1. Attendees

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| Frank Smith **(FS)** | Julie Attwood (**JA**) | Claudette Neville (**CN**) | Sue Kork (**SK**) |
| Jill Westwood (**JW)** | Anna Gilson (**AG)** | Angela Saunders **(AS),** |  |

Apologies –Angela Suter **(ASu)** Betty McBride **(BM)**

1. **FS** welcomed Julie Attwood as a new committee member
2. Minutes of last meeting – Tuesday 17th September 2024, approved and signed
3. Matters arising

* NHS App- Some patients who have ordered their medication on line had their request refused. **AS** reported that this is an NHS problem rather than the surgery but that the problems seem to be resolving.
* Rural PCN PPGs – **CN** reported she has had no further contact regarding this.

1. Practice update –

* **AS** was pleased to report that the Dispensary team is now complete and that the turn around for prescriptions has improved, with texts usually sent to patients when the meds are ready.
* **AS** meets with other PCN Practice Managers weekly via Teams and once a month face to face. She hopes to arrange the same support for other team disciplines starting with the Dispensary team.
* Fairfield surgery will no longer do blood testsif you are asked for this by a hospital Consultant, hospital clinic or private health care provider (as this is not part of their contract with NHS England).  
  Patients will need to book an appointment with either of the phlebotomy teams below:

- Bexhill Diagnostics Centre, 16 Beeching Road, Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex TN39 3LJ

- The Conquest Hospital, The Ridge, St Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex TN37 7RD

* There will be an impact on surgeries from the new budget as positive proposals for the NHS do not apply to GP surgeries.

1. AOB Preliminary discussion re a PPG initiative for 2025. Initial suggestions to cover nutrition and the problems with processed foods, also mental health issues where there is little support available for patients in the community. **AS** will ask the GP partners for their thoughts on these or other ideas.
2. Date of next meeting - Tuesday 21st January 2025

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