



STAPLEHURST EMERGENCY HELP TEAM

Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday 29 August 2013 The Youth Club, Staplehurst

Present: Peter Spearink (Chair), Paul Butcher, Anne Finlayson, Donna Friend, Margaret Friswell, Bob Howse, Peter Jeffery, Bill Piper

Apologies: Sue Bassett, Joan Buller, Andrew Farley, Mira Martin, Rory Silkin, Dave Staunton-Lambert

Welcome: Peter took the chair and welcomed the group. In view of the limited attendance it was agreed to defer much of the agenda and to discuss only immediate items.

Peter announced that Derek Towns has had to leave the Team.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed. However it was agreed that they should be reviewed at the next meeting.

Matters Arising:

Terms of Reference and letter to Green World: No report.

Defibrillator: Bill reported that three of the care homes (Abbotsleigh, Iden Manor and Woodland) had replied that they have a defibrillator; however it was also clear that a defibrillator could really only be used on site. Other homes do not have them. Paul suggested that the Carnival Committee be asked if it would purchase one for the community. Other sources of funding were also discussed. We also discussed where they could be located. Spar, Sobell, Gresham and the library were mentioned. Centrality and hours of opening are key considerations. It was also felt that we needed expert advice on their use. Anne offered to research the price of a defibrillator.

Red Cross training: Only two members had come forward: more discussion is needed.

Business: Autumn Exercise: Deferred

Any Other Business: None.

Date of the Next Meeting: To be referred to Rory. It was suggested that members be invited to respond by email.