

**BRANSTON AND DISTRICT u3a
COMMITTEE MEETING, TUESDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2022
BRANSTON SPORTS PAVILLION 2.00 PM**

Present: Garry Snelson (GS, Chair) Janet Foster (JF), Anne Pickersgill (AP) James Hewson (JH), Jane Haresign (JHi), Robert Waltz (RW) Marjorie Barr (MB), Diane Prettie (DP, Observer)

- 1 Apologies Christine Hodson (CH), Rick Smok (RS), Eileen McKelvey (EM)
- 2 Minutes of the meeting held on 18 October 2022 were approved.
- 3 Chair's Report
 - 3.1 Email sent to Co-op thanking them for the cheque and asking if they wished to do a formal presentation at a monthly meeting.
 - 3.2 Emails sent to 3 members who objected about the Christmas Social date. Sue Morris asked for the 2023 Christmas Social to be held on the 2nd Tuesday in December. All in agreement. Members to be notified in January 2023.
 - 3.3 Meetings with potential Chairs still ongoing. GS to provide an update to Committee after November's monthly meeting.
- 4 Treasurer's Report

The main account £3863.98
Social account £817.12
- 5 Secretary's Report
 - 5.1 TAT and Charity Commission notified of change to our Constitution. Unapproved EGM minutes sent but minutes will not be approved until AGM.
 - 5.2 Need for Chair and Vice Chair roles to be amended on website to reflect changes. **Action GS/AP**
 - 5.3 AP has written the Sheepwash Times articles for a year and would like to pass it on. It was felt that this would be an excellent job for a Vice Chair.
- 6 Membership Secretary's Report

Currently have 250 members.
- 7 Welfare Officer's Report

Cards sent to two members.

8 Group Co-ordinator's Report

8.1 Bridge Group formally closed and removed from Beacon. Equipment is with Jane Haresign.

8.2 Luncheon Club. Due to the Convenor's continuing health issues, Angela Applewhite has stepped in as Deputy. No longer looking into setting up another group whilst the situation is assessed.

8.3 Birding. The Convenor is now posting on both the web page and the calendar.

9 Programme Secretary's Report

Unfortunately the November speaker can no longer attend so Mo Ilie has agreed to step in and give a talk. It was agreed to purchase a bottle of wine as a thank you to Mo. **Action: JF**

Action: JH to send an email to members advising them of the change of speaker.

10 Heighington Christmas Market, 27 November 2022

10.1 Gazebo collected by Nige Thomas for setting up with Chris Ward and Rick Smok. **Action: RS** to take boards/flag/table and chairs (from AP) from next Tuesday's meeting.

10.2 Rota

GS to contact non committee members who have volunteered to help and circulate amended rota to committee.

10.3 JHi and AP have organised a quiz with an Amazon £10 gift voucher purchased.

10.4 RW to provide various photos and membership forms.

10.5 GS to take u3a leaflets to stall.

11 Christmas Function update

11.1 JF provided a comprehensive plan for the day.

11.2 JH has confirmed Marks Plaice are OK to provide the food and JH will provide the condiments.

11.3 64 members are booked to attend.

11.4 Free raffle items have already been donated and **action** by JH to contact Branston Co-op to see if they can donate any prizes.

12 Branston Church Christmas Tree

12.1 No response from organising committee so GS sent email and stated the tree will be put up on Saturday 26 by Lynn Snelson and Jackie Brammer. JH will take it down on 5 December and will take it to the 6 December Christmas do.

12.2 AP has obtained a donated Christmas tree.

13 New Members' Meeting 21 November, 2pm booked at the Pavillion.

14 u3a Vision/Mission Statement


Action: (AP) to issue an amended statement as agreed.

Any Other Business

1 JHi will delay setting up a games group until January 2023. She will contact interested members to inform them.

2 New membership renewal process. **Action** by JF/JH/RS/RW at beginning of January.

3 RS reports that the PAT test certificate has still not been received for the u3a and the Village Hall. The Village Hall Committee are pursuing the matter.

Signed on True Record
 Chair
Gary Snelson
17/1/23