Minutes of a Meeting of the Committee of the Evesham and District u3a
held on Monday 15 June 2026 at 10.00 am

Present:	Ros Gowers (RG) (Chair) Alan Chambers (AC) Cath Cox (CC) Diane Nicholls (DN) Helen Hutt (HH) David Daniels (DD)
Also Present:	Graham Smith Peter Telford

Item	Minute	Action
1.	**Apologies for Absence** Claire Henderson (CH) and Lorna Slaughter (LS) sent apologies for absence.	
2.	**Introductions** Peter Telford, observing the Meeting, was introduced to Members.	
3.	**Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 18 May 2026** The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 18 May 2026 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.	
4.	**25th Anniversary of Evesham and District u3a** LS submitted a written report on 25th Anniversary events. Picnic in the Park. About 150 attended. The Deputy Mayor came. Photos were taken for a report in the Observer. Sea Shanty Singers, Shakespeare Group, Tai Chi and Concert Band entertained. All there seemed to enjoy themselves. The walk on 25th June was now open to all members. HH and CC had agreed to help marshal it. On 23 June there would be walks in Evesham arranged by the Archaeology and Heritage Group Leader. November Open Meeting. The maximum number that can be seated in the Methodist Church was being checked. Afternoon Tea. Invitations would be sent out early in July for this event on 11 November. Classical Concert. Worcestershire Symphony Orchestra had indicated that it could put on a programme, which had been discussed, at St Peter's church. Its expenses would need to be covered. Next steps would be timings of the concert and ancillary matters,	

	DD added that any costs would be recouped from ticket sales. Availability of sufficient musicians was still to be confirmed. A provisional date of 15 November was currently set. Competitions were launched and running. Digital Training was also now launched. It was suggested that in the region of 120 was the maximum that could be seated in the Methodist Church. It was further suggested that numbers would need to be controlled with the possibility of other arrangements being made to accommodate everyone who wanted to attend. The possibility of using members of the Support Group to help at events was mentioned.	
5.	**Committee Succession** RG, CC, DN, HH, and DD were all proposed and seconded for election as Trustees at the AGM. Subject to their consent, LS and CH were also proposed and seconded for election as Trustees. There would also be one certain nomination and possibly two or three others for the consideration of the AGM. AC would transfer to the Secretary appointed in July the records and laptop he had in his position as Secretary. It was noted that details on the website would need to be updated after the July Committee meeting.	
6.	**Groups Liaison** A new French Group would be starting. The status of the Golf for Fun Group had been discussed with it. The next Group Leaders meeting was provisionally fixed for 1 October.	
7.	**Outside Events** RG agreed to act as a contact point for an NHS Community Day at the Leisure Centre on 15 July.	
8.	**Finance** CH submitted a written report. In summary: Bank Accounts as of 12th June 2026 Current Account: £646.17 Savings Account: £14,543.06 Concert Group: £4,669.86 Groups: £2,645.21 PayPal: £201.13	

	Fewer membership payments were now being received. The Methodist Church had advised that the lettings charge for the second and subsequent hours of a let would increase by £2 per hour from September. The first hour charge would remain unchanged. The balance in the PayPal account would be transferred to the current account at the month end. September 2026 concert tickets were now being sold with a steady uptake. Invoices for coaches for the June concert were due at the month end. The impact of increases in ticket and transport costs was being monitored, but presented no concerns. The Badminton invoice for June 2025 had now been received and paid. However, close monitoring was required as several letting invoices for April had not been received. The invoice issue with Bengeworth Church House for the Spanish Elementary Group, reported last month, remained unresolved. It was being pursued. Classic Cinema group had now paid in the funds for the May and June letting invoices. The Meeting considered in which account the £97.50 that had been received from the disbanded Croquet Group, and other funds expected from another inactive group, should be held. It was decided that it should be held for the time being in the Groups Account, to be transferred to the Current Account when it was apparent that the groups would not start up again.	
9.	**AGM** Arrangements for the AGM were mentioned.	
10.	**Asset Register** The review of the asset register was ongoing. Emails would be going to Group Leaders over a period of time.	
11.	**Monthly Meetings** LS reported in writing on arrangements for the next three monthly meetings. In response to a query, the Meeting considered whether improvements could be made to the number of disabled parking places for monthly meetings. With careful consideration of its accessibility responsibilities, the Committee determined that there was currently no alternative to meetings taking place at the current location, despite the limited number of on-site parking places.	
12.	**Membership Report** HH reported: At 14 June 2026 there were 1292 members:	

	Associate 33 Individual 669 Joint 506 Life 1 Visitor 83 There were 88 who did not renew from last year. HH would contact Group Leaders to remove any lapsed members from group lists on Beacon. HH thanked DD for covering the duties of Membership Secretary during her absence.	
13.	**New Members Meeting** The Meeting agreed the 24 September as the date of the next meeting for new members.	
14.	**Review of Policies** CH reported that the review of the Finance Guide and Group Leaders Finance Guide was ongoing. The EDI Policy had been updated to show it had been reviewed.	
15.	**Year Planner** The Year Planner indicated that most of the work scheduled for next month was in relation to the results of the AGM.	
16.	**Storage of Committee Assets** CH submitted quotes for storage costs at three sites. It was decided that if rental of a storage unit were to be taken forward, the first step would need to be an assessment of the volume required to store Committee assets.	
17.	**Asset Register** CH indicated in writing that the review of the asset register was ongoing. Emails would be sent to Group Leaders over a period of time.	
18.	**Secretary** At this his last Meeting of the Committee, Members thanked Alan Chambers for the work he had done as Secretary and Trustee.	
19.	**Chair** Ros Gowers confirmed that she would not be seeking appointment as Chair after the AGM and in standing down she thanked all Committee Members for their work and co-operation.	
20.	**Date of Next Meeting**	

	The date of the next Meeting was confirmed for Monday 20 July 2026 at 10am at Evesham Rowing Club.	