

SULLY U3A COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, August 13th, 2026, 10:35 AM

Old School Sully

Present: Paul Lister, John Williams, Ian Mathias; Sue Hawkings, Joyce Stent, Di Lister. Maggie Grayson, David Briggs; Debbie Jones

Item		Discussion	Action
1	Apologies	Gill Mathias	
2	Minutes	AGREED	
3	Treasurer report	Agreed, no further issues.	
4	Membership	Now 322 members.DJ progressing well on Beacon. She praised Martin Sanders for his comprehensive group details sent (Petanque) Progress of the use of Beacon will require support of Committee which will be discussed at another meeting due to time factor that will be involved.GM (groups)will be next to have link and instruction for use.u3a matters magazine requirements are now on Beacon. Membership fee for 2027 is expected to remain at £10. PW(ping pong for pleasure) has requested she also wishes to learn how to use Beacon for group matters.	
5	Website	DB confirmed that the list of speakers will in future be on our website under 'events' and "speakers' tabs. Siteworks management team have requested we have a second site administrator. PL volunteered for this position.DB will notify Siteworks team with all changes.	
6	Member survey	Proposed survey for members had been circulated to committee prior to meeting for consideration. DB had concerns about wording of Q7 regarding attendance at group activities.SH said Sarah would be willing to attend a meeting and talk through the aims of questions etc. Once agreed then be circulated to members. Surveys will print to one double sided sheet. Twenty per cent response is considered a minimum to give valid data. The aim is to action results form January 2027.DJ and SH suggested it may be worthwhile to contact lapsed members to ask the reason.	
7	Fasthosts	JS spoke to other u3s's at the York Conference,and confirmed it was a widely used platform.	
8	Welsh Group	GM met with Karl and showed him the facilities on offer and how u3a booking system is organised.He has contact details for Old School. GM has had no further update.	
9	Newsletter	Reminder for entries.	

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10	A.O.B	<p>MG will add speaker information to notice board each month. DJ said seven members do not have access to email, it was decided not to use Royal Mail to send newsletter due to cost, SH will phone these members to enquire if a family member/friend could receive on their behalf.</p> <p>In Gill's absence, Ian was asked to pass on the request to Gill to call a group convenors meeting before Open Day, SH would like to attend that meeting.</p> <p>The Handbell group has closed, hand bells belong to the church, but will be kept for a while to see if a new group can be formed.</p> <p>A revised date of Tuesday November 24th will be the committee lunch at The Sully Inn @12.30.</p>	
11		Meeting closed 12.15pm	
12	Date of next meeting	Thursday September 10 th @ 10;30 Old School Sully	