Minutes of Meeting Tuesday 28 November 2023

Present:

Brenda Bell, David Bell. Ian Holland, Gail Johnson, Sue Atherton, Lesley Wells, Marion Hall, Sharon Conroy, Dr Huseen, Dr Shaw, Lauren Fernley, Angela Maine.

Apologies: Alice Burns.

The resignation of June Green for personal reasons was announced by Angela.

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

This meeting was convened to discuss the proposed new surgery at New House Farm site. Mixed reactions have been received following the announcement and the negative feedback included the following:

- Greater distance to be travelled
- Possible exclusion of some patients

It was made clear that these factors have been taken into account and exclusion of patients will not be happening. All patients registered with Mickleover Surgery will move with the practice. The new proposed building will be on a bus route. Once agreed, it is expected that the project would take about 3 or 4 years to be completed in any case.

The surgery wants to explain how carefully these, and other factors are viewed, and this information needs to be provided to the widest possible audience. Ways in which this could be done were explored and the following suggestions ensued:

- An open day type of event to explain what is proposed and answer any questions patients or the more general public, may have.
- It was also suggested that we might try to get the developers involved in the event to show their plans and gain additional support.
- An article to be produced by the PPG to provide detail and support to the proposals and potentially respond, in part, to articles previously published externally which gave a negative view.

There is an urgency for the relocation proposal to be firmed up since the housing developers are nearing their initial target of 250 houses being occupied. For this reason, a further meeting of the PPG has been brought forward to Tuesday 9 January 2024 at 18:30.