Minutes of Warsash u3a Committee Meeting held on Friday, 11th September 2026 at 10.45 am in the Newbury Room, Victory Hall

Present:- Catherine Hallam(CH), Rosemary Scott(RS), 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:- Laurie Page(LP

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.

Treasurers's Report – KC
The Financial Report to the end of August was emailed to all Committee members prior to the meeting with apologies for not updating September payments due to having just returned from holiday. Although KC has been added to Inland Revenue site, communications are still being addressed to George, so to avoid further delay in making our Gift Aid claim KC is getting together with George on 29th September to make the claim jointly. With regard to making a payment to Victory Hall for their Open Day, KC mentioned that £6 of every member's fee goes to Victory Hall to cover the cost of hiring the hall etc. After discussion it was agreed to pay £25 to their Open Day and a receipt for this amount to be sent to KC. The Open Day is not a fund raising day.

Membership Report - PH
There are five new members which brings the Warsash membership to 366. A new member has paid but not yet filled in an application form. It was agreed an email address should be put on the Membership Form for queries and a send/return address. RS to give her spare phone to PH.
If Jan Myatt is unable to attend the monthly meeting to sign members in, it was agreed to have someone to take over this role. Bob Goodson and Jan Cox are interested in taking Jan's place when she is absent.

Speaker's Report – JH
This month's speaker is Martyn Cox on Large Gardens for Small Spaces. We are now fully booked for next year and Dawn Gracie is booked for December 2027. A musical evening was suggested for this December's meeting involving the Shepherd Singers, George Pickburn's Sea Shanties and the Ukelele Group.

Group Leader's Meeting – CM
We may or may not have a Whist Group! The Groups which closed for the Summer are now restarting. CM has put the notices in bold on the board by the signing up sheets.

Advertising – RS
To advertise Warsash u3a RS recommended displaying notices in doctors surgeries, supermarkets, independent living communities, the Warsash Residence Association Newsletter. To investigate parish magazines and the free magazine. To ask LP if he would write an article for the Newsletter re promoting us in the community.

McCarthy Stone – JC
It was agreed that McCarthy Stone could attend one of our monthly meetings. This will not be an opportunity for them to promote their business, rather what Warsash u3a can offer their local residents.

9/11
It was agreed the anniversary of 9/11 would not be mentioned at this month's meeting.

Chair's Forum
A banner to say u3a are here when we meet in the Victory Hall. Perhaps we could borrow the Weight Watcher banner to see if it would fit into our cupboard. Following the meeting Catherine and Rob checked our present banner. Bungee cords will be purchased and it will be displayed at future meetings at the front of Victory Hall.

u3a Week
CH asked if a Risk Assessment had been done for outside events. Propose to have a stall at Victory Hall, Fareham Community Hospital and Whiteley – if there are enough volunteers. A sign up sheet for volunteers will be displayed at the meeting. We have 120 u3a leaflets. RS and LS to design an A4 and A3 poster with the help of AI with a view to producing our own poster, postcard and business card. Catherine to get a quote.

ICE cards/members contacts
RJ to put an A4 size on the notice board reminding members.

Choosing a Candidate for the National u3a Board
At the moment CH's vote counts for all 366 Warsash u3a members. If any member is interested in nominating one of the three candidates, CH will have information sheets on the candidates at the meeting for members to indicate their preference and to inform her of their decision.

Sound System – RJ
We have the new sound system on trial for 30 days to see if we like it, if not it can be returned.

Any Other Business
RJ – the South East Workshop is on 21st September if anyone is interested.
JH- perhaps we could arrange a u3a trip to see the Bayeux Tapestry. Jenny to liaise with Jan Myatt.

Date of Next Meeting
This will be on Friday, 9th October 2026 at 10.45 in the Newbury Room, Victory Hall.