

Saxon Spires Patient Participation Group

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 24th February 2026

At the Brixworth Surgery

17:30 hrs to 18:30 hrs

Attending

Sarah Berry (Practice Manager), Paul Bold, Marie Borrill, Sue Brady (Vice Chair), Michael Brady (Treasurer), Keith Dobell (Chair), Ann Gray, Dorothy Hill, Barbara Hogg (Secretary), Dr Chris Lovatt, Sue Marshall, Mike Parsons, Barrie Sollars, Rosemary Ward, Dr Rob White, Councillor Jonathan Harris (WNC ward councillor for Brixworth).

Apologies

Dr Julia Boon, Sarah Farrell, Maggie Goodwin, Louise Smart, Sian Iles, Dr Julia Railson, Angela Tilston.

Matters arising from the minutes

None.

Practice News

- Dr Rob White was introduced and welcomed to the group for the first time. He has been with the Practice now for about 6 months.
- Dr Catti Moss has finally decided to fully retire and leaves at the end of March. She has been with the Practice many years and latterly specialised in skin care.
- Dr Chris Lovatt made 2 announcements, the first to invite participation in a £60 “Toilet Twinning” exercise which is aimed at encouraging clean water and sanitation in the third world. This is an initiative by the Tear Fund to connect individuals to those in need of proper sanitation. The second was to inform that he intends to retire at the end of September 2026 - a little earlier than planned but necessary for family reasons.

- There will be another Covid booster programme in the Spring commencing 14th April aimed at the over 75s and those who may be vulnerable. Invitations will be sent out prior to that date.
- The Guilsborough dispensary has now moved and a new hatch is now available for prescribed medicines. Some NHS improvement buildings funding has been granted to the Guilsborough site which will be going on shortly but the building will remain open.

Treasurers Report

Repeat from the previous meeting, No activity in the recent past, the account stands at a balance of £284.17

Carers Meetings

Appreciation was expressed for the information on the Carers website and those who attend and supervise the meetings. We should endeavour to get a regular spot for this in the Bulletin. Attendance is good around 16 to 20 per session. The WhatsApp group appears to be working well.

Walks

Still well attended with about 25 attending in January and February. Next walk scheduled for March 16 commencing at the Spencer Arms in Church Brampton. The usual format is walk for one hour and attend the pub for up to 3 hours, thus providing exercise and social interaction.

Village Actions/Facebook

Although there are approximately 30 residents registered as SPPG members, not all are attending and it is felt that a recruitment drive for younger people would be beneficial. To boost interest membership could be extended to include new people receiving only minutes for information and recruitment through other community groups. The Practice is comfortable with advertising the group on its site and advertising on 'Brixworth Let us Know' is suggested.

Succession Planning

Some discussion on how long members should hold elected posts within the group and a time of 3 years was proposed. To be discussed at the AGM in May.

Any Other Business

The current consultation period regarding the West Northamptonshire Local Plan was briefly discussed. All rural villages within the council area are expected to absorb a certain number of new dwellings. It is likely that this will impact on the two surgeries and it was agreed to try to evaluate that risk. The Brixworth strategic planning group have already started dialogue with the school in Brixworth and requested an opportunity to meet with the Practice manager to estimate the impact of various numbers of new homes. A meeting was agreed and the information gained will be reported to both planning and patients groups.

Date and Time of the Next Meeting

NOTE the time:

Wednesday 20th May 2026 – Guilsborough Surgery at 6.30 pm.

This will be the Annual General Meeting