Minutes of Warsash U3A Committee Meeting held on Friday, 9th October 2026 at 10.45am in the Newbury Room, Victory Hall

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

Apologies:- Kumi Coulthard(KC)

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 – in KC's absence
The Financial Statement was emailed to all members prior to the meeting. RJ to check if a payment of £89 has been paid for the sound system.

Membership Report – PH
We have 12 new members bringing the total to 373. CH to check with Karen regarding numbers allowed at any one time in the Victory Hall. A new member, Mike Garner, showed an interest in having a Chess Group. CH mentioned he was one of the 5 members who volunteered to pick up members who are unable to get to the monthly meetings. Do we need a Men's Group/Man Shed? Put name down on a sign up sheet if interested.
Norman Paisley joined the meeting.
RS asked if we had a Welfare Group. CH – take it on a case by case basis. Need someone to go to if at risk.

Speaker's Report – JH
Our speaker today is Jane Glennie on Violet's Titanic Escape. To ask the Shepherd Singers if they would sing at the December meeting.

Group Leader's Report – CM
Further to Norman's email regarding a get together for those members on their own over the Christmas period, CM to set up a Christmas Group for those who showed interested.

Beach Cleaning – LP
LP read an email he had received from Anne Stone concerning the rubbish on Warsash beach. After discussion it was decided to set up a Beach Cleaning Group. CH to announce this at the meeting and a list will be available to sign for those who are interested.

Setting up and packing away at the monthly meeting.
CH mentioned Judith Sims had been setting this up but now wished to pass this on to someone else. LP will undertake setting up of banners, stage etc.

Banners
Two of the three banners need replacing. RJ to attempt repairs of banners otherwise we will look at replacing them.

Committee Replacements
Four members will be leaving the Committee in March – Kumi Coulthard (Treasurer) Jenny Hamer (Speaker Organiser), Christine Matcham (Group Leader) and Lorraine Sexton (Minute Secretary). Gill Lardner has offered to take the minutes. If any member is interested in taking over as Treasurer, Kumi would be willing to show them the ropes and have them shadow her.
As PH will be on holiday for next month's meeting, JC and GL will help at the membership table.

Termination of Newsletter
Pam and Robin Benson will terminate publishing the Newsletter after the December's issue. Need to find someone to take on this role.

Gift Aid
This is now up and running.

Open Days Roundup
As Fareham Hospital was a waste of time it was decided concentrating on Whiteley instead of the Community Hospital might be a better venue to promote Warsash u3a.

Poster business cards
CH thanked RS and LS for the design of the new poster and business card. The posters will be distributed locally and the business cards will be available for members to pick up when they sign in at this afternoon's meeting.

Incident/accident Review – follow up
The member who fell after the Short Walk was taken to his daughter's by another member. Enquiries were made that evening and following morning into his health. He didn't wish to go to hospital regarding the cut to his head and said he was fine. A record form has been completed regarding the fall by LH and placed with JC.

Any Other Business
PH would prefer not to be phone holder of our u3a phone. RJ is checking the phone which appears to be faulty. CH will hold the phone when repaired and hopefully another member will offer to have contact phone. There have been no calls to this phone this year.

Date of next meeting
This will be held on Friday, 13th November, at 10.45 in the Newbury Room, Victory Hall.