

BURTON JOYCE & DISTRICT U3A

Committee Meeting Minutes 18/08/2026

1. Present: Michael D, Gwen, Dave H, Colin B, Rupert, Gemma G, Jacky K, Betty E, Tony E, Elaine B, Chris S, Alan C, Anna M, Graham W.
All present - no apologies.
2. Minutes from last meeting were accepted.
3. Anna reported back that there had been little interest in response to her email re. Groups Facilitator position.
4. Jacky reported that funds continue to be in a very healthy position and she was in the process of preparing the accounts for the AGM in October. Fees could either be maintained at present level or reduced. **Committee** to consider and discuss further before AGM.
5. Gemma reported that membership levels continue to rise, currently at 426. With new members arriving, discussion centred around need for continued friendly support at monthly meetings in particular. The friendly and open nature of BJ U3A being our main focus.
6. Anna fed back on most recent groups to be set up. Mindful Movement to change its name to Tai Chi Fusion as a better reflection of the activity, Writers group getting support from Jacky K in the set up stages, Snooker is attracting a steady 6-8 members and Pool groups continuing to be enjoyable activity.
7. Anna reported that there had been a data breach on a company with a similar name to Beacon, but emphasised that this had not affected the Beacon system.
8. Elaine outlined that the two most recent trips to Melbourne Hall and to the Rumble Band at Mapperley Social Club had been a big success. Future outings are to Hockley/Lace Market with lunch out (September) and a visit to Back to Back Houses in Birmingham (October).
9. Gemma highlighted the need for us to document more clearly that risk assessments have been carried out by each group. **Gemma** in the process of emailing group coordinators. Templates are available. It was felt that this was a very necessary thing to do but also clear that individuals had a responsibility to do their own risk assessments before starting an activity.
10. **Michael** in process of arranging a meeting with two leading members of Ukulele Group to make proposals that will satisfy any copyright issues.
11. The AGM in October to be followed with a regular monthly meeting speaker. **Alan C** to prepare a slideshow to show the agenda of the AGM. **Committee** to discuss at next meeting the level that fees should be set at.
12. Disco is on 2nd October. Jacky reported that ticket sales have been very good and is setting the maximum number at 80 to allow for dancing space. **Volunteers** would be needed for both set up and close down. Important that hall left in pristine condition.
13. Tony E has volunteered to take up the position of Business Secretary. Committee thanked him. John Fletcher has volunteered as Speaker Finder with Rupert and Michael supporting when needed. Rupert to continue to end of 2026.
Anna will leave her role as Group Coordinator in October. There have been no volunteers at present. **AM** to email (again) members to advertise the position.
14. Michael highlighted that both the projector and the laptop that is used with it are getting very old. Concern that getting parts for the projector might be problematic. Alan has been investigating some of the settings on the projector and confident that it is still workable. Both items to be monitored.

15. Alan intimated that he would like to end his involvement with producing the monthly bulletin. **Michael** volunteered to take over its production. The committee thanked Alan for all his hard work on the bulletin.

16. Jacky reported that at the last village Hall meeting, the heating system had been condemned and that their priority was now to install a new system. The roof repairs are still outstanding while efforts are being made to access grant funding. General maintenance continues. The Players Group also continue to support the hall with the latest addition of more new seating. Jacky proposed that U3A continues to support and a raffle at Christmas accepted as one means to do this.

17. AOB.

Rupert is liaising with Ivy Medical Group re a date in November for a talk on the NHS app following 68 responses from U3A members.

Apologies in advance of AGM from Anna M and Tony and Betty E.

Alan C to lead the next monthly meeting as Michael unavailable.

18. Next Meeting 22/09/26 at 10am in Church Rooms.