

**Minutes of Committee Meeting**  
**Held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 2.00 p.m. at Christchurch, Clarendon Park Road**

**Host & Chair:** Bob Collins (Chair)

**Present:** Bob Collins (Chair); Angie Barnes (Vice Chair & Membership Secretary); David Ager (Treasurer). Sue Took (Secretary, Groups & Trips Co-ordinator); Glyn Bray (Publicity); Phil Proud (Asset Keeper & Audio Visual); Pam Harrison; Barbara Beyst (Newsletter); Cherilyn Norris

**Apologies:** None

**1. Chair Business**

- a. Bob thanked everyone for attending & welcoming the 2 new committee members (David Ager – Treasurer & Cherilyn Norris – committee member & consult with Sandra Barker on any events the committee approve)
- b. Bob gave a brief overview of u3a Midland meeting which Sue Took & himself attended on 11<sup>th</sup> March. Both found it particularly useful and informative with an emphasis on social media and its benefits.
- c. Minutes from the last committee meeting were approved unanimously. **ACTION BOB**

**2. Secretary Business**

- a. National u3a Festival 2026 – is being held at York University between 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> July. Tickets are available. It will be in next months newsletter so all members can attend.
- b. Sue also pointed out that 2026 is our u3a's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Ideas for things to do to celebrate the event. An item will be put in the newsletter for ideas from our members.
- c. The new trustees still need to be updated on the Charity Commission Website.

**ACTION SUE**

**3. Treasurer's Report**

- a. David Ager was welcomed as our treasurer. Dave Barnes has produced his final report . They are consulting with each other to show how Beacon works. They are updating the bank mandate.

**ACTION DAVE**

**4. Membership Report**

- a. Membership stands at 340

**ACTION ANGIE**

**5. Groups Report**

- a. Sue said that would like each group conveners to control the membership of their own group on Beacon.as this is a more effective way of doing it. There may be training necessary.
- b. 1<sup>st</sup> week of September is u3a week, members will be asked for ideas. **ACTION SUE**

**6. Wellbeing & Hospitality**

- a. Cherilyn introduced herself and confirmed that she would be working with Sandra Barker to work on any event we hold.
- b. The monthly coffee mornings are going very well.

**7. Publicity**

- a. Glyn said he had published the April's speaker on all the usual media outlets.
- a. No response from Radio Leicester about face 2 face interviews. **ACTION GLYN**

**9. A.O.B**

- b. There was a request from a non-member to have piano lessons, the committee decided this was not appropriate.
- c. Pam has provisionally booked Christmas Lunch at the Freemasons Hall for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in December. She has no detail of the menu or cost. Will confirm.

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**10. Next Meeting** – is at 2pm. On Tuesday 28/04/2026, at Christchurch.

**11. Holiday Dates –**

**Angie – 25/03/26 – 08/04/26, 11/05/26 – 19/05/26**

**Pam – 12/04/26 – 28/04/26**

**Phil – 20/06/26 – 28/06/26**

**Barbara – 12/05/26**

**Sue**

**11. Meeting closed at 3.45pm**

APPROVED