



Chapel Row Surgery - Patient Participation Group

Meeting Held on Tuesday 28 January 2025 @ 7:30pm

Present: Barry Dickens Rosemary Balsdon Michelle Walker Edgar Valentine	Paul Gomm (Practice Manager)
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Action

APOLOGIES:

- Julia Baker sends her apologies as she is unable to attend this meeting
- Carol Gower sends her apologies as she is unable to attend this meeting
- Elaine Wells sends her apologies as she is unable to attend this meeting

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed to be a true representation of that meeting.

MATTERS ARISING:

- There were no matters arising

AGENDA ITEMS:

North East Thatcham Housing Development

- Barry Dickens (BD) provided a brief update regarding the proposed housing development.
- The deadline for public views, comments and objections at West Berkshire Council is midnight Friday 31 January 2025 and BD encouraged anyone who has not yet provided their feedback to the council, to do so before the deadline at the end of this week.

- BD advised Thatcham Town Council and Bucklebury Parish Council have provided their views to West Berkshire Council.
- A decision regarding the future housing plans will be made by the council in March / April 2025 and it is considered likely that the council will adopt a future housing plan in May 2025.
- Assuming this all happens as expected, the planning for the final North East Thatcham Housing Development will proceed over the following 12 months, with the first houses expected in 2030/31.
- BD advised that there is a continuing dialogue regarding the provision of space for a building of a new Health Centre within the housing development, but the developers are likely to resist providing any funding until the first phase or two of houses have been built and the developers have the cash flow to provide any agreed funding.
- BD advised that this is likely to be challenged, to try to achieve funding for, and the planning and building of, a new Health Centre as early as possible so that the new house residents have a new health centre to attend.
- Edgar Valentine (EV) raised the issue of water supply, drainage and sewerage and BD advised this is, and always has been, the sole responsibility of Thames Water, who are aware of and considering the plans and the requirements of the development.

Surgery Update

- Paul Gomm (PSG - Practice Manager) provided an update on recent developments at the surgery.
- Firstly, we have a new Lead Nurse, Becky Patton, who started with us in November 2024 and is settling into the surgery team very well.
- Becky is an experienced and very capable nurse and is the new team leader of our busy nursing team and this is progressing well.
- Secondly, Paul has decided to retire from his role as Practice Manager, after 24 years at Chapel Row Surgery, and will leave the practice at the end of April 2025.
- Paul advised the Partners are interviewing for a replacement manager now and this is progressing well, with interviews set for the week commencing 10 Feb 2025.

At this point in the meeting, (approx. 8.00pm), the chairman Barry Dickens decided to abandon tonight's meeting as the invited guest, Mr Simon Shaw of Healthwatch Reading and the GP representative Dr Lennox had both failed to arrive for this meeting.

BD asked PSG to organise another replacement PPG meeting for a date in the next week or two.

Some of tonight's meeting attendees are already attending other meetings next week and so PSG will consider a date in the week commencing 10 Feb.

Meeting closed at 8:05pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday 12 February 2025 @ 7.30 pm

AGREED ACTION POINTS:

<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>AGREED ACTION</u>
NONE	

END OF MEETING MINUTES