

Minutes of Warsash u3a Committee Meeting held on Friday,

7th March 2025, at 2.00 pm in the Newbury Room, Victory Hall

1. JS welcomed members to the meeting and Laurie Page and Pam Benson as guests.
2. **Present:-** Judith Sims(JS), Dianne Hammersley(DH), Catherine Hallam(CH), George Pickburn(GP), Simon Hamersley(SH), Kumi Coulthard(KC), Bob Goodson(BG), Christine Matcham(CM), Jenny Hamer(JH), Audrey Sawdon(AS), Rosemary Scott(RS), Sue Pearce(SP), Lorraine Sexton(LS)
3. **Apologies:** There were no apologies.
4. **Minutes of the last Meeting**
DH - in item 4 it should read Assistant Treasurer not Vice Treasurer. The Minutes were then agreed and signed by JS.
5. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**
JS has been in contact with Chris Milburn who will send out the paper work when to hand.
6. **Treasurer's Report – GP**
The Financial Statement had been emailed to members prior to the meeting. SH raised a query regarding the adjustment. GP explained this adjustment was there when he took over the role of Treasurer and was the result of changing from spreadsheets to Beacon. The renewals do not produce a zero balance. This is an historic deficit of £3,328.59. All other items have been reconciled. The Receipts File is available for inspection. All cash and cheques have been paid into the bank.
7. **Speaker's Report – JH**
The April speaker is Stephen Howe who is a London Tour Guide. A discussion ensued regarding a burlesque dancer who had spoken at a Women's Institute meeting which was very interesting. She spoke on the history of burlesque and singing. The Committee agreed to approach her as a future speaker. CH mentioned the Shepherd Singers and the Sign Singers could combine for the Christmas meeting.
JH to contact Mandy Driver regarding speaking on "what to do if the electricity fails."
AS – perhaps have a video at a meeting regarding phone scams.

8. Membership Report – BG

To date there are 300 paid up members with 27 members still to pay. BG suggested if someone joins in November or December they pay the full membership fee. There is a need to go through the whole membership list and make sure they are in the right category as to how they are charged.

BG mentioned he still had a deceased member on the list. Group Leaders to inform BG if a member has died.

9. Group Leader's Report – CM

All groups are thriving. As Sue Snape is standing down from Meet and Greet, LS is happy to take this on.

CM asked if it was necessary to offer a free group trial prior to joining as most come with an existing member. RS – if we offer a free trial the Group Leader needs to know. AS – it is up to the individual to contact the Group Leader.

DH – this was discussed some years ago. People coming to u3a wanted to join a group to see if they liked it before becoming a member. If not sure after two sessions they should contact the Group Leader.

GP suggested having a leaflet to give to prospective new members as they came through the door telling them what we do.

10. Web Master

JS has asked Rob Johnson if he will take this on and he is prepared to do so.

11. Meet and Greet

This has been dealt with in item 9.

12. AGM Room Set Up

As this is a formal meeting it was agreed to have the seating in rows and not round tables as previously discussed.

CH – perhaps try round tables at the next monthly meeting. LP – at the last monthly meeting there were 120 members, there may not be enough space to set up round tables. CH – try it for one month.

13. Visit Arranged by Jan

Already fourteen members have shown an interest in the visit to the Bombay Sapphire Distillery on the 29th April at a cost of £37 which includes £20 entrance fee and £17 for the coach hire.

BG suggested a visit to the New Forest Show which is to be held on the 29th, 30th and 31st July. There is a 30% discount if 20 people attend. JS to send out an email.

14. Rose Tree

To be discussed with Karen after the building works have been completed and before purchase.

15. VE Celebrations – 8th May

To be discussed at a later date.

16. Email address for officers

Discuss with Rob Johnson regarding a generic email address for officers.

17. Try a group activity prior to joining

This was dealt with in item 9.

18. Group Leaders to circulate seated groups

To leave to next month's meeting.

19. Thank you to Sue Snape

JS has thanked Sue for all her hard work in setting up Meet and Greet and previously as Groups Coordinator. Sue still wishes to be involved with the u3a.

20. Any Other AGM Queries

JS – as there will be some Committee Members absent, all others should attend promptly to help set up the room. There will be five members on the top table including AS who will take the minutes. JS to dress the table with cloths and flowers.

21. Any Other Business

Laurie Page asked if it was possible for members to advertise within the u3a. After discussion it was thought that perhaps a sheet and flyers at the end of the groups' table would be sufficient. CH enquired on the number of headphones and microphones available for use. SH explained only two could be used with the set up we have in the hall – two headphones and two microphones.

22. Date of Meeting after the AGM

This will be held on Tuesday, 25th March 2025. Time and venue to be arranged later.

