

**Minutes of Warsash u3a Committee Meeting held on Friday,
13 June 2025 at 10.30 am in Victory Hall Warsash**

Present: Catherine Hallam(CH), Rosemary Scott(RS), Laurie Page(LP),
Jenny Hamer(JH), Audrey Sawdon(AS), Bob Goodson(BG),
Christine Matcham(CM), Sue Pearce(SP), Rob Johnson(RJ),
Pauline Hill(PH)

Apologies: Kumi Coulthard, Lorraine Sexton

1. CH welcomed the Committee to the meeting and noted apologies from 2 members.
2. **Minutes of last Meeting**
These were read and approved by the Committee. One outstanding point is to add a note to the newsletter explaining that a prospective member can attend 2 meetings - eg 1 monthly meeting plus 1 group meeting - before joining.
3. **Treasurers report.**
The treasurers report had been circulated and was accepted.
4. **Membership report**
The membership has decreased due to deaths but 1 new member has joined - now 320. It was discussed whether we should announce the deaths at the meeting or put something in the newsletter.
The Portsmouth U3a only has about 200 members at £40 each - but that covers all hall hire for all groups.
BG suggested it would be useful to compare our membership numbers and group numbers with other local U3a's.
5. **Groups report**
CM reported that the Crib group should restart soon alongside a Canasta group in the Hall.
It was suggested that a group should start to make up a team to attend quizzes at local venues..
It was agreed that a further Mahjong set could be bought at an approx cost of £40.
The cost of hall hire was reviewed- the Victory Hall is still the best value in the area.
CH asked for a report of the numbers attending the monthly meeting - AS will provide. Also to check the maximum numbers allowed in the hall.
6. **Website or beacon matters**

No matters to report, other than confirmation of a purchase by RJ of memory for the spare PC.

7. Speaker's Report – JH

This afternoons talk is about a life working for the BBC. Julys talk should be Ann Gardner on Hampshire Canals. JH will give details to RJ for the website.

8. Warsash Festival 5 July

It was discussed how to set up and man the stall at the Festival.

RJ to send the organisers a copy of the logo and our website address.

JH offered her Gazebo. RG offered to set up.

CH will ask the meeting for volunteers to man the stall by a rota,

CM will find the leaflets for the stall.

Membership forms and newsletter copies will also be required.

BG to see if a cheap phone could be obtained for Rosemary- then we will have 2 phone numbers to give out for U3a queries.

9. PAT tests

Most of our equipment was tested July 2024. It was agreed to do the tests every 2 years.

10. Social prescribing.

This had been discussed in a previous committee, but has been in the news recently. RS to investigate.

11. Group leaders coffee morning

CM has booked a room for 22 July 10-12.30

12. Received emails.

Request for a U3a satisfaction survey received - AS to complete.

Request from a University of Oxford researcher inviting older people who had been in care as a child to assist with their research. CH to mention at meeting

13. AOB

Community involvement was discussed.

There may be an opportunity to join in the St Johns christmas tree festival, sponsoring and decorating a tree. The Recorder group and various local choirs are providing background music.

The easter egg donation was very successful - CH suggests putting out the "community box" at each monthly meeting for the food bank - next time to collect cleaning and laundry items.

It was discussed whether we should visit local care and residential homes to publicise the group, leave a leaflet and find out what transport arrangements they may have available

CH will consider asking at the meeting if there is a need for members to be given lifts in order to attend the monthly meeting

Chair and vicechairs to meet to discuss sharing roles.

14. Date of Next Meeting

This will be held on Friday, 11th July 2025, at 10.30 am in the Victory Hall.