

**Pocklington & District u3a**  
Minutes of Committee meeting

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2025 10am  
Pocklington Rugby Club, Burnby Lane.

*Present:*

Neil Barrett, Christina Burn, Simon Eggleston (Chair), Polly Fothergill, David Hebden, Gerry Hutchinson, Pauline Slater, Les Smith, Margaret Stubbs, Ralph Voke.

*Apologies:* Richard Antcliff, Rosemarie Kennedy (Secretary), Moira Laverack, Michael May, Rosemary Waugh.

**1. Welcome:** S.E.

**2. Minutes of previous meeting** 21<sup>st</sup> October approved.

**3. Matters arising:**

DH raised the matter of donations to other charities, with reference to us funding some equipment for Burnby Community Hall. U3a support have explained that we can 'purchase equipment that will benefit all members, and store it at the venue. Use by other parties will not be covered by u3a insurance, but may be covered by the venue's insurance. Donations can only be made to other charities that have same same/similar objectives to u3a'. Discussion followed, and we can justify the latter as BCH also supports the community, and provides learning, culture, and laughter, all in line with our u3a principles.

MS raised the matter of the u3a games afternoons, and said that she would like to pass this on to someone else for future. Discussion followed about whether u3a should fund this event, as it does for e.g. the disco, or should members pay to take part. Agreed that if this is an occasional event u3a will fund it, but if it becomes a regular event it should become a self-funding u3a group. Agreed that it is popular and should continue - if someone volunteers to organize it.

MS proposed that u3a should host/organize the next Wolds Day event, on the basis that it is a community cultural learning event, and was popular. PF seconded the motion. It will be added to u3a events for 2026.

MS proposed that we open an 'Ideas group' to create events for u3a members. It was thought that u3a Committee is already such a body.

*Drop-in speakers:* It was agreed that the drop-ins are not the best environment for a speaker as they are an event where members can socialize and participate, e.g. with the now very popular games tables.

*Publicity for u3a events:* MS felt that some events are not being promoted fully, and that copy is sometimes edited. Not everyone uses Facebook, or visits the website, or reads the newsletter email. Suggested that maybe a listing of 'events for the month' could be created, and inserted in monthly newsletters, also that a specific email is sent to all members.

**4. Chair's report:**

SE reminded us that the plaque to commemorate 25 years of u3a in Pock has been made, and asked what we should do with it? Problem solved as current whereabouts of the plaque is uncertain. Deferred until plaque is found.

*Action:* SE will enquire about fixing the plaque to the wall at BCH.

**5. Vice Chair's report:** No matters to report this month.

**6. Treasurer's report:**

*Current balances:* Main a/c £4123, Subscription a/c £1990, petty cash £114. Total = £6227.20. There are no outstanding bills.

Agreed that RA be added to bank mandate.

Laptops: Membership Sec (CB) & New Member (RV) laptops are both compatible with Windows 11. Treasurer (DH) & Webmaster (CS) laptops are *not* compatible so ought to be replaced before October 2026. Purchase of laptop for Group Coordinator (LS) has been approved, LS and NB are to organize this.

**7. Membership Secretary's update:**

CB reported that we now have 731 paid up members. RV reported that all emails regarding membership now draw attention to the 2026 membership fee of £15.

*Action: please could this be mentioned in all newsletters from now on.*

**8. Secretary's report:** No matters to report this month.

**9. Groups:**

LS reported that Alan Blake is standing down as leader of Spanish Intermediate B & C, and that Ann Behdarvandi will take over leadership.

**10. Woodland Walk:** RW not present so deferred until next time.

**11. Midwinter Music:**

PF has arranged for group leaders, catering team, and any committee members, to visit All Saints church this *Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November 10am*, to familiarize themselves with seating arrangements, power sockets, catering facilities, etc.

*Refreshments:* DH has ordered 100 plastic glasses to serve wine, and will source paper(?) cups for tea & coffee, 12 bottles of white wine, 6 of red, mini mince pies, paper napkins, tea & coffee, etc, and this will be shared with the previous week's Christmas drop-in.

*Volunteers for refreshment team:* CB, PS, MS, DH + others?

PF would prefer not to be given any thank you gift this year, but this was appreciated last year for contributing the original idea. PF also suggested that u3a buy a bouquet to present to Pauline Atkinson at the end of the event as she has stepped in to organize the music, and will be our MC. Agreed up to value of £15.

*Action: PF will buy the bouquet on 10<sup>th</sup> December. On Friday PF will establish exactly how much All Saints will charge for use of the church, how this is to be paid, and will report to DH.*

**12. AOB:** No other business.

**13. Date of next committee meeting:** Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2025, 10am, Rugby Club, Burnby Lane.

*P.F. 18<sup>th</sup> November 2025*