re NHS governance. JH suggested that the leaflet could be accessed digitally via a scanned QR code. All Axminster Hospice at Home patients will be given a gift pack from the League of Friends. An estimate of £20 per box. HA to liaise with MB and HAllen re contents. Donations of toothpaste and 	HA/ MD



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	<p>toothbrushes have been received from Stamford House Dental Practice and Axminster Dental Practice. HA and DD had submitted a bid for funding from the Gibbons Trust to pay for the patient packs. JH had been in contact with EDDC Crematorium Charity re funding. Trustees agreed that the League would fund the packs if we were not successful in our funding bid</p> <p>Fundraising 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coffee Morning 30 April Church Rooms Volunteers needed to make cakes • Annual Open Meeting 19 May Bradshaw Rooms Guest Speaker Rachel Armitage with Meg Clark and Lisa Jones. Title to be 'A Brighter Vision Ahead'. Wine and nibbles to be provided. • Stockland Fair 25 May • Open Farm 7 June Volunteers and cakes needed • Bingo 2 July at Cloakham Lawns. HA to organise raffle and publicity. • Summer Event at Great Jackleigh Farm Chardstock Vintage Tractor and Machinery Club had been very helpful but were unable to run a Tractor Trundle for us. They had provided some advice re organising our own. HA outlined requirements but Trustees felt we did not have the capacity to run such an event. HA to contact MS • Dalwood Country Fair 15 August • Hawkchurch Village Fete 29 August <p>○ Christmas Cards Quotation from Axminster Printing was provided. Trustees decided that Impress Publishing provided better value. HA to place order.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>HA</p> <p>HA</p> <p>HA</p>
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6	<p>Update from Axminster Hospital Representative.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Trustees received a report from TD. <p>Axminster Outpatients</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Clinic - Neurology / Stroke to be every 3 weeks in the physio gym. • Dermatology clinics will no longer be running at Axminster after mid-March. • New Clinic - Gastroenterology, Dr Sean Mole, will be attending Axminster on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, all day, starting at the end of April. • AXM Urology, Miss Walton, has booked 2 dates: 20/04/2026 and 07/09/2026, in clinic room 1 with HCA support. Urology used to be approx. bi-weekly. <p>January Patient Attendance: 1588 DNA – 63</p> <p>February Patient Attendance: 1463 DNA - 69</p> <p>March Patient Attendance: 1651 DNA – 98</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SH expressed his concern that Dermatology and Urology clinics were no longer being held at Axminster. PT stated that it would be beneficial if the League understood the reasons so that we are better able to communicate changes to our population. SH agreed to raise at meeting with Dave Britton and Lucy Ashton on 27 April. SH ○ SH informed Trustees that he had had a reply from Zoe Harris suggesting that the League of Friends might get information re activity at the Hospital from the Communications team. SH to raise this at meeting on 27 April. SH <p>TD agreed to speak to Lara Drake re outpatient information. TD to pass on SH contact information. TD</p>
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7.	AOB <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Flamingo Pool. SH has had discussions with representatives of Axe Vale Show and ACS re a donation to support Flamingo Pool in the short term. This would only be given if the trustees of the pool could show they had a robust financial plan in place.	
8.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING 19.5.2026 AOM 21.7.2026 8.9.2026 17.11.2026	

Agreed _____ Date _____