

**Minutes of Warsash u3a Committee Meeting held on Friday,
9th May 2025 at 10.00 am in the Newbury Room, Victory Hall**

Present:- Catherine Hallam(CH), Rosemary Scott(RS), Laurie Page(LP),
Jenny Hamer(JH), Bob Goodson(BG), Christine Matcham(CH)
Audrey Sawdon(AS), Pauline Hill(PH), Lorraine Sexton(LS)

Apologies:- Kumi Coulthard(KC), Rob Johnson(RJ), Sue Pearce(SP)

1. CH welcomed the members to the meeting and apologised if there was confusion over the timing of the meeting.
2. **Minutes of the last Meeting**
Apart from a minor amendment these were accepted and signed by CH.
There were no matters arising from the Minutes.
3. **Timing of this Meeting**
CH – the meeting will be from 10.00am- 11.30am with a break for lunch before setting up the Bartholomew room for VE Day. There will be a minutes silence, a poem, a few songs and a book of memories. CH has brought some flags and Antony Jackson is providing a large Union Jack to put on the curtains at the back of the stage.
4. **Treasurer's Report**
KC attached the following report prior to the meeting:-
The Financial Statement to date is attached. Members might notice a huge difference in our balance, down from £14,200 to £5,600. This is due to the following:-
 - a) The £3,254.50 historic adjustment that the previous Treasurer added to income in March (to balance and reconcile an adjustment made in 2024) gave a false balance and a discrepancy between the bank balance and Beacon. KC has added this amount to expenses to cancel it and to show the true balance in Beacon.
 - b) KC has paid £2,506.60 to the Third Age Trust for Membership, TAM, Beacon and Siteworks in April. This works out at approximately £8 per member.
 - c) Over £2,500 sitting in Breakaway Group account has now been paid to Manor Resorts.

JH reported that CH had been set up as a bank signatory.

5. Membership Report – BG

At present there are 318 members. One member who has not paid will do so this afternoon. CH – were we going to look at members who came to meetings but had not paid? CM suggested putting a piece in the Newsletter, in bold, that potential new members can attend two meetings before paying the subscription. Also to put on the Website.

6. Speakers's Report – JH

The speaker in April, Mandy Driver, was very well received. Our speaker for May is Sohail Husain on Beyond Beliefs, the incredible true story of the German refugee, the Indian Immigrant the Families left behind. In June Jenny Mallin will speak on Life Behind the Scenes at the BBC Television Centre, July is Ann Gardner on Hampshire Canals, August is Trevor Rutter on Billy the Kid and other Bad Eggs. JH to give to RJ to put the next three months speakers on the website. Waiting for various speakers to come back to me. Dementia UK and Hearing Dogs for the Deaf are suggestions for the future.

7. Group Leaders Report – CM

CM asked if RJ could produce a list of those Groups who are using WhatsApp as a means of communicating with members instead of Beacon and to contact them to find out if there is a training issue. AS – use Control + C and Control + V.

A discussion ensued and it was agreed using WhatsApp was useful to inform members, such as the Breakaway Group, on certain timings etc. and those who hold meetings in their own home.

CM– There should be two co-convenors who have access to every Group. In the event of one leaving the committee they should delete all personal details held electronically or hard copy.

8. Beacon and Website Matters

CH – the Group Leader to email the various Groups regarding a Coffee Morning and to have something highlighted every month at the monthly meeting. To put on the website and Beacon website on 13th June. Therefore hold a Coffee Morning after the 13th June.

9. Easter Egg Appeal – Continuing Community involvement

CH – the Easter Egg appeal went down extremely well and was very much appreciated. After discussion it was agreed to have a theme each month, such as toiletries, and to have a box at the back of the room if anyone wishes to give.

Warsash Band – donation in memory to one of their members. As u3a are a charity we cannot give a donation. It was agreed to pass this information to the Music and Theatre Groups for them to give on an individual basis if they so wished.

10. New Forest Show and Warsash Fair

CH – to check with JS if she has booked a stall at the Warsash Fair on 5th July.

RS agreed to be the contact with the use of an old phone donated by BG with the Warsash website phone number – 07938710668.

The New Forest Show is on Wednesday, 30th July.

11. Update on Members info cards

CH to liaise with LP regarding dates of monthly meetings and the next AGM etc and to be kept in-house. A new logo is required.

12. Policy Update

This is on going. AS to open a Facebook page.

13. Any Other Business

RS social prescribing – perhaps we should advertise more such as in supermarkets, Doctors surgeries, community centres, and libraries.

14. Date of Next Meeting

This will be held on Friday, 13th June 2025 in the Newbury Room. Time of Committee Meeting to be 10.30-12.00 noon