

Minutes of P&RV u3a Committee Meeting - 15th June

Minsterley Parish Hall

1. Present

Janet Walsh (chair), Bob Boden, Hugh Scriven, David Taylor, Sue Anderson, Merle Traves, John Rice, Peter Traves

2. Apologies

Doreen Thomas

3. Minutes of last meeting (attached)

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th May 2022 were agreed.

4. Matters Arising - including decision regarding our u3a brochure

Sue had sent out details relating to the production of brochures and the costings of different options. The committee preferred the second draft of the brochure which had more of a white background. Merle was asked to seek permission from those members appearing in photos on the brochure.

Membership numbers at present are 161 on roll with 142 registered as having paid. David reported that he has informed the organisers of the Minsterley Show that we will not be taking a stall this year. Janet informed the meeting that parking at the Pavilion will be available and therefore the September 40th Anniversary event can take place there.

Three items were discussed in relation to the report on Interest Groups. Merle advised that it would not be productive to include a general appeal to help relaunch groups currently not operating or without coordinators in the next Newsletter. She will try to work with those groups in the Autumn. Janet's suggestion for the idea of 'pop-up' groups was welcomed by the committee as a good idea. These would be new groups with a specific and limited time-span. A suggestion was made that we could consider a Sunday Lunch group which might be welcomed by those living on their own.

5. AGM Preparation (see attached document for details)

Documentation relating to the AGM had been sent out to committee prior to the meeting, including the chair's annual report. As the audit is now likely to be completed very soon it was decided that we could revert to the original date of 20th July. This meeting will be held via zoom. Janet told the meeting that the move to Beacon would simplify the recording of the financial transactions next year. Peter was asked to make sure that papers go out to members by or on the 21st June. He was also asked to send a copy of the constitution to the committee. Peter will send out the zoom link for the meeting nearer to the date.

6. 40th Anniversary Celebrations

Sue had send round details of proposed options for publicity materials. These were looked at item by item and options and costings were agreed. The sub-group charged with coordinating the planning of the occasion has surveyed the Pavilion so that best use can be made of the space available. Members were given a print-out of the latest information on the proposed pattern of the day and of the groups currently committed to providing an input. It was agreed that there was still time to ask other groups to make a visual contribution. David informed the meeting that there will be plenty of display board space.

Susan Lockwood has offered to make a quilt to celebrate this occasion and it was agreed that we should try to get a special Anniversary cake for the occasion. It was agreed that a tombola should take place and therefore we will need to advertise soon to ask for contributions as prizes.

7. A.O.B.

There was discussion about whether or not the u3a could lend support to other charities.

The key criteria appear to be:

- (i) Any money raised from members for our u3a must not be spent on other causes
- (ii) We can advertise other charities but their aims should be compatible with those of the u3a

8. Date of next meeting

AGM - Monday 4 July 2022 - by zoom.