**PPG Meeting Tuesday 2o February 2018**

Present: Dr James Ogle

Jenny Dowling

Mary Harrison

Jacqui Oakley

Lynne King

Sheila Adcock

Joan Hawkins

Lynda Jones

Ozzy O’Shea (Invited Guest– Ratby Parrish Councillor/Hinckley & Bosworth Councillor)

Apologies Sue Rudland

**James** thanked Ozzy for coming along to our meeting the purpose of which was to

ask Ozzy for advise on how the practice should approach the Borough Council

regarding a planning application for the land on Desford Lane as a New Medical

Centre for our patients. The land does site outside the village settlement plan.

**Ozzy** suggested

* We speak to the Borough Planning Department
* Possibly put in a pre-application plan (Ozzy will find out the cost for this)
* Put together as much supporting evidence as possible
* Speak to Highways

**Mary** kindly offered her husband’s support as his work includes liaising with various

planning departments and dealing with planning applications also planning refusals.

James accepted this offer of his professional advice.

**Jenny** updated the meeting of her recent meeting with Vicky Utting (Team Leader of

the Local Area Co-Ordinators) Jenny wanted answers as to why Groby & Ratby had not been offered an Area Co-Ordinator when most practices with the Hinckley locality

had area co-ordinators. Vicky spoke to the Manager and sent an email back to Jenny

saying there was no further funding for even a part-time Co-Ordinator, she suggested

we may want to ‘go it alone’ with willing volunteers. It was felt that if other practices

had co-ordinators why shouldn’t Ratby. Ozzy suggested we write to David Tredinick with our concerns.

Jenny said she would put a letter together and email a copy to Ozzy .

Jenny circulated copies of the Federation Board Meetings for members to take away

to read.

**Sheila** updated the group on a new Chaplaincy service in collaboration with Ratby Church

(Ed Bampton & Joan Hawkins) have helped develop. During consultations clinicians

often see patients that are lonely, housebound, recently bereaved who with their consent

will be referred to the Chaplaincy. The meeting can take place either in their own home

or at the surgery. This is not faith led but can be should the patient want this. It is a

listening ear. They will be given details of various activities and groups in the village

they may be interested in getting involved with. There is a visiting service for the house

bound. Patients can request either a male or female befriender (all will be DRB checked).

This is an ideal opportunity for the Surgery to work closely with the local community.

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**Lynne** had received a letter offering NHS Home Eye Tests, she was concerned that this

was an NHS led service which seemed a waste of resources . James read the leaflet and although there was an NHS logo it was in fact a private optician offering home visits for residents who were eligible for NHS treatment.

**Lynda** (being registered blind) made the point that our disabled access was not easy to

negotiate and another rail should be fitted. James said the practice would look at this,

although we are restricted by the existing doorway layout.

Lynda asked about the Pneumococcal Vaccination being given to patients every 5 years,

as her son had recently had Pneumonia and had been told he should have a repeat

vaccination every 5 years. James explained the vaccination was usually a one off

vaccination, although some patients with an Immune system deficiency may be given

this every 5 years. This was usually advised by a consultant at the hospital, should

we receive such a request this is entered on the patients records as a reminder with

the repeat vaccination date. We couldn’t comment on how other practice’s recorded these requests.

**Next Meeting Tuesday 8 May 2018 6pm here at the surgery**