

**1. Present**

Janet Walsh (chair), Susan Anderson, Merle Traves, John Rice, David Taylor, Peter Traves

**2. Apologies**

Hugh Scriven and Doreen Thomas

**3. Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th April 2022 were agreed to be a correct record.

**4. Matters arising**

- The offer of a discount for the Southport Flower Show was advertised in the Newsletter.
- Janet's name was forwarded to the Minsterley Parish Hall Committee. They had not responded to this nomination at the time of the meeting.

**5. Two minute items**

Merle suggested that we should consider moving to a two monthly cycle of Committee Meetings with the option to put an extra one in when the need arises. In principle this was seen as a good idea and that it could be instituted from September.

**6. Updates:**

**(i) Membership**

We currently have 158 members on the list. Of these 139 are now recorded as having paid their membership in full. Peter will contact those not so recorded with personal emails to ask them to either confirm that they have in fact paid or to pay the fee or to confirm that they have left.

**(ii) Finance**

The report was received. John has been in communication with the external auditor, Colin Sharp. A minor correction was made in the figures. Peter agreed to keep the treasurer informed of any cheques paid in for membership fees. Merle informed the meeting that from now on the Family History group will be paying for a venue and that this will involve the taking in and paying out of monies.

**(iii) Interest groups**

- A coordinator for the Bridge group appears to have been identified and this should set the group on a more stable basis.
- Disappointingly no coordinator has been found for the Gardening group.

**(iv) Publicity and U3a brochure**

- There was details discussion of the initial design for a brochure that could be used for publicising the u3a and its activities. Sue requested more photographs of interest group activity that could be used in the brochure, the Newsletter or the website. She reminded us that we would need to secure permission from people in order to use their photos. It was agreed that we should do this via email rather than producing a formal document. A revised draft of the brochure will be available for the June Committee meeting.
- The format for the local village newsletters that Sue has designed was agreed to be very attractive and should be used as the standard form.
- It was agreed that we should consider using posters to advertise events.

## **7. Open Meetings**

### **(i) Report back on April meeting**

Though the turn-out was low, it was agreed that this had been an enjoyable occasion. The fact that there had been a sharp upturn in covid cases, that it was so close to Easter and that the previous Open Meeting had been cancelled, were seen as factors contributing to the low numbers attending.

### **(ii) Planning for June and July**

- Peter agreed to send out an email reminder for the June Open Meeting nearer to the date.

## **7. Minsterley Show**

It was agreed that we would not take a stand at this year's Minsterley Show but that we would concentrate our efforts on planning the 40th Anniversary Celebration

## **8. u3a 40th Anniversary Celebration**

- The planning group for the event was agreed - Merle, Sue Anderson and Susan Lockwood.
- There was discussion as to whether or not the event should be transferred to the Pavilion as it would be more likely to attract interest from non-members. The main problem would be parking. Though the vote at the meeting was not in favour of the transfer, it was decided after further discussion to investigate whether parking might be available at the Ark on a Saturday afternoon.
- The Folk group will be asked to make an input.
- Merle will see whether Marko Ivanovic's drone film of walks up the ten highest hills in Shropshire might be made available.
- It was agreed that we may need more display boards and that information about all the interest groups should be available on the day.

## **9. Next meeting: Monday 6 June, 2pm at the Pavilion**