

Pocklington & District u3a
Minutes of Committee meeting

Tuesday 15th July 2025 10am
Pocklington Rugby Club, Burnby Lane.

Present:

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

Apologies: Michael May.

Minutes of previous meeting 17th June approved.

Matters arising:

Pockdown festival Saturday 26th July. Noon-6pm. 10am open. 11.30am suggested arrival for committee members. Parking is very restricted.

Action: L.S. to bring gazebo + a game to attract children and grandparents to our stand. D.H. to bring sweets as prizes. S.E. to bring u3a banners. All to bring own chair.

Drop-ins: S.E. has checked u3a constitution and we are permitted to 'cooperate with other charitable organizations' so we may invite speakers from charities. We will prioritise those of local interest. P.S. suggested we have a speaker from the 'People's Pantry' at a forthcoming drop-in.

AGM: M.S. suggested at next AGM we keep business brief, and report on the year's successes, then have a speaker. Minutes of 2025 AGM will now go on Pock&D u3a website but, as they will not be formally accepted until next year's AGM, they will appear as 'draft' minutes.

Action: ideas please for an 'entertaining speaker' for next AGM.

Chair's report:

Health Fair, Market Weighton: Saturday 16th August, 11am-3pm.

Action: Volunteers please - look for email from R.W. to choose a time slot. S.E. to bring u3a banners.

East Yorkshire Accord Group - the collective of 11 u3as. Meetings are quarterly. Subject of next meeting 'Membership Secretaries & Chairs' Purpose: networking, and sharing good practice. Any individual member can 'apply' to join another area's interest group by contacting the group leader. E.g. we have 9 Accord members who come to Pock u3a groups.

Action: R.W. will promote this benefit in next newsletter. Next Accord Meeting L.S., S.E. and C.B. will represent Pock&D u3a.

Green Prescribing: L.S. will find out more about this and report back. D.H. suggested this could be a topic for a future Drop-in.

U3a equipment: R.W. still has an old 'official' u3a printer, may she buy it? D.H. stated that it has no value so she may keep it.

Treasurer's report:

Current balance: £6,693.73, with outstanding bills of £263. Full details available from D.H. who explained that the 'odd' pence is because payments by card reader (SumUp) cost 24p each, Paypal payments cost 65p each.

Group finances: all groups should be self-funding. Groups may hold a float up to £100. Note a total of £300 cash at any one time is the maximum covered by insurance.

Venue hire fees: D.H. reported that we are not charged for Rugby Club meeting room for committee meetings.

D.H. has booked Burnby Hall for drop-ins up to end Sept 2025, and R.K. has booked same for the whole of 2026.

Change of bank mandate: 2 signatures are required for transactions, by any two of the approved signatories. These are now being changed as follows: Simon Eggleston replaces John Senior, Rosemarie Kennedy replaces Rosemary Waugh, Christina Burn replaces Moira Laverack.

Membership Secretary's update:

C.B. reported that we now have 704 members (although it might be 705 if we can locate the missing 'Mari' who paid by Paypal!)

Groups:

L.S. reported changes of leadership as follows: Art Practical: Mandy Levitt replaces Steve Fraser, Ukulele group 2: Jeannette Carman replaces Rob Donoghue.

Updating group status: L.S. reported that the 6 'usual suspects' have still not completed requests for up-to-date information.

Action: M.S. knows two of the leaders and will 'encourage' them to contact L.S.

Pétanque group: this can be found on the website under 'Physical Activities' and is listed as 'Boules/pétanque'. M.S. reported that there is some current difficulty with non-members being invited to play games *within* the u3a group. A discussion followed to clarify the situation. Current thinking is that a u3a team may play *against* a public team, but that members of the public may not play *within* a u3a team. Such members of the public should be encouraged to join u3a. D.H. clarified accident liability means that if a u3a member injures someone it is covered by u3a insurance, but if a non-member injures a member it is not covered.

Action: M.S. will be a link person with Pock Council on Pétanque court usage.

Group availability:

Chris Smith has requested updated information for the Pock&D u3a website. D.H. is working on a spreadsheet to show which groups operate on which days of the week, but fortnightly meetings are complicating this. S.E. reported that some other u3as, e.g. The Caves, list groups by 'day of week' which helps members choose. Group Coordinator (L.S.) will continue working to keep group information up to date, and inform Webmaster Chris accordingly. It was identified that Chris Smith does an excellent job of keeping the Pock&D u3a website up to date, but there is no deputy to take over if she is ever out of action.

Action: S.E. will talk with Chris Smith at next drop-in. L.S. suggested we make this a topic at a future committee meeting.

Secretary's Report:

R.K. felt everything had been covered during meeting.

Games afternoon:

M.S. reported that this was very successful, and valued as a social event. Suggested this becomes a more regular event, participants paying £2 per session, and friends could be invited (recruitment incentive). Agreed to try from October. *Action:* M.S. to coordinate.

Midwinter Music:

P.F. requested that we choose a venue + possible dates in December. Agreed that All Saints church is a warmer venue than Burnby Hall, with better acoustics (and we can serve alcohol!).

Action: M.S. will enquire if 11th December (4th December 2nd choice) is available.

P.F. to coordinate.

7th August drop-in, display by Photography group:

This will go ahead. M.S. asked if Photography group would also consider a display at Pock Arts Centre on 27th September to help promote Pock&D u3a.

Action: N.B. to coordinate both of above.

Focus for 4th September drop-in:

Action: R.W. volunteered to prepare a quiz for attendees.

AOB:

Tree planting: discussion about suitable location.

Action: G.H. to enquire at Burnby Hall Gardens about siting a tree in the grounds. M.S. to enquire with Pock Council if there might be a site in town for a planter, as an alternative to a tree. Discuss at a future meeting.

U3a property held by individuals: L.S. asked if this is acceptable? Agreed it is.

Approved venues for group sessions: G.H. asked if the list of venues need to be updated in the handbook. L.S. reported that it is updated on Beacon so this can be transferred to the Pock&D u3a website. D.H. asked if we could consider displaying a small plaque in venues used by u3a to raise awareness. Discuss at future meeting.

Date of next committee meeting: Tuesday 19th August 10am, Rugby Club, Burnby Lane.
Apologies from R.K. and P.F. in advance

P.F. 17th July 2025