

MINUTES OF THE WARSASH U3A COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON  
31<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2023 AT 2.00 PM AT 21 HOLLYBROOK GARDENS

1. JS welcomed the Committee Members to the Meeting.
2. **Present:-** Judith Sims (JS), Dianne Hammersley (DH), George Pickburn (GP), Kumi Coulthard (KC), Simon Hamersley (SH), Sue Snape (SS), Jan Myatt (JM), Jenny Hamer (JH)
3. **Apologies:-** Bob Goodson (BG), Pam Benson (PB), Rosemary Scott (RS), Sue Pearce (SP), Audrey Sawdon (AS), Christine Savage (CS)

4. **Minutes of Last Meeting**

These were approved and signed by JS.

5. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

The problem of people not turning up for a meal ordered was discussed at great length. KC suggested adding to the MOTO list that if you did not turn up for an ordered meal you would have to pay.

SS – If people signed up and were not a member there was no way to keep track. Group Leaders only know about their own Group.

JS – To check that everyone is a member before ordering a meal is only a problem if money is involved.

SS enquired if there is a member who looks after new members. This to be discussed with RS and Group Leaders should check with RS if money is involved. At the monthly meeting ask if there are any new member or visitors

JS – Perhaps have a separate table for new members. KC suggested changing the layout of tables. GP to have a sign made showing “Welcome Desk”.

6. **Treasurer’s Report**

GP distributed copies of Statement of Account to Committee Members. He said all cheques and cash had been paid in and the accounts had been reconciled.

SS – The Family History Group look quite healthy.

GP said he had updated the Financial Policy to incorporate Trustees' comments made by email, and to number/letter each paragraph for future ease of reference. It was pointed out that a word had been omitted from para. 7g which should read “payments are to be passed to the Treasurer . . .” This amendment was made by hand, and JS signed the amended copy for the record.

GP informed the Committee that he had been looking at the ability for members to join online. A pdf form had been sent to various members for them to fill in the various boxes as if they were new members and to return to him. He had tried to add a send button but, as yet, without success.

Locks Heath have a system for re-joining based on Beacon email which GP will re-draft as though it was from Warsash U3A and send a copy to a few members for completion.

To pay online would require an email address to be set up which would incur an annual fee, as would the PayPal account necessary to receive the money. It should also be noted that the PayPal account is single-authority, meaning that it could be drained of funds by the

Treasurer without any oversight from a second approver. Finally, it would require members to be content to pay online.

#### **7. Speaker's Report**

There is no change to last month's report. This month's speaker, George Darwall will talk on the Royal Navy.

#### **8. Member's Report**

To date there are 265 members. Locks Heath have 203 and charge an annual fee of £25. GP suggested perhaps joining up with Locks Heath and get a good speaker. KC asked if there was a limit to the size of groups. DH said there is a difference between being a very successful group and being too big.

#### **9. Group Leader's Report**

On the Water – SS reported the BBQ was very successful and to be on an ad hoc basis. GP to talk to Nick regarding navigation.

Cooking Together – This has not been very successful as it stands and suggested perhaps two smaller groups would be better.

Cycling Group – Insurance would be covered by Warsash U3A.

Break Away Group – SS distributed a Policy Document which was drawn up by Rosemary and Christine. All Committee Members were happy with the document. The first meeting to be held on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> August, at 10.30 in the Bartholomew Rooms at Victory Hall.

DH, JS and SS will hold emergency contact lists.

Payment of trips will be made on an individual basis directly to the travel company. There is no refund on coach trips.

#### **10. Medical Contact Cards**

JS would like all members to have a medical card detailing their contact details in case of an emergency. If members are happy to do this U3A will issue them.

SS – Emergency contact details could be done via Beacon which would need to be accessed by all members. Members could access Beacon by phone but would need to be shown how to do this. The Warsash U3A website needs to be updated.

#### **11. Senior Citizens Fair**

JS – This was very successful and quite a few people took away forms. Some of the other stall holders showed an interest in us. JS will send photos of the Fair to the Committee.

A thank you letter was received from the Houses of Parliament.

#### **12. Visit to Beck Lodge**

As a result of interest in Warsash U3A at the Senior Citizens Fair, Beck Lodge would like us to visit them on 12<sup>th</sup> October between 2.00 – 3.00 pm to talk about our group.

#### **13. Constitution**

JS, DH, SH and GP to take a new look at the Constitution.

#### **14. Speaker Suggestions**

Suella Braverman would like to speak to us after her visit to Victory Hall. As some members felt uncomfortable with this, a visit to the Houses of Parliament was suggested as an alternative.

GP suggested a talk by the local Mayor.

#### **15. Susie Masters**

JS has emailed all Group Leaders explaining that Susie has an assistance dog. Susie is quite happy if people do not want her at certain events.

#### **16. Rob Johnson**

JS reported Rob was not in a position at the moment to fill the role of Technical Advisor but would be happy to help out the Café Society when necessary.

#### **17. Date of Next Meeting**

The next Committee Meeting will be held on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 at 2.00 pm at 21 Hollybrook Gardens.