

The Parkinson's UK
Barnsley & District Branch

Committee Meeting Tuesday 7pm. 8 February, 2022
at Emmanuel Methodist Church

MINUTES

1 Terry welcomed everyone.

Present: Terry Kendall, Philip Thompson, George Spencer, Doris Wragg, Sheila Ireland, Kathie Sharman, Susan Grant and Ann Marie Sephton. Joe White also attended the meeting, a relatively new member of the group. He and his wife have recently moved from Anglesey and he expressed an interest in joining our committee. He is especially welcome as he has experience with health and safety protocols.

2 Apologies Ken Booth, Rose Crawley.

3 Minutes of previous meeting, 11th January 2022 (previously circulated).

The minutes of the committee meeting held on 11th January 2022 were agreed as a true record.

4 Matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

Philip reported that this week is payroll giving week and might be another funding stream opportunity. Regarding the bucket collection at the match that was postponed we will be notified when the match is rescheduled.

Terry has sent a letter of thanks to Barnsley Bond.

Data protection. All members of the committee can be involved in accessing/processing personal data in accordance with the GDPR legislation. Terry has completed the annual return to head office.

World Parkinson's Day is on 11 April. We need to decide how we are going to mark the occasion. We are awaiting guidance from head office. One suggestion from head office is to investigate the possibility of illuminating the outside of prominent local buildings in cyan, the PUK corporate colour. Philip has arranged for the Town Hall tower and the fountains to be illuminated for the whole week.

5 Acting Chair's report, Terry

- a. Update on the Service Level Agreement review meetings, i.e. Hospice and Crossroads. We had arranged for a meeting with the hospice but they had an inspection, so the meeting is deferred until May. Crossroads, the respite care providers, told us they had to increase their charges to £18.00 per hour. At the meeting we were advised they wished to organise a free luncheon for up to 50 of our members in recognition of the long association we had with them. It was agreed we would liaise regarding a mutually convenient date and time.
- b. Wentworth Castle Gardens. This project looks very promising as there seems to have been a change of approach by the National Trust to enable more local people to have access to such an important asset. We would have the use of a room and kitchen, being refurbished at the moment. There would be no charge to us for this and it would provide a very nice venue with a social atmosphere. This is important because if members are not able to get out much it is easy to become isolated and so we plan to hold regular coffee and chat sessions. Ann Marie is in charge of the programme and she will deal with issues such as parking for wheelchair users. They also have 'all-terrain' wheelchairs for people to use to get about in the gardens.
- c. Duke of Edinburgh volunteer. Sophia has completed the volunteer training. She is available during school holidays. She plans to come to the exercise class on 24th April, helping to serve tea and cakes.

- d. AGM. Members need to be informed of the new date for the AGM, 17th May 2022.
- e. Christmas party 2022. Members of the committee were asked what they thought we ought to do. The options are: stay with the tried and tested format of a buffet, usually organised by Ann Marie, and the U3A choir entertaining us; or keep the same overall plan, but with outside caterers; or book elsewhere such as the Holiday Inn at Dodworth or Burntwood. We do have a policy for trips or bowling events that members make a voluntary payment of £5 towards the cost. The same arrangement for the Christmas party might help to cut the number of people who put their names down and then for some reason don't come and don't let us know. The committee agreed we should seek the views of the membership.
- f. Barnsley Chronicle letters. The initial letter was written by a Chronicle reader who described the dreadful abuse her husband suffered when shopping in town, from people in Barnsley who do not understand the symptoms of Parkinson's. Terry took the opportunity to set out what our group can provide in the way of support. In the process he gained some useful publicity for our group, letting those who have Parkinson's but have no support know that they do not have to cope with Parkinson's alone.

6 Treasurer's report, Kathie

A spread sheet was circulated previously.

We have opened a Barclays bank account, which now gives us on-line banking facility. The balance is £33,529. Kathie has now closed the HSBC account.

Gift aid donations have now started to be transferred to the branch by head office.

7 Secretary's report, Doris

Doris has received 2 enquiries about the group so she has sent them information and directions to our website. She has also invited them to the general meeting.

8 Service Development report Sheila

a Mike Fisher has agreed to speak at the next general meeting Tuesday, 15th March. He is speaking about the Clinical Trial for Parkinson's which is currently being run at Tankersley.

b A bowling session has been arranged for March 22nd. As lunch orders need to be with the Metrodome by 20th March the menu will be circulated at the general meeting and the Monday exercise classes.

c The coffee morning we used to organise at Mapplewell Methodist Church, to raise funds for our group, will end because the church is no longer offering its facilities to charities.

d The Mapplewell Village Hall is organising a 'Winter Warmer' event Tuesday, 8th March, 10-2.30. This includes a free lunch.

e We need to think about organised trips, a cream tea at Cannon Hall on 18th October and York Railway Museum on 21 June. Numbers might need to be limited.

f The Langsett walk is planned for 21 August. Other walks will be held in May, June, July and September.

9 Fund-raising report, Philip

Philip has contacted the person who organises events at Locke Park, the Gala is 14th August and we will be able to use our new gazebo. A classic car rally is also scheduled for the 12th June. We shall have a plant stall at that event. We are going to have a Carers' Day later in the year, probably in October.

10 Assistant Treasurer's report, George

Exercise classes

10 th January	9 pwp	6 carers	Total in room	15
17 th January	8	5		13
24 th January	8	5		13
31 st January	9	4		13

George said he had paid Bronia, taking into account that there has only been one class each week since we started back after the Christmas break. It is hoped that we can start a second class next week.

He then gave us the sad news that Jill Fisher had died. She was a popular member of our group. George has had no invoice from Crossroads yet.

11 Acting Membership Secretary's report, Ann Marie

The figure of 142 takes us up to 31st December. Taking into account that Mr. Watmough has died recently and that we have gained 3 or 4 new members the more accurate figure would be 145.

12 Webmaster's report, Ken Booth absent.

13 Any other business

There was no other business.

14 Date of next meeting: Tuesday 8th March 2022 at 7pm.

(Terry is absent for the next committee meeting, Ann Marie will be acting as chair.)

The meeting ended at 9.05pm.