

## **Branston and District Committee U3A Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

### **Minutes for the meeting held by Zoom at 2.00pm**

Present: John Tyerman (Chair) Janet Foster, Garry Snelson, Elaine Johnson, Chris Hodson, Mary Corbould, James Hewson, Rick Smok, Heather Sharpe.

**1. Apologies** – Brian Sentence

**2. Minutes of the previous meeting** - accepted

### **3. Matters Arising**

Garry's name spelt incorrectly in last minutes.

### **4. Chair's Report**

Hopefully everyone will have had the Covid vaccination by June/Sept this year but will members want to come back to meetings? AGM meeting to be held online in March. Garry to take over as Chair. Elaine to retire at that meeting and possibly Heather. Voting forms to be sent out to members before the meeting. Maximum of ten on a committee, Branston has nine at present. Discussion held as to whether the Data Manager can be a non committee member. Vice chair is decided by the committee.

No U3A day in June as previously arranged as no social contact allowed at present.

### **5. Treasurer's Report**

Account up to the end of December presented. James paid for the Zoom Licence up to the end of January. Cheque to be sent to Mr Brook, next week's zoom speaker.

Mr James Kelsey will audit the accounts again this year. No charge will be made to do these, so a couple of bottles of wine will be given to him as thanks. The social account needs a volunteer to audit them. Chris Hodson volunteered to do this. The group's annual returns are coming in slowly. Branston Croquet Club- a cheque for £493.00 will be made out to them and presented in February. Everything now signed off and the club up and running.

Beacon fees to remain the same this year.

### **6. Membership Secretary's Report**

One enquiry for a couple who have moved to the area.

Two former members of Branston u3a have died. Elaine sent cards and letters to relatives. Also, a few get well cards have been sent to members.

### **7. Group Coordinator's Report**

Rick has found an easy online booking system, Slhott, for walking groups. All up and ready for when they are allowed to walk again.

### **8. Programme Secretary's Report**

January's meeting organised via Zoom has been arranged. February's meeting, a lady talking about a schoolgirls war. A speaker will also be arranged for the March meeting for after the AGM.

### **9. Website Manager's Report**

James reported problems with Beacon. A new version is being worked on.

He has written an article for February's The Sheepwash Times which includes information about the new Branston Croquet Club.

Zoom offering a 20% reduction on the annual licence fee. It was agreed though to just continue with the monthly account, approx. £14 a month, at present.

The draft membership fee letter was discussed and it was suggested that the cost of TAT, magazine

etc to be included to show members that there are still outgoings although no physical meeting can be held at present.

The website needs updating. Swimming club no longer available as Branston Hall has closed. James has been helping members and groups to access Zoom and the Committee's thanks are given and recorded to him for all his help at this time.

**10. Croquet** – Every thing signed off and now running

**11. Other Reports**

None

**12. Keeping in Touch**

James to continue with his weekly online letter which has been well received by members.

**13. Any Other Business**

None

**14. Date of next meeting-** Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 2.00pm via Zoom

The meeting closed at 3.10pm