

PAKINSON'S UK

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT BRANCH

Minutes of virtual committee meeting held on Tuesday, 8th June, 2021 at 11.00am.

1. Ann Marie welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Present: Philip Thompson, Ann Marie Sephton, Sheila Ireland, Ken Booth, Doris Wragg, Kathie Sharman, Susan Grant

2. Apologies for absence: Terry Kendall and George Spencer
3. Minutes of the meeting held on 11th May (previously circulated). The minutes were accepted as a true record subject to 'SYD' in the Treasurer's report being changed to 'SYCF'. Ann Marie signed and dated the minutes.
4. Matters arising.

The issue of the article in the Barnsley Chronicle has still not been resolved. The lady at head office suggested that taking the complaint to the press was a good idea. Philip suggested that as a month had elapsed since the publication of the article it was too late to reply. During the discussion it was suggested that we should write our own version giving our viewpoint of life with Parkinson's, thereby keeping the issue in the public eye.

5. Acting Chair's report.

Our network support officer, Rose Crawley, has fallen and broken her shoulder. A card and our best wishes for a speedy recovery have been sent.

While she is absent urgent matters will be dealt with by Alison Lofas and other colleagues.

6. Treasurer's report, Kathie

We now have £25,619.24 in the bank (the end of May). There is very little change because we have not been active. All the money for Crossroads has been used, The grant of £1,382 for carers' day is to be transferred to pay for respite care, this will cover the bill for several months and a cheque for £35 has been sent by J. Mc Donald in memory of Mr Lofthouse. We have still not received the e-mail 're cash pooling

7. Secretary's Report, Doris.

No information at the moment.

8. Service Development report, Sheila.

Sue Mills, our October visitor for the general meeting has not replied to Sheila's request for confirmation. Sheila asked when the next newsletter is expected. She said that the newsletter kept people in touch but she has, as yet, very little information about the meetings next year. Doris suggested that a walk and coffee could be organised for a Tuesday morning. This would help keep people involved. Philip suggested Tuesday 27th July, 10.30 at the Locke Park car park. It would provide a social gathering to catch up on news and as it is outside up to 30 people can meet.

9. Fundraising, Philip.

a. Philip has completed the National Lottery feedback form giving information on how we used the grant. We still have grants for the exercise classes, Crossroads and the counselling.

b. Philip has contacted the Metrodome to see if their venue might be suitable for keep fit, 2 sessions, the general meeting every month and committee meetings. We will find more details later. They have said that they would provide tea and coffee but we could take our own cakes. George is contacting Emmanuel Church to find out the situation there.

10. Assistant Treasurer's report.

George absent, therefore no information.

11. Acting Membership Secretary, Ann Marie.

The membership list from head office in May has our membership as 143. It is still not totally accurate.

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Bob Bridges died recently. Although he did not attend meetings he was instrumental in setting up our website and gave a great deal of time and effort towards organising the newsletter. Although the branch paid him for the cost of setting up the website it is in Bob's name. We do not know who owns the domain name so we need to have clarity about the situation.

The meeting finished at 11.50am.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 13th 2021 at 11.00am.