Minutes of Warsash u3a Committee Meeting held on

Friday, 14th August 2026 at 10.45 in the Newbury Room, Victory Hall

Present: - Catherine Hallam(CH), Rosemary Scott(RS), Laurie Page(LP), Kumi Coulthard(KC), Jenny Hamer(JH), Christine Matcham(CM), Pauline Hill(PH), Rob Johnson(RJ), Jan Cox(JC), Gill Lardner(GL), Lorraine Sexton(LS)

Apologies: - There were no apologies.

CH welcomed the Committee to the meeting.

Minutes of the last Meeting
These were approved and signed by CH.

Matters Arising from the Minutes
There were no matters arising.

Treasurer's Report – KC
The Financial Statement of Accounts and the three monthly Financial Statement for Groups was emailed to the Committee prior to the meeting. These were accepted by the Committee.
There has been no progress on claiming Gift Aid as KC has had no communications since a letter dated 25th June acknowledging receipt of application to add her as an authorised person.

Membership Report – PH
There are 355 members - we have three new members and five are in the pipeline.

Speaker's Report – JH
The speaker today is Dave Gane on Science. There are two spaces vacant for next year. Perhaps we could have someone speaking on Spam and the Shepherd Singers. JH to enquire if the burlesque dancer, Dawn Gracie, if available for our December 2027 meeting.

Group Leader's Report – CM
We now have a Whist Group but unfortunately the lady who started the Group has left. CM to send an email to members asking if anyone is interested in running the Group.

The Cycling Group had its first meeting. RJ has organised a board for the notices each month. Perhaps members who have a mobile phone could photo those notices which are of interest to them.

Mayflower Tickets being purchased by non-members

KC queried the purchase of tickets to various shows by non-members who were accompanying u3a members. After discussion it was agreed to honour the present arrangements but in future, in line with rules for other Warsash u3a groups such as the Bus Trips and Breakaway Groups, only u3a members could purchase tickets. CH to have a word with Judith Sims(JS) regarding the Committee's decision and for JS to send an email to this effect and to show CH before it is sent out.

History Group Shortfall and future advance purchases

Due to a miscalculation and/or misunderstanding a Group ticket was bought for three more people than actually attended, resulting in a shortfall in the Group accounts. It was agreed to write this off, but in future when a Group ticket is purchased it is only bought for the number who have paid by a given deadline. Late payers will have to purchase full price tickets on the day.

University Links – Groups online

RS asked if anyone had a link with a local University to enquire what was available and would be of interest to u3a members. Sue Snape was suggested as a point of contact and LP suggested Donna Taylor who had worked at the University of Southampton; also to check if there was anything of interest on the U3A website.

Remembrance Stories

CM had received a letter from Lesley Stevens of St Mary's Church, Warsash, regarding celebrating Remembrance Day and wondered if we would be interested in submitting stories of remembrance to be displayed in the church hall with the poppies. KC suggested putting an article in the Newsletter and give contact details. A one off Creative Workshop was suggested for those members interested.

September Workshop

JC to send out details to see if anyone is interested.

U3A Open Days 19th-27th September

CH proposed we have a stand in the Victory Hall on their Open Day which is the 26th September. Fareham Hospital have agreed a stand on the 22nd September. CH in touch with Waitrose regarding a stand in the exit foyer. CH sent round a sign-up sheet for those committee members to wish to attend for an hour or so at Fareham Hospital and Victory Hall.

Poster

LS said Brook Lane Surgery would be happy to display a poster.

U3A Courses

RJ to see to this. CH is registered to vote and will look to see who is on the Board.

Research Study

A notice to be displayed to inform members.

Any Other Business

RJ looked into the query regarding non-delivery of TAM to some members. It appears the last submission to HQ was in January. Unfortunately a box which should have been ticked was omitted hence the non-delivery.

RJ – the date of members who have resigned or are deceased should be entered into the mobile phone box in the format 14 08 2026. This will make it easier to compile a yearly report.

KC -a prospective member had not received a response from George Hamilton Fletcher when contacted via Beacon regarding the Bridge Group. Not sure if Beacon glitch or omission. With George's permission, his email was given so she could email him direct..

Date of Next Meeting

This will be held on Friday, 11th September 2026, at 10.45 in the Newbury Room, Victory Hall.