

**Minutes of North Walsham Committee Meeting**  
**Monday 20th July 2020**  
**By Zoom**

1. Those present: Steve Guratsky, Sonia Thomas, Clive Irons, Peter Phillips, Gill Moroney, Marilyn Nevill, Jayne Potter, Veronica Cooke

2. Apologies: Janet Barnard

3. Minutes of the last meeting: the minutes from the meeting held 15th June were agreed as an accurate account.

4. Matters Arising: as per agenda

5. Finance Report:

CI sent figures prior to the meeting. Committee expenses need to be sent to CI by Friday 25th to be included in the end of year accounts. Bank account details and name on the account to be included for CI to pay direct.

CI has paid for our 201 subscribers to the Third Age Trust magazine. After discussion, it was agreed that this would not be cancelled until we have had a chance to discuss with members. It may be that an additional £3.10 would be requested for those who want to continue but this would rely on members amending their standing orders. It may be possible to email the membership through Beacon to request opinions.

In Summary, it may not be the right time to do this as members are missing out on other activities. It will be discussed again at the AGM and again before the April deadline.

CI proposed that the contribution to the equipment fund, that were transferred before a committee decision to stop this, should be returned. Seconded by ST and carried unanimously.

Next year's budget: CI has worked on some predictions. There will still be some costs that will need to be covered: Beacon fees, newsletter costs, stationery, membership fee for New Age Trust etc. however there will be less expenditure due to the lack of monthly meetings.

**Action:** CI will produce two budget scenarios for the next meeting.

6. Secretary's Report: nothing to report

7. Membership Secretary's Report: two new members have joined and have been issued with membership cards so that they can join their relevant groups but MN has not charged them and they have not been added to Beacon as yet. They will be added for the new year. They have to be paid up members before receiving the newsletter.

8. Groups co-ordinator's Report: a number of groups are now continuing by using zoom. A new group 'intuition and beyond' has been added to the group list. They talk about life and our understanding of it but steer clear of politics, finance and established religions but share what we know and learn of the spiritual world.

Carol Palfrey is the new Current Affairs contact although the group will operate with different members running meetings in rotation.

Creative Writing - JP to liaise with David Thompson  
Classical Music - back on  
Folk music - MN will contact the leader again  
Reading - unknown  
U3sings - difficult without the right equipment  
Discussion - SG has emailed the leader and will try to reinstate  
Gardening group 2 are keeping in contact

9. Newsletter Editor's Report: as in the previous few months, 22 hard copies of the July newsletter were posted. ST requested ideas to enable the newsletter to continue. Some group leaders have been good at sending in copy.

Website - new information has been posted on the coronavirus information page and 'intuition and beyond' added to the groups page.

10. Programme Secretary's Report: nothing to report except that some cancelled speakers would like to be rescheduled for 2022.

11. Chairman's Items:

latest update from the Third Age Trust on dealing with coronavirus has not changed. Small outdoor groups are allowed but they are not recommending anything indoors so there are no changes to pass on to members.

Membership renewal from 1st September 2020 - we needed members to sign hard copies last year due to the data protection requirements but this will now only be needed for new members. An email will be needed asking members to renew and a reminder will be put into the newsletter with a request to set up a standing order or to do a bank transfer for payment as only a third of members currently pay by standing order with two thirds paying by cheque. CI proposed that the membership fee remains the same for next year. Seconded by PP and carried by all.

An option to send a cheque will be given but encouragement will be to pay electronically. It was agreed that this needs a separate instruction rather than including it in the newsletter to ensure it is read. It will go out a week after the newsletter.

**Action: MN will send email to ST to distribute.**

**SG will also add details in his 'thoughts from the chair'**

National Third Age Trust AGM: the proposal to increase charges from individual U3As was discussed. We will consult the membership but the committee will support the increase to £4 despite a number of questionable reasons from TAT for the increase

Any further ideas for coronavirus update: GM said there seems to be some discrepancy about the rules.

SG has received a letter from a PHD student asking for volunteers to discuss memory and memory loss.

**Action:** SG will add her details into the newsletter for members to contact directly if interested.

The regional U3A group have requested contact with anyone who used to work in PR.

**Action:** SG, again to add to newsletter

It was agreed that the Christmas lunch will not go ahead this year.

**Action:** An up to date committee list is to be added to the newsletter and website with MN added as Acting Membership Secretary

12. Any Other Business: CI proposed that the AGM stays in October to give time for accounts to be verified. GM seconded that we hold it in October by Zoom. Need to be quorate (possibly 60 members) Discuss next meeting.

13. Date of next meeting: 2pm 17th August

Agenda Items:

membership - VC offered assistance to MN re membership

CI to draft 2 budgets and will circulate prior along with end of year accounts

Beacon 2 on under Chair's items

AGM - what number required to be quorate

Signature.....Date.....