

MINUTES OF THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2024

PRESENT Chris Rowe (Chair), Tim Smith (Treasurer), Sue Dodds-Smith (Secretary), Joan Edney (Membership Secretary), Gwynneth Moore (Webmaster), Margaret Griffiths (Speaker Secretary), Clive Tyrrell (Publicity Secretary) Sue Wintersgill and 67 members were present.

1. APOLOGIES Judy Smith, Jim Wardle, Sharon Hammond, Yvonne and Tim Swallow, David & Paula Cockrane, Jackie Bird, Stuart & Chris Billington, Gill Mister, Christine Warrington, Paula Jones and Rob Womack

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM

Copies of the 2023 Minutes were previously circulated to the membership by email. The motion to agree the Minutes were a true record was proposed by Izzy Lambley, seconded by Mary Parker and carried unanimously. They were signed by the chair, placed on file, and will be put on the website.

3. MATTERS ARISING

No matters arising

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

For those of you who don't already know me, I am Chris Rowe, the current Chair of Brixworth & District u3a, and I am delighted that our u3a continues to be so successful. In the last 12 months I have been sitting in this Chair, our membership has stayed at a fairly consistent 270 paid-up members. We inevitably lose some over the year for one reason or another but gain new ones. So, if you are one of those who have joined this year, a very warm welcome to you. The number of our interest groups also stays more or less the same, at 30 – with a few new ones taking the place of those that have closed.

I would like to thank my fellow committee members, who all help to keep our u3a up and running so well. For those who are new to our u3a, may I introduce our Treasurer, Tim Smith, our Business Secretary, Sue Dodds-Smith, our Membership Secretary Joan Edney, our Speaker Secretary, Margaret Griffiths, the Website Manager, Gwynneth Moore, Clive Tyrrell who is responsible for Publicity and Sue Wintersgill, who looks after new members. Missing is Jackie Bird, who is our interest Groups Co-ordinator. A huge thanks to you all.

With my other hat on as Newsletter Editor, I must thank everyone who contributes to our newsletter – it would be a very brief one-page affair if I didn't receive all your lovely photos and activity reports. Thanks must go to all our Group Leaders and their helpers for their hard work in planning and preparing their group activities. It all helps to make the Brixworth & District u3a the wonderful, friendly and inspiring organisation that it is.

And finally, my thanks to everybody who works so hard behind the scenes, whether at monthly meetings or at interest group meetings. Especially Judy Smith, who runs the Raffle every month, and all the ladies in the kitchen serving us our teas, coffees and biscuits. Not forgetting Annie Curtis who is always at the front door welcoming members old and new. Thank you.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Tim Smith presented the audited and final accounts for the year ending 31st March 2024. There being no questions, Annie Curtis proposed and Peter Davies seconded the motion that the accounts be accepted. Carried unanimously.

The Treasurer proposed that the subscription fee for next year should be increased to £20. However, he also proposed that members not wishing to receive the Third Age Matters Magazine should pay £16. Janet Womack proposed and Peter Davies seconded the motion that resolution be accepted. Carried unanimously.

6. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBER

Having completed and submitted the necessary nominations papers for Clive Tyrrell, Janet Womack proposed and Mary Parker seconded the motion that he be elected to the committee. Carried unanimously.

7. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR.

The motion to appoint Ian Barrett as Auditor was proposed by Jill Bament, seconded by Ann Tyrrell. Carried unanimously.

8. ANY MOTIONS PUT FORWARD

No motions were put forward.

9. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

None.

10. THANKS

Annie Curtis thanked Chris Rowe for her work as Chair and it was much appreciated by all members.

11. DATE OF NEXT AGM – 3rd September 2025