

Committee meeting

held on Monday 10th August 2026 at 2.30 p.m.
@ Ridgeway Community Centre

MINUTES

Present:

Chairman: Ian Shipton

Minutes: Jane Milne

Committee Members: Yvonne Griffiths, Ken Johnstone, Tony Fenner, Sarah Robinson, Malcolm Brooks, Bob Ferguson and Hilly Bailey

1	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: CA	ACTION
2	APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING Minutes of the previous meeting held on the 29th June 2026 were taken as read, approved and signed. <u>Matters arising:</u> Item 6: IS previously circulated a draft Environmental Issues Policy. Some committee members expressed concerns about its relevance and noted some minor changes with typos. IS to redraft and send to committee for approval before being published on the website and shared with members. Item 7: First supper club with 6/7 members will be towards the end of September. BF to keep notice on the newsletter. Item 8: KJ gave SW a gift voucher at recent Outings committee meeting. MB c/f to next meeting re wrapper.	IS BF MB

3	SUMMER LUNCHEON YG/JM to shop for food. AG/NK buy drinks – JM to email them. SR confirmed 116 in attendance with a few still to pay. MB/TF will tick members off as they arrive. SR to notify Mark Brett of arrival times for men and van and return time. HB to email and ask for 120 chairs. IS to prepare a quiz and buy a packet of biscuits for the first prize. SR to email IS list of members for heavy gang. SR to buy 10 large French sticks of bread and cut up into pieces plus a bag of gluten free bread rolls. JM to bring tablecloths. Signage will point members to enter via the outside not through the hall or kitchen. HB to buy 60 large slice of ham and cut in half	SR
4	RICHARD AND ROS STEPTOE Sadly, they have had to give up serving teas and biscuits after the speaker meetings in addition to other voluntary work in the local community. All agreed to buy a £50 John Lewis voucher and some flowers priced around £35. IS to present both to them at the summer luncheon. HB to buy a thank you card for the committee to sign beforehand. KJ also mentioned Mike Redman and Brenda Leo for their services and all agreed to buy them a thank you card and wine / flowers at a later date.	IS HB HB/KJ

5	STANDING REPORTS Finance: Charity account £3,356.71 Savings £9,783.09, total £12,939.80. Savings account is higher than normal as summer luncheon expenditure has not been accounted for yet. Reduced revenue for the NMA outing was offset by the Wisley surplus. Whist group has £13.57 surplus. HF walking holiday had £2,300 in and out for a 2027 holiday. Coffee morning revenue has improved slightly to cover costs. Interest groups: There may be a new Current affairs group in the offering. BF to put a note in the newsletter. A member is interested in joining JK's cribbage group. TVN: HB to notify David Moreton we have no TVN rep but will be advertising for a volunteer. In the meantime send all correspondence to HB. BF to put a note in the newsletter asking for a volunteer. Outings committee: Swan Theatre booked for Xmas. No outing in September. Law Courts trip happening in October, once flier is ready KJ to forward to BF and SR. Simple membership/communication: 9 new since last committee meeting. 514 active members. 3 leavers. BF amongst others is having some issues with simple membership – MB is aware and following up with the forum. IT: Nothing further to report. Website: Website working ok with no issues. Speakers: All planned up to February 2028. U3a Matters: All speakers on zoom ☺ Secretary: All data is up to date with the Charities Commission and the u3a. Newsletter: MB would welcome someone proof reading the newsletter before circulation. It was suggested the draft be sent to the whole committee – at least someone will double check for errors. He would appreciate the Outings, Groups and Speaker reps reply “nothing to report” so he hasn’t missed anything for inclusion in future newsletters.	BF BF KJ
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6	AOB 1. New committee dates agreed as follows: 11th January 2027, 22nd February, 12th April, 10th May, 21st June, 2nd August, 13th September, 25th October and 29th November. HB to inform the Ridgeway Church Community. 2. AGM 19th May 2027 and summer luncheon 18th August 2027. 3. 2.00pm to be the new starting time for committee meetings – HB to inform the Ridgeway Community Church. 4. SR to remove emails from the website. 5. JM to update the list for committee members attending coffee mornings from 9.45am.	HB HB SR JM
	DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING Monday 21st September @ 2.00pm at Ridgeway Community Centre Future meetings: 2nd November, 11th January 2027, 22nd February, 12th April, 10th May, 21st June, 2nd August, 13th September, 25th October and 29th November.	

Signed Chair of Committee: _____

Date: _____