



Patient Participation Group

Meeting held at Long Bennington Village Hall

Wednesday 27th May 2026 at 10.00am.

Attendees: Andy Taylor, Chair (AT), Jane Evans (JE), Nicola Bland (NB), John Leighton (JohnL), Jeanne Lambert (JanL), Simon Bray (SB), Keith Bowers (KB) and Michelle Gilbert (MG)

1. Apologies for absence:

- Lizzie Kay-Stott (LKS), Kate Fisher (KS), Eileen Ross (ER), Dr Peter Watson (PW) and Natasha Haggerty (NH). It was confirmed Vikki Akinyemi no longer works at the surgery.
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2. Approval of minutes of previous meeting held 22nd April 2026 – agreed as a true and accurate record.

3. Matters arising.

- Foston Neighbours – it was confirmed there is a standing invitation to the lunches
- Refreshments after walks – it was agreed to continue the post walk drinks at the surgery and an alternative venue for the winter is to be sought later in the year. Action JE
- The use of the LB village hall opening video is being investigated. SB offered to edit. Action LKS and SB.
- Forward Planning – to be carried forward to the next meeting when LKS is present.
- Rotary – it was confirmed a meeting has been arranged and feedback will be provided at the next meeting. Action AT

4. Surgery updates.

- No report

5. Well-being walk update.

- Three new people attended the away walk, with 19 walking from Dry Doddington to Stubton and back.
- It was confirmed that from the local walks will be each first Wednesday at 10.00am and the away walks are the third Wednesday

6. DNA's April

- No report

7. Home Visit support - NB.

- No report



8. Dementia Group Support - NB

- NB advised an exercise session has taken place. A talk has been booked regarding welfare and benefits for the next meeting, and a music therapist has been arranged for July.

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9. Foston Neighbours.

- It was reported that the breakfast club and lunches continue to be successful. Lunches are oversubscribed and this situation is under discussion.

10. Forward Planning

- It was agreed to carry this forward to the next meeting when LKS is present.

11. PPG Bank Account

- It was confirmed the application has now been submitted and key contacts on the application will be contacted to move the application forward.
- SB asked for a copy of an invoice recently paid by the Parish Council (an interim arrangement until the PPG bank account is open) and this it to be arranged. ACTION NB

12. Sourcing of Auditor

- AT advised contact has been made with Saviour Accounting. Following further discussion, it was agreed not to take this forward. Instead, a volunteer is to be sought to undertake an audit. ACTION JE

13. DBS checks for PPG Members

- AT referred to an email circulated prior to the meeting. It was agreed to keep Foston Neighbours and Long Bennington separate. LKS to take this forward once the new account has been opened.
- ER is to be asked to approach uCheck to open a separate account and to clarify the fee structure. ACTION ER
- It was agreed everyone should have a DBS.

Any other business:

- NB referred to an equipment amnesty, and it was agreed that an account is to be opened with Millbrook. Items can then be received, logged and then collected on a nominated date.
- It was agreed to discuss this further at the next meeting.

Meeting closed 10.50am

DONM: Wednesday 24th June 2026 at 10.00am.



Actions:

1. Consider the use of the video of the LB village hall opening is being investigated. SB offered to edit. Action LKS and SB.
2. Forward Planning – to be carried forward to the next meeting when LKS is present. ACTION JE/LKS
3. Rotary – it was confirmed a meeting has been arranged and feedback will be provided at the next meeting. ACTION AT
4. Well-being walks – to approach The Reindeer or The Royal Oak at the end of the summer to discuss availability of refreshments following the walks. JE/KB/JL
5. A copy of an invoice relating to the Dementia Group, recently paid by the Parish Council (an interim arrangement until the PPG bank account is open), is to be forwarded to SB. ACTION NB
6. PPG Accounts audit – volunteer to be sought. ACTION JE
7. DBS Checks – uCheck to be approached to open a separate account and to clarify the fee structure. ACTION ER