

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF SAFFRON WALDEN U3A
HELD ON MONDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2016 AT 2.30 PM
AT THE TOWN HALL, SAFFRON WALDEN**

1. Welcome

The Chairman, Sue Barton, welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were 156 members present.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Peter Long, Jennifer Capper, Tony and Patricia Marks, Mr. M. Furlong, Mrs L. Furlong.

3. Minutes of 2015 AGM

The Secretary read out the Minutes. It was proposed by Ann Treglown, seconded by Alan Nicholls, that they were a true record. Put to the vote and passed *nem. con.* There were no matters arising.

4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman thanked fellow committee members for their support during the year. She also thanked coordinators and tutors without whom the U3A could not function. There was a special thank you for both Jessica Jackson, Editor of *Update*, and Terry Allen, Activities and Venues Coordinator, as both are stepping down from the committee.

There was a special mention for Gloria Allen for providing teas at the open meetings for the past three years.

Martin Hugall was thanked for all of his work on the website. The website is our face on the world and brings us the majority of enquiries relating to membership. It was the general opinion of everyone present that the website is excellent and easy to use.

New classes.

The new classes introduced this year have included;

Spanish,

Latin,

Another Pilates class making it 5 in all,

Easy Riders cycling group,

Table Tennis,

Philosophy,

Mahjong 3

In the coming year there is to be a Ukulele Group and efforts are being made to recruit another class tutor for a second History Group.

Theatre & Travel – doing a very good job with their variety of trips and theatre outings.

The Lunch Club has been enjoyed by many

Membership at the moment stands at 766. Members were reminded of the importance of the Gift Aid and the Data Protection Act sections of their renewal forms.

There is a New Members morning on 10th October in the Bowls Club, Abbey Lane at 10.30 where it is intended to welcome new members. It is an occasion for new members to meet the Committee and Coordinators.

The Chairman reminded members that they can join in other local U3A activities without incurring another membership cost, though it should be remembered that this only applies to activities/classes where no cost is involved.

The Chairman closed with a reminder of the Mission Statement – Lifelong learning for Third Agers. Principles – self-help, non-political; non-denominational.

The Chairman asked that we all look forward to the coming academic year and to the continuing growth of our U3A activities.

5. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that the annual accounts and financial statements have been prepared using applicable Accounting Standards and have been examined by an Independent Examiner in accordance with the Charity Commissioners' requirements. There are two sets of accounts; one for the main U3A finances and the other for the Theatre & Travel group, the latter being entirely separate. The Treasurer thanked Jean Little for her excellent work in administering the Theatre and Travel accounts

The accounts for 2015-2016 show an excess of income over expenditure of approximately £1150. This is due in the main to an increase in membership numbers plus the income from two years' Gift Aid for 2013 and 2014. These two items account for our sole income. There is also a decrease in expenditure for this year.

There are still sufficient funds in the account and this has enabled the Committee to keep the reduced membership subscription to £10 for the current year.

The Treasurer proposed the adoption of the accounts, seconded by Trevor Osbourn. Put to the vote and passed *nem. con.*

The Chairman thanked Ann Treglown for her attention to detail and her valued contribution to the U3A.

6. Resolutions

6.1. To reappoint the Examiner of Accounts, Robert Currie

Proposed by Tony Treglown, seconded by Ann Banks. Put to the vote and passed *nem. con.*

6.2. To elect the Committee Members

Committee members all stand down as set out in the Constitution.

Ten members had been proposed and seconded prior to the AGM and the nominations had been received by the Secretary more than 28 days before the meeting. The nominations are:

| Name | Proposed | Seconded |
|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Alan Nicholls | R.W.Gilyead | Jennifer Taylor |
| Ann Treglown | Brian Linford | Penny Lawson |
| Ann Cousins | J. Chesworth | B.L. Wildblood |
| Ann Banks | John Banks | Kate Barwood |
| Trevor Osbourn | Tony Treglown | Adelise Osbourn |
| Joanna O'Connor | R.W.Gilyead | Jennifer Taylor |
| Jean Little | Penny Lawson | Sue Bartlett |
| Pauline Palmer | Penny Lawson | G.Allen |
| Janet. Pearson | John A. Pearson | Michael C. Barton |
| Ann Crawford | Sheila French | Isobel Jones |

It was proposed from the floor, by Tony Treglown, seconded by Michael C. Barton that these nominations be passed en bloc. Put to the vote and passed *nem. con.*

6.3. Resolutions relating to the amendment of the constitution received under clause 14. These had been published in *Update* and were on each copy of the agenda. They were read out by the secretary:

Existing Clause 3 shall be replaced by:

CHARITABLE PURPOSES

The charitable purposes of The U3A are:

To advance education and in particular the education of people not in full time gainful employment who are in their Third Age (being the period of time after the first age of childhood dependence and the second age of full time employment and/or parental responsibility) residing in Saffron Walden and its surrounding locality.

In this Constitution "people in their Third Age" has the meaning set out above

The charitable purposes of The U3A may only be altered with the prior consent of the Charity Commission.

Existing Clause 16 iv shall be replaced by:

There shall be a quorum when at least 10% of the number of members of The U3A are present at any General Meeting.

It was proposed by Ann Treglown, seconded by Trevor Osbourn that these changes to the Constitution be adopted. Put to the vote and passed *nem. con.*

7. Any Other Business

Alan Nicholls asked the membership to show its appreciation of the outgoing chair, Sue Barton, for all of her hard work over the previous three years.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 3.08pm.