

Parkinson's UK

Barnsley and District Branch

Minutes of committee meeting held on 9th September 2025

Present

Ann-Marie Sephton, George Spencer, Alyson Francis, Ken Booth, Nishadi Perera, Barrie Cooper, Jan Cooper, Doris Wragg,

1. Welcome

Ann Marie welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Terry Kendall, Kathie Sharman, Rose Crawley.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 12th August 2025

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th August 2025 were agreed as a true record.

4. Matters arising

(a) Terry has now received an email from Alison Lofas regarding the 'Parkinson's qualified instructor'. The brand team have said there is no guidance regarding t-shirts as they are available for anyone to buy but this does not mean endorsement. If the instructor wears one it does not mean that the classes are run by the charity. However, the issue has enabled the brand team to consider including a disclaimer on the PUK shop purchases saying they are not an endorsement.

(b) No update yet regarding the neurologist clinic at Barnsley hospital.

(c) PUK are unable to provide funding for the Stroll reality glasses as they have already provided funding for a two-year study being undertaken by Dr. Julie Jones at Glasgow University. Terry is looking into a three-way split between us, Sheffield and PUK but he is still waiting to hear back from Sheffield.

(d) No update yet from Sarah Juhasz regarding the volunteering event at Barnsley College. Ken clarified that he wanted someone to take over the website rather than help him with it.

(e) Terry has written to the person who makes the bookings at the Emmanuel but she has denied that there were any problems and the room was clear.

(f) Kirsty is unable to provide catering for the Christmas party. Other options are Darfield Garden Centre and the sandwich shop in Greenfoot Lane, which is under new management.

5. Rose's updates

No items.

6. Chair's report (Ann-Marie)

- (a) Kathie has confirmed she will be retiring from the committee at next year's AGM so we need to recruit a replacement urgently. Doris suggested we could ask BCVS and Barnsley Council to publicise an advert in their weekly bulletins.
- (b) The committee discussed whether we should continue with Ian McMillan as our President but it was felt that we may have difficulty in finding a replacement.
- (c) The committee ran through the Christmas Party checklist and agreed the action to be taken.
- (d) Terry has requested suggestions for speakers at the branch meetings in July, August and November next year. As we have a number of new members, perhaps we could have previous speakers such as the Fire Service (fire safety), Andy Foster (fraud), an entertainer.
- (e) Volunteers are encouraged to complete the on-line volunteers' survey.
- (f) The Emmanuel licence has been renewed for 12 months from 1st August with no price increase.
- (g) The branch leaflet needs updating to incorporate the new PUK strapline and change of address. Boxercise and golf need to be added and the UK number needs to be amended to 153,000.
- (h) Support is required to attend an awareness stand at Bolton-on-Deane Health & Wealth event on 24th September from 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon, setting up at 9.00 a.m. Alison agreed to attend.

7. Treasurer's report

The committee noted the bank statement as at 31st August which showed a total adjusted cash and bank balance of £23,189.53. The tin collection at Penistone Tesco on 23rd August raised £267.50.

We are still awaiting a decision from Tracy Westgarth regarding PUK funding our Stroll event.

Chris has received funding for the boxercise class for 12 months from 1st October. Six active members from Sheffield are attending and we may see some members from Rotherham attending.

8. Secretary's report

No items.

9. Service Development report

Walk, 28th August – 16 people attended.

Golf, 2nd September – cancelled.

Boxercise, 5th September – 4 pwp, 4 carers.

Bowling, 4th November – bowl and bite £11.80 per person plus drinks.

Carers' Day, 20th November - £39.50 per person. Meal booked for 50 people and room for pwp booked.

Next walk 25th September, Anglers Country Park, Winterset.

10. Fundraising report

- (a) Ann-Marie reported that the daughter of Kate Trelfa, one of our members, had offered to put on a fundraising musical event. Various suggestions for the venue were discussed including W.M.C.s and Shaw Lane.
- (b) Terry has been approached by a local person whose father has Parkinson's wanting to do a fundraising event for the branch. This will be a sponsored walk with several of his colleagues completing the Munros walk in June. Terry has provided him with our sponsorship form and has given him details of our 'Just Giving' page.

11. Assistant Treasurer's report

Exercise class

	<u>1st class</u>		<u>2nd class</u>	
13 th August	12 pwp	5 carers (joint class)		
20 th August	9 pwp	5 carers	4 pwp	1 carer
27 th August	10 pwp	4 carers	4 pwp	3 carers
3 rd September	10 pwp	3 carers	5 pwp	1 carer

Respite care

Nishadi reported that 4 carers took 4 hours, 2 carers took 2 hours, and 1 carer took 6 hours plus the carer at the branch meeting 2 hours 45 minutes. Total for August £598.

12. Membership Secretary's report

Ann-Marie reported that there were 157 members on the latest list.

13. Webmaster's report

Ken reported that updating the website was fairly easy apart from updating the picture gallery which was very time-consuming. However, he was trying a free version of a different software which may be better.

14. Research Champion's report

Barrie reported that he had given a presentation on deep brain stimulation at the last branch meeting which seemed to go down very well. A lady who had had the operation attended and she will come to a future meeting to give an update on progress.

15. Any other urgent and relevant business

There was no other business.

16. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 14th October at 7.00 p.m.