

**Pocklington & District U3A  
Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday 20 September 2022, 10.30 a.m.  
Pocklington Scout Hut, Burnby Lane**

1. Introduction/Welcome and Apologies for absence (JS)
  1. Apologies had been received from DH, NB and HM (HW?)
2. Approval of Notes of August 2022 meeting
  1. Acceptance was proposed by GB and seconded by LL
3. Matters arising from Notes of previous meeting (JS)
  1. Code of Conduct. The situation was discussed fully in consideration of recent events. It was agreed that it was not necessary to impose a formal written code of conduct at this time, and that some members might be offended by such a demand. All members should however be aware of protocols for correct behaviour, as a safeguarding issue. RW will draft a paragraph to be added to the website, in the section referring to policy on politics and religion.
4. Chairman's Report
  1. In the absence of NB, the Chair gave updates on Group activity:
    1. The Writing for Pleasure Group is starting a second branch.
    2. The new Italian Group has started and seems well-organised.
    3. There is a proposal for a Science Fiction Group
    4. The Book Group may start an offshoot branch, covering the same book but meeting at different times.
  2. JS gave notice that he will be away from 25 September until October 17<sup>th</sup>.
5. Treasurer's update (DH – in absentia)
  1. Our bank balances, once outstanding cheques have cleared, will be.

Main Account	£612.49
Subscriptions Account	£8,412.71
This gives total available funds of	£9,025.20

There are no outstanding invoices but one is expected for the latest Handbook Print. Apart from this, nothing other than modest routine expenditure is anticipated for the remainder of the year.
  2. Purchase of a new wired microphone for c.£25. This expenditure was approved, proposed by RW and seconded by LS.
  3. The purchase of a gazebo for use at public open air events, at a cost of around £275, was also approved – JS proposes to apply to the Town Council for the cost.
6. Membership Secretary's update (ML)
  1. Membership currently stands at 736.
  2. The October newsletter will be distributed as a hard copy to those members who do not use e-mail.

3. Marking past members. As we face an inevitable increase in the passing of founder members, it was agreed that we should mark these losses in some formal way. Eleanor Scott, a life member and the first President of the P&D, has recently died. As none of the committee knew Eleanor personally, it was agreed that RW would contact Freda Snelson and Val House and ask one of them to write a couple of obituary sentences to be included in the October newsletter.
4. It has been suggested that the P&D should have an archivist to maintain records, and the purpose of such a role was discussed. ML will contact Freda Snelson and find out what records, such as lists of past officers, are available, with a view to possibly having an 'archive page' on the website and/or producing something for the twentieth anniversary.
5. The Beacon/WDY situation is all on ice, and hopefully will be fully discussed at the next meeting.

7. Secretary's update (RAW)

1. Group Leaders' Meeting. The format and content of this were discussed at some length, and it was felt that it would be useful both to invite potential/prospective Leaders to attend, and to invite various successful Group Leaders to talk about how they run their groups. RW will contact NB, whose aegis this falls under, to confirm his availability for November 17<sup>th</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup>, and then contact ERYC to book the hall and Annette at the Lily Pad about catering.
2. PRITC Awards Evening. NB had been invited to this event but would be unable to attend, and offered his invitation to the Committee. EW and JC are both attending the event in their own right, and agreed to represent the interests of u3a as appropriate.

8. AOB

1. Notes from Zoom meeting (GH)  
GH drew the Committee's attention to some features from the circulated notes, in particular the availability of various training workshops which might be of interest. He also circulated, for interest, some printed leaflets produced by Southport u3a, which had been used for recruitment and to publicise the garden they had created for the u3a 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
2. An official vote of congratulation to NB on the success of his 'Old Hands' exhibition, which is to be shown at the Arts Centre, was proposed and was passed unanimously.

9. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.31.

10. Date of next meeting, Tuesday 18 October , 10.30am, at the Scout Hut, Burnby Lane