

Barnsley and District Branch

Minutes of committee meeting held on 10th February 2026

Present

Terry Kendall, Ann-Marie Sephton, Kathie Sharman, Nishadi Perera, George Spencer, Alyson Francis, Barrie Cooper, Doris Wragg, Cassie Thomas, Julie Ripley.

1. Welcome

Terry welcomed everyone to the meeting including Cassie Thomas and Julie Ripley, two potential new volunteers. Cassie has expressed an interest in taking on the role of Assistant Treasurer and shadowing Terry with a view to taking on his role. Julie is interested becoming our Fundraiser.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Ken Booth.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 13th January 2026

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th January 2026 were agreed as a true record.

4. Matters arising

- (a) Terry has received an email from Alison Lofas informing him that Emma Lillico has now been appointed as Rose's replacement.
- (b) George has cancelled the regular order for cakes with Silkstone Cottage Bakery.
- (c) Ann-Marie reported that she had spoken to a member of the exercise class who had confirmed that the new arrangements with Bronia were working well. She has also spoken to the people who use taxis and they are happy to complete a claim form and put it in the box along with the taxi receipt for payment monthly by bank transfer.

Ann-Marie suggested that the cash in the collecting tin could be used to pay for the refreshments so it would be self-funding.

- (d) The collection at Barnsley Morrisons will be held on Wednesday, 18th February. Doris will draw up a rota.

- (e) Doris is waiting for Lisa Hammond to get back to her regarding a collection at Tesco in April.

5. Chair's report

(a) World Parkinson's Day

Doris will book a stall in the town centre on Thursday, 9th April and will ask for the same location as last year near to the Falco Lounge Natter Café.

Terry will write to Barnsley MBC to ask if they will light the Town Hall blue.

Ann-Marie will obtain some publicity material, banners, etc.

6. Treasurer's report

The committee noted the bank statement as at 31st January 2026 which showed an adjusted cash and bank balance of £31,583.58, together with a summary of receipts and payments for the year ended 31st December 2025.

7. Secretary's report

No items.

8. Service Development report

Boxing 23rd January – 8 pwp, 4 carers; 30th January – no class

Golf will restart on Tuesday, 3rd March.

Bowling, 24th March - Alyson is collecting names and menu choices.

Alyson will circulate a shortlist from the suggestions she has received for the annual outing.

It was agreed that this year's Christmas Party would be held on Tuesday, 15th December. Alyson has informed Cawthorne Band that we would like to book them again.

Alyson has received an email regarding a Parkinson's musical group and will contact them to arrange a taster session at the branch meeting in July or August.

9. Fundraising report

No items.

10. Assistant Treasurer's report

Nishadi reported that 5 carers took 4 hours, 2 carers took 2 hours and the carer at the branch meeting took 2.75 hours. Total for January £556.40.

11. Membership Secretary's report

Ann-Marie reported that there were 143 members on the latest list but the membership section would only be sending out a full membership list twice yearly in future.

12. Webmaster's report

No items.

13. Research Champion's report

Barrie referred to an article on the PUK website regarding repurposing drugs which are licensed for other conditions. Researchers are looking into whether the side effects of these drugs could help to slow down or reverse Parkinson's.

14. Any other urgent and relevant business

Terry reported that he had received a message from Rona's family thanking us for attending the funeral.

15. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 10th March at 7.00 p.m.