



Minutes of the walnut tree PPG meeting held at wthc on the 13th January 2026

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| Attendees | Sabrina Kan (SK) Anne Burkle (AB) Mary Charlewood (MC) : Russell O'Brien (RO) Mary McMahon (MM) Anne Baggott (AB): Donna Burbidge (DB) |
| Apologies | Dilip Nathwani: Hiteshree Nathwani: Stephanie Warren: Steven Riggs: Brian Maxwell: Marion Stevenson-Hoare: Jacqui Theobald: Ian McColl: Dan Preston (WCC) |
| New Members | |
| Chairperson | Janet Smith (JS) |
| Practice Representatives | Kylie Jordan (KJ) Clare Briars(CB) |

1. Welcome and apologies

JS welcomed all present to the meeting and wished them a belated Happy New Year. Apologies had been received from Dilip and Hiteshree Nathwani, Stephen Riggs and Brian Maxwell, Ian McColl, Jacqui Theobald, Marion Stevenson- Hoare, Dan Preston, and Stephanie Warren.

2. Matters arising from the previous meeting

None arising and thus the minutes taken as a true reflection.

3. Report from the surgery.

CB reported that Lead Practice Nurse Rebecca Mounch would be sadly leaving at the end of January 2026. The committee wished thanks to go to Rebecca who had been a great support to the practice over the past 11 years. Practice Nurse Rachel Price will be joining the practice and taking on the role of Lead Nurse from March 2026.

Nurse Paula Gawronska left the surgery at the end of December 2025 and the practice is having difficulties filling her position with a nurse with equivalent respiratory speciality – The practice is using Agency and ad hoc nurses from other MK Practices until the post is filled permanently.

No DNA figures were available at the time of the meeting.

CB reported that she had registered the PPG with the National Association of PPG but noted to date she had not had an acknowledgment.

PS To the above JS investigated and found that sadly National Association of PPG had sadly dissolved after 48 years of campaigning for NHS patients.

Ian McColl had sent a request asking for clarification of the entry routes for the Engage Consult – having two login options for access seemed confusing - NHS and Engage Consult access. It was explained that the choice allowed patients access to the same Engage Consult route without having to create an Engage consult login if the pt doesn't want to – JS agreed to convey and explain.

JS asked when the surgery was last inspected by the CQC – KJ reported that the last inspection was in 2016 and the surgery was rated 'Good'. RO reported that from official patient feedback the WTHC continued to be rated as one of the top practices

in the area.

4. **Group PPG meeting to be held on the 20th of January 2026**

Having reported in the last minutes that Group Chair meetings were not envisaged for the near future and that the ICB would be taking over such roles from Healthwatch there appears to have been a complete turn around and HealthWatch would be hosting a PPG meeting at the CMK Health Centre on the 20th of January. JS had been invited to attend and would be interested in what the future held for PPGs in general.

With the closing of the NAPPG and the previous lack of support for PPG combined meetings in the area, JS felt that the forthcoming meeting would be an ideal forum to promote regular meetings between PPGs in the area. JS to report back at the next meeting.

5. **Walking Group**

JS reported that the walking group was progressing well and would always welcome any new members. The emotional support gained from the talking with others was as great a gain as the exercise.

6. **Newsletter**

KJ reported that the network issue in accessing the newsletter had been fixed and was therefore now available to patients via the Walnut Tree website.

JR provided a handout that she had obtained at Whaddon surgery promoting PPG interest and it was agreed that we would provide something similar in the next newsletter.

7. **Any Other**

Further discussions were held on our inclusion with the next WCC community market to be held in April. The Prostate Cancer unit were happy to attend, and IM would set up meetings with DP to arrange. CB was concerned about the parking arrangements and suggested that the WTHC parking could rather be utilised as the unit would not be able to park on the grass of Hindhead Knoll.

Discussions were then led by RO as to the support the Saturday market now drew and perhaps to arrange for the Prostate testing Unit to be done on a Friday at the WTHC and to combine with another coffee morning. If this was agreed, we could combine to raise funds for a local charity, such as The Henry Allen Trust and the Emilies Star. JS would investigate.

With no further business JS thanked the members who had attended. The next meeting has been scheduled for the 10th of March 2026 at 11:00.

