

**Minutes of Warsash u3a Committee Meeting held on Friday,
7th February 2025, at 2.00 pm in the Newbury Room, Victory Hall**

1. JS welcomed members to the meeting and Laurie Page and Rob Johnson as guests.

Present:- Judith Sims(JS), Dianne Hammersley(DH), Catherine Hallam(CH), Simon Hamersley(SH), George Pickburn(GP), Kumi Coulthard(KC), Bob Goodson(BG), Christine Matcham(CM), Jenny Hamer(JH), Rosemary Scott(RS), Susan Pearce(SP), Lorraine Sexton(LS)

2. **Apologies:-** Audrey Sawdon(AS)

3. **Minutes of the last meeting**

These were approved and signed by JS.

4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

JS – KC and JH are happy with the suggestion of taking on the position of Treasurer and Vice Treasurer. David Knight is willing to count the votes and Karen Segrott is happy to act as an independent scrutineer of the vote if required. Refreshments - at the moment there are only two volunteers to help at next Friday's meeting. It was agreed that four would be the ideal number. JH volunteered to help SP.

5. **Treasurer's Report – GP**

The Financial Statement had been emailed to members before the meeting. The Receipts File is available for inspection if any member wished to look at it. All cash and cheques have been sent to the bank. As one cheque apparently bounced GP made a complaint which was upheld; the bank subsequently sent £60 as compensation.

The £350 donation to Victory Hall has been sent.

GP asked Group Leaders that when money is paid in it is made clear who it came from and what for.

Gift Aid is taking sometime to be implemented as the process had been started by the previous Treasurer but not completed.

Accounting examination almost completed but certificate not yet produced.

The Burns Lunch is in credit by £55.61. JS recommended £50 be used to buy flowers for the chef as a thank you from Warsash u3a. CM will arrange this.

6. **Speaker's Report – JH**

The speaker at February's meeting will be Richard Vaughan Frankland. He will be talking about the writing of the Ian Vaughan Thrillers. Speakers have been booked for the rest of the year.

7. Membership Report – BG

There are 53 outstanding renewals. Four people would like to come to the meeting on Friday. The total membership is 323.

8. Group Leader's Report – CM

The Weekenders Group have two options on Saturday, 22nd February – a walk along the Warsash river or a Chill and Chat at Hilliers Garden Centre, Botley. Both have received a good response. As some members may wish to attend both options, it is hoped to arrange future meeting on alternate Saturdays or a Sunday.

9. AGM Planning

SH reported he had received eight nomination forms to date. If there are only the required nominations for the Committee, it will not be necessary to have a vote. As the actual business will then take only about half an hour, it was proposed having tables set out for members to have a chat. This was agreed and Laurie Page volunteered to help set up the tables. All reports to be in by the 28th February.

10. Information Cards

JS and CH had a meeting to discuss the printing of information cards for all members. It was proposed having a small card with Warsash u3a and an email address at the front, the inside showing speakers for the year and Committee members and a photo at the back of perhaps the Warsash clock tower. GP suggested having a generic email address at the front. Laurie Page to send JS a copy of the Warsash Historical Society card for reference. The compilation and printing of the information card to be done after the AGM.

11. Warsash Newsletter

CH recommended that someone needs to take control for advertising u3a in the Warsash newsletter once or twice a year.

12. Voting for the Third Age Trust

This was dismissed.

13. Victory Hall Keys

There are two keys, JS has one and the other JS had given to CH. As CH did not remember having the key JS arranged for another key to be cut. This can only be authorised by Karen and will cost about £10.

14. Payment for meal on bus trip

On a recent visit to Winchester the payment for one meal at The Shoal restaurant had inadvertently been overlooked and another member paid the said amount. The receipt was given to GP. This has now been reimbursed to the member.

15. U3A on Facebook

It was agreed this needs to be taken on by someone who is familiar with Facebook if we are prepared to use this website.

16. Accessing Contact details of Members

It was agreed contact details of members should not be given to other members without their permission. AS should be asked for access.

17. Any Other Business

DH received an email from Mike Ford asking if Warsash u3a would like a stall at the Rotary Warsash Festival on Saturday, 5th July. The Committee agreed to have a table at a cost of £30. Chris Milburn will be in contact with JS.

Rob Johnson asked if a Committee meeting could be held two or three days after the AGM. JS – a meeting is held soon after the AGM.

BG – Sue and Phil Clifford, who have been in the area for 50 years, are moving away. It was agreed to invite them to the monthly meeting as guests and JS to send a card.

18. Date of Next Meeting

This will be held on Friday, 7th March 2025, at 2.00pm in the Newbury Room, Victory Hall.