

Burton u3a Committee Meeting Minutes - Tuesday 3rd May 2022
The Priory Centre, Stretton, 10am

Present: Christine Davenport (Vice Chair), Basil Armett (Treasurer), Rosemary Marsden (Secretary Elect), Mary Corbett (Membership and Events), Chrys Smedley (Beacon), Janet Heckle (Groups), Bimal Jangra (Publicity/Newsletter), Neil Davenport, and Gill Jangra (non-committee Minute Secretary)

1. **Apologies:** Pat Chamberlain and Rose Hunt (Secretary Assistant Elect)
2. Minutes of meeting 5th April 2022 approved and signed
3. **Matters arising:** Prices for newsletter passed at previous meeting. To be put before membership at AGM
December Christmas Party Subsidy – *defer to July meeting*
Response to Bethan Waite – *this has already been dealt with*
4. **Chairs Report:** No report
5. **Secretary Report:** Three nominations have been received so far for committee membership before 12th May deadline. It was agreed that it was not necessary for secretary assistant to be present at committee meetings. Vice Chair to send committee phone numbers to secretaries.
6. **Treasurers Report:** Below is the information about annual subscriptions I would have presented to the last meeting if I was given some prior notice of the discussion.

Annual Subscriptions etc.

Year to 31-03-22	Actual	£ 5968	685 members
Year to 31-03-23	Estimated	£ 6043	685 members (based on receipts so far)
Year to 31-03-24	At £ 14 for all	£ 9590	685 members (decision at last meeting)
Increase over 22/23	£ 3547	£1245 extra to be paid to TAM due to compulsion	
Year to 31-03-24	£ 12 for all	£ 8220	(my proposal at last meeting)
Increase over 22/23	£ 2177	£ 1245 extra to be paid to TAM due to compulsion	

Effect on members

Those not having TAM	£7.50 to £14.00	87% increase
Those having TAM	£10.50 to £14.00	33% increase

On reflection I think TAM should remain optional, we have let the cat out of the bag. Will we get criticism from some members? I am not against an increase.

Reserves

Bank Balance as per accounts for year to 31-03-2022	£13337
Loan to Social Account since repaid	£500
Total	£13837

This is equal to 6.5 months of 19/20 expenditure (*our last full year*) and does not need increasing as it is more than adequate.

Burton Newsletter

Current cost is Printing 91p, postage 68p Total £1.59 x 4 = £6.36 pa

To simplify subscription renewals, this should not be paid with the subscriptions but collected separately.

Financial Implications of 2023 subscription decision. It was agreed that the newsletter would not be included in the renewal fee. Prices for newsletter defer to July meeting. It was further agreed that the Treasurer would review costs in early 2023. Many thanks to Treasurer for the work he has done in presenting the finances.

7. **AGM 9th June:** Nomination forms and proposal forms have gone out to membership. It was noted that 50 members had no email. The AGM Agenda should contain names of nominees and the Chair and Treasurer reports. We need 37 members to be present to be quorate.

8. **Membership Report:** As at 3rd May we have a total of **634** members although Beacon is showing 725 but this includes members who have still not renewed. I understood that these would be removed from the current list on that date, but they are still showing. I am assuming this will happen imminently.
The breakdown is as follows: Newsletter by email: **544**
Newsletter by post: **91**
TAM: **193**
Renewals are still coming in but very slowly now.
9. **Beacon Report:** The usual unblocking of emails. A couple of issues raised with Beacon helpdesk – now resolved
Have changed reciprocal member renewal dates so they no longer show as red on groups list
Password and Beacon guides sent to new coordinators – *Paul Spencer* (Singing) *Sue Fraser* (Wine Appreciation). Have moved non-renewal members to lapsed – *91 in total* – this now shows current membership list as 634 (difference of 1 to Mary's list?).
10. **Interest Groups Report:** Assets all updated and sent to Basil. Group Secretary role updated and put on website.
Reciprocal Form completed. We have 4 reciprocal members at the moment. All have been contacted and are current members for 2022-2023. They can now be put on group registers by Mary, Chrys or myself.
- GROUPS**
Wine Appreciation has a new coordinator (*Sue Fraser*)
Friday Bowls and Singing are making some changes to their organisation (need to confirm some details and then report back)
Poetry is meeting back on zoom.
Bridge is planning to meet face to face
Reading Shakespeare is struggling
Photo 4 and Philosophy are uncertain due to health of coordinators.
- EQUIPMENT**
Laptop bags /check list bought and given to the 6 committee members with a u3a laptops (at May's meeting).
11. **Events Secretary's Report:** The catering for the AGM is all in hand and I would suggest that perhaps we hold the AGM before *Chris Austin* does his talk on The Shadows in order that we will have a better attendance. Obviously if the committee agree to this, I will have to contact Chris to confirm this is acceptable to him.
I have booked *Graham Short* for the Talk & Tea on 1st September at a cost of £100.00.
I have confirmed with Pirelli the Xmas Party on 1st December and am currently working on the entertainment. Any suggestions will be much appreciated.
John Morris is now booked for the March Talk & Tea 2023.
12. **Communications Report/Secretary:** No report
13. **Any Other Business:** It was confirmed that the committee meetings would take place as follows: *Feb, April, May, July, August, Oct, Dec*. June is AGM. The committee will propose an across-the-board membership fee of £14 for approval at the meeting.

**Thanks to Vice Chair who has attended her last meeting in this position as her 3 year term of office comes to an end.
Apologies from Interest Groups Coordinator for July meeting.
Meeting closed 11:05am**

**Next meeting Tuesday 5th July 10am
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