

BURTON JOYCE & DISTRICT U3A

Committee Meeting Minutes 07/07/2026

1. Present: Michael D, Jacky K, Gemma G, Elaine B, Anna M, Colin B, Tony E, Graham W, Dave H, Chris S.
Apologies: Gwen, Alan C, Betty E
2. Minutes from the previous meeting were accepted
3. There were no matters arising.
4. Jacky reported that the funds were in a very healthy position. The Gift Relief claim that had been submitted had been paid quickly.
5. Gemma was pleased to report that the membership continues to grow and currently stands at 424. A new members meeting was planned to take place after the next monthly meeting and that new members had already been emailed and invited.
6. No new groups had been set and all the existing groups were running well and none were operating at a loss.
7. Anna explained that Beacon was running fairly smoothly with only a few emails being returned and this mainly because of settings on individual's computers rather than the fault of the system. When this occurred Anna was contacting individuals to explain the solution.
8. Elaine was pleased to report a successful trip to Knaresborough. The next trip to Strelley Hall was upcoming with 13 members involved. A trip to Melbourne Hall in August was already full. All the trips have paid for themselves and Elaine explained that monthly trips would continue at present.
9. Jacky had been to the Village Hall committee meeting and sadly reported that the grant for a new roof had been unsuccessful. A local tradesman had surveyed the roof and felt that repairs could be made for much less money that would prolong the life of the roof for a few years. Other attempts to get grants are ongoing. The heating system had also been discussed as this is old and in need of replacement. General maintenance was being undertaken, chiefly by Dave Matthews. It was agreed that the U3A should continue to support as much as possible as it is the main venue for so many activities.
10. Tony and Betty had decided to join the committee. A discussion around committee members and their roles highlighted that Chris S and Elaine B have 1 more year left to serve on the committee. The roles that are now vacant are Group Facilitator, Speaker Finder and Business Secretary. Anna is leaving the committee this year but volunteered to continue to look after Beacon.
Michael to announce at next monthly meeting that the Group Facilitator position was vacant and give a brief description of the role.
Anna to email group leaders advertising the roles.
All committee members to identify possible members for any role and approach 1 member each. As the Business Secretary role could well be difficult to fill, **Anna** to circulate a Trustees Timetable that highlights what is required on a monthly basis to support a new person in the role.
11. The AGM is on 13th October, as part of monthly meeting. **Jacky and Gemma** are in the process of sending out notification emails. **Jacky** also to review funds and consider a possible reduction in member fees. This to be notified at AGM.
12. The issue of copyright discussed. **Michael** to contact two leading members of the Ukulele group and raise awareness and highlight what needs to be done now to conform to the law. **Anna** to put Copyright on the agenda for the Group Facilitators meeting on 27th October with **Michael**

making a presentation regarding the importance of following the copyright laws. **Anna** to email and stress the importance to all group leaders of their attendance at the meeting.

13. All agreed that the Quiz had been very successful with excellent questions from Rupert. A surplus of £100 being made. However, Hazel from the village hall was disappointed that the hall had been left in a poor state. Michael and Jacky had placated her. Jacky proposed that in future all events should have a “close down” group as well as the usual “set up” group.

The upcoming social event in October to comprise of a disco and singing by Freddie Vokes. Jacky had already been in discussions with Freddie. A charge of £5 decided upon.

Jacky to email members to advertise the event, ask for requests of genre/ or particular songs in order for a playlist to be compiled by Freddie and his Mum.

Jacky to ask **Alan** to promote the event in the newsletter and website.

14. Michael had been approached by member of Oakmere Golf Club with the possibility that some advertising flyers distributed at the monthly meeting. It was decided that this was not appropriate . **Michael** to inform person of the committee’s decision.

15. AOB : none raised.

16. Next meeting: 18th August in the Church Rooms at 10am.