**Alton Patient Participation Group**

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 14th March 2023**

**at 12.30pm**

**Present:** **Dorothy Clohesy (Chair), Carol Edwards (Vice Chair), Heather Hall (Practice Manager),**

**Angie Hurst, Yvonne Somerville and Elaine Plant (Secretary)**

**Dr Hampton, Dr Leggett and a Physician Associate Student also attended.**

**1. Apologies**: None

**2. Minutes of the last meeting:**

The minutes were a true record of the last meeting on the 14th February 2023.

**3. DC** thanked everyone for attending the meeting at 12.30pm in order for Dr Hampton and Dr Leggett to attend.

All members introduced themselves to the Doctors. The meeting was then dedicated to the new **GPs’ Contract** which the Government proposes to introduce nationwide on 1st April 2023.

The Doctors explained how the proposed imposition of the Government’s new GP Contract would cause a lot of problems nationwide especially for rural practices like Alton.

A lengthy discussion took place on the proposed Government changes and how they will affect Alton Surgery. However until these changes have actually been imposed it was felt that it would be inappropriate at this stage to report on the implications. Patients will be informed of any future changes that may take place in due course.

Further topics discussed were:

* Appointments
* NHS App
* Self Referrals
* Physiotherapy
* Spring Covid Boosters commencing April
* Phone system – looking at end of April for new system
* Dementia Awareness day at surgery 14th April
* Counselling
* Transport

**DC** thanked the Doctors for attending the meeting and answering queries.

**4. Date of next meeting: 11th April at 10.00am**

**Future Meetings: 9th May, 13th June, 11th July, 12th September, 10th October, 14th November and 12th December – all commencing at 10.00am.**