Date: Monday 23 May 2016  
Time: 19.30 pm  
Venue: Wirksworth Town Hall  
Chair: Pamela Butler (joint chair)

### Minutes

Wirksworth & Masson Branch  
Notes of a Discussion & Campaign Meeting

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| **1. Present**  
Mary Wardle, Roger Green, Joyce Pawley, Helen Knott, Mike Knott, Lucia Whitney, Phil Whitney, Bob Cartwright, Irene Ratcliffe, Izzy Fisher, Fran Hanna, Pamela Butler |

| **2. Apologies**  
Lucy Peacock, Jacob Butler |

Irene had pointed out that as Wirksworth was due to elect a new Town Councillor within the coming month (Labour candidate Izzy Fisher), we are in ‘purdah’ and it was not possible to hold a regular branch meeting. A campaign meeting and discussion was held instead.

Trevor Hyde (retired Wirksworth GP) sent an email (attached – please read) arguing in support of the NHS Reinstatement Bill. The letter was read out and discussed.

- the internal market uses up clinical time in bureaucracy
- cut backs in nurse and doctor training results in money going to the private sector for agency staff, there should be a cap on agency staff
- not enough money is going in, %GDP in UK is among the lowest
- proposal to shut 3000 community pharmacies as many are in clusters; however the clusters are in populated and often deprived areas where the pharmacies are heavily used.
- proposal to shut 300 A&E units – some of the heavy demand for A&E is result of difficulty faced in getting to a GP.
- Hannage Brook is closing for minor injuries
- Need to stop ‘saving’ which is a cover for cuts.
- Linking of health with social care is purposefully to hide the black hole in mental health
- People commented on the invisibility of Shadow Health Minister Heidi Alexander, especially during the Jr Doctors’ Strike.
- Under Blair many people went along with marketisation and now
we have a PLP where few people know what the NHS should be. Numbers of MPs, including Labour MPs & Lords, have interests in private health.

It was agreed there is a policy to dismantle the NHS and unanimous agreement on putting a stop to privatisation.

3. Irene is on the DCC Health Scrutiny Committee. There will be a consultation at the end of June on some changes to care in the Community.

4. Wirksworth Farmers Market stall at the Cruck Beam
   - 4 June – agreed to focus on the EU
   - September on refugees

5. ACTIONS
   - Invite Trevor Hyde to speak at a future Branch meeting
   - Write to NEC to deplore that so few Labour MPs were present at last reading of the NHS Reinstatement Bill
   - Bob volunteered to research a position paper for 1st week in July
   - Speaker from Hannage to be invited
   - Agreed to join campaign to ask Clinical Commissioning Group not to take contract away from our GPs
   - Blog to have a link to the Hannage Brook campaign website

6. DATE OF NEXT BRANCH MEETING
   Monday 27 June 7.30pm Wirksworth Town Hall
   Guest speaker: Roger Green on the Economy

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**Derbyshire Dales**

**Purpose and Structure of Branches, Managing Finances & Data Protection**

- To enable local members, affiliated members and supporters to meet discuss areas of interest and campaign on issues of importance.

- To be aware of local issues and share them within the branch.

- To bring issues and ideas for discussion to constituency meetings.

- To promote discussion and a greater understanding of the national Labour policy.

- To educate members on how the Labour Party functions and how members can influence party policy.

- To support and recruit local people & welcome new members. Sometimes members may wish to attend a different Derbyshire Dales branch.

- To chase up lapsed members, encourage supporters to take on full membership and check contact details.

- To identify candidates who are willing to stand for Parish, Town, District and Borough seats within their area (County seats are open to anyone living within Derbyshire although local candidates are more likely to be able to represent their electorate)

- To provide information on the role of a councillor along with the expected time commitment, responsibilities and methods of winning support.
• To ensure that members are aware of dates of meetings and activities of all branches in the constituency.

• To review branch development & success annually and report through to the constituency.

• Affiliated members and supporters need to become full members to vote within branches and the constituency.