**BOTTISHAM MEDICAL PRACTICE PATIENTS’ GROUP**

**AGM 3 April 2025**

**Held at Bottisham Medical Practice**

**Present:** Steve Gilson (Chair),Dr Shackleton, Christopher Welton (treasurer), Jenny Langdon (secretary), Carolin Tidbury, Claire Daunton and 18 other patients..

1. **Apologies:** Janet Aves, Vikki Hodges.
2. **Chairman’s Report:** Steve welcomed Dr Shackleton and all those attending. He presented the chairman’s report (copy attached).
3. **Minutes of AGM 2024:** These had been agreed and accepted by the committee.
4. **Matters Arising:** Nothing to report.
5. **Treasurer’s Report:** Christopher gave a very short report giving the current balance as £324.59. He thanked the accounts examiner John Overton and was pleased to say that Mr Overton was prepared to continue in this role.
6. **Election of Office Holders:**  As the existing holders of the positions were prepared to continue and there were no other nominations or objections, no changes were made.
7. **From the Practice:** Dr Shackleton talked to the meeting. He reported the appointment of an experienced nurse, Isabel Gomes, and recruitment of a new paramedic is underway. The Practice has a new device for diagnosing asthma. They are no longer prescribing drugs such as Diazepam for phobias such as flying, or medical procedures which patients will need to discuss with the hospital doing the investigation. Drug shortages continue to be an issue and the Practice works hard to try and find alternatives. A new dispenser is starting soon. Lighting in the car park has been improved and a gardener appointed. The financial situation for Cambridge and Peterborough Integrated Care Board is now neutral and debts sorted. The new GP national contract has been agreed and investment in practices promised. As the Practice is a training one, students come to the surgery and need to see patients and do home visits. They see patients with chronic conditions and prepare a history. The surgery keeps a list of those patients who are prepared to be involved. The Practice will not be using the digital front door and on the website, there is a contact button. There are appointments bookable online
8. **Future Talks and Ideas for the year ahead:** Following questions subjects for future discussions were suggested - dementia and prewarning, a Basic Life Support session with Dr Keith, end of life and cancer care, motor neurone disease and the cancer help centre Maggies.
9. **Committee Members:** No volunteers forthcoming.
10. **A.O.B:** It had been decided to now hold meetings 3 monthly in order to accommodate GP attendance.
11. **Next Meeting:** This will be in July 2025 on a date to be decided and notified via publicity. 6.30pm in the surgery. All patients eligible to join in and need to contact steve.gilson@btinternet.com for joining details.