

Minutes of the Test Villages AGM held on Thursday 2nd December 2021 in Chilbolton Village Hall for the year 1st September 2020 to 31st August 2021

1. Present

There were fifty members in the audience, and nine present on Zoom.

2. Apologies

From Chris Backwell; John Temple; Gail Bailey; Doris Bailey; and Carol Padgham.

The minutes of the 2019/2020 year AGM held on 6th January 2021 were approved.
There were no matters arising.

3. Chairman's Report

The written report was accompanied by a verbal report that included her resignation from the committee, thanked all who helped her, noted a number of deaths of members, most recently Nigel Otley and Linda M King, benefits of Zoom and excellence of speakers.
The report was accepted.

4. Finance Report

The finance report was delivered by Chris Grove. The report was accepted and Chris was thanked for his work on the finances over the last year.

5. Appointment of Chairman

Two names had come forward - Chris Backwell and John Williams. It was agreed these would share the chairman's job, but for the purposes of U3A rules Chris would become chairman and John would become vice chairman. One person objected to the appointment of Chris, but everyone else supported his appointment. There were no objections to John's appointment.

6. Appointment of Finance Member

Chris Grove was unanimously appointed to undertake the finance role for the U3A.

7. Committee Roles and appointments

Before the committee appointments, John said that he and Chris Backwell would only take on the Chairman's role for one year, and would continue to maintain their Questors' roles in addition. He also explained how our U3A had originally been set up and led by Mike Leiberson, then led by Ed Farrand, Kim Candler, Sandy Farrand, and Geoff Thompson who warned that if no one came forward the organisation would fail. David Morgan then took over the role followed by Diane Newell. John thanked all of these people and reminded everyone that the organisation is for every members benefit, but it has to be run by the members.

John also said that he and Chris wanted to:-

- reduce social isolation
- welcome new people
- get in varied speakers who are entertaining and thought provoking
- promote local interest groups
- encourage things that are fun like the Questors trips
- want the work of the committee to be fun (as the Questors committee has been)
- need to get the membership from around the 150 mark back to over 200
- challenge each current member to introduce one new member.

Sandi Lamb agreed to stay on from the existing committee.

The following also volunteered:-

- Fran Backwell
- Wendy Williams
- Judi Weston

All four appointments were unanimously appointed.

Although there were no further appointments to the committee, a number of members have volunteered to help with the running of the organisation.

The meeting was chaired by John Williams.

3rd December 2021