

**BRANSTON & DISTRICT U3A**  
**12TH AGM 28 MARCH 2017**  
**Branston Village Hall 2.00 p.m.**

**1. Apologies for Absence:**

Annie Manners, MaryAnne Williams, Jill Whitfield, LesWhitfield, Lynne Alexander, Mike Kaye, Jenny Kaye, Bill Randerson, Jo Randerson, Les Vogel, Jo Vogel, Vernon Goddard, Carol Goddard, Frank White, Joan Armstrong, Joyce Hackney, Michael Harris, Celia Harris, Alice Hulyer, Val Sargent.

There were 96 members present. In the absence of the Secretary, the Treasurer took the Minutes.

**2. Approval of the AGM Minutes held on 22 March 2016:**

Proposed Marcus Stead: Seconded Ralph Timms. Carried.

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

**3. Receipt and adoption of Statement of Accounts for 2016-2017:**

The Financial Statement was circulated to members present. The Treasurer told the meeting that the U3A is in a healthy financial position with a balance of £3,729.58 being carried forward into the current financial year. There was an operating deficit of £28.46, which would indicate that the income and expenditure balance is about right.

Rob Sargent queried the Internal Grant Payments and was told that these were loans to the Social Account to cover deposits and expenses incurred before payments were received from members. These loans are always repaid by the Social Account.

The Treasurer thanked Malcolm Earney and Sue Morris for their help and advice on taking over the accounts.

Malcolm Earney proposed that the meeting accept the accounts, seconded by Sue Morris. Carried.

**4. Appointment of Examiner of Accounts for 2017-2018:**

Andrea White told the meeting that Kevin Marshall had agreed to examine the accounts again next year and proposed that he be appointed. Seconded by John Tyerman. Carried.

**5. Chairman's report:**

The chairman opened his report by giving thanks to the committee for all of the effort they had put in over the past year to ensure that Branston U3A continued to grow and remain a successful group.

He made particular reference to Dhillie Tighe who was retiring from the committee and also from the U3A. Thanks we're also given to Fred Yorke (social convenor) and Alan Croxford (equipment officer) for all their efforts behind the scenes to ensure that the monthly meetings run effectively.

Moving on to a review of the year, the chairman noted that we had started in March 2016 with 229 members and although we had lost members through the twelve months more joined than we lost so we closed with a new high of 233. We have 33 interest groups and at this point thanks we're given to the convenors without whom the groups could not continue to operate. The chairman suggested that groups should try to promote the role of deputy convenor to cover for illness or holidays to prevent groups having to be closed or put into suspension if the convenor is not available. He also mentioned that new groups we always welcome and asked anyone who had an interest not currently covered to contact the groups coordinator to discuss the development of a new interest group.

The chairman closed by thanking all the members for their support for Branston U3A over the year.

#### **6. Election of Vice-Chair and Committee Members:**

Vice Chairman	<b>James Hewson</b>	Proposed Ralph Timms: seconded Mike Kaye. Carried
Chairman	<b>Mary Timms</b>	
Secretary	<b>Jo Randerson</b>	
Treasurer	<b>Andrea White</b>	
Events Officer	<b>Marcus Stead</b>	
Liaison Officer	<b>Maureen Burton</b>	
Committee	<b>Denis Stubbings</b>	

The above committee members had been voted in position at the last AGM. John Tyerman proposed that they continue, seconded by Andrea White. Carried.

Groups' Cordinator: **Malcolm Earney** Proposed Ralph Timms: seconded Jo Randerson. Carried

Committee: **John Tyerman** Proposed Jo Randerson: seconded Malcolm Earney. Carried.  
**Elaine Johnson** proposed Tony Hunt: seconded Barbara Hunt. Carried.

#### **7. Any Other Business: None.**

The Chairman, John Tyerman, closed the meeting at 2.45 pm.

Mary Timms, as the new chairman, addressed the meeting. She thanked the Committee for their hard work and is looking forward to working with them in the coming year. She referred to the emails sent to the membership about the proposed visit to Thorseby and assured the members that the Committee would address some of the concerns raised. She had received 97 replies, which equates to 41% of the membership. She added that for those members not wishing to go to Thoresby, she would be holding an open house on the afternoon of the 22 August.

Refreshments were then served whilst Lee Rowley gave a presentation on the Eastern bypass.