

**Minutes of the 23rd Annual General Meeting of West Wolds U3A  
At the Festival Hall, Market Rasen on Thursday, 11 November 2021**

**1. Apologies** were received from: Bryan Storey, Sheila Nash, Alison Laing, David Bett & Gordon Jennings.

**2. The minutes of the Online 22nd AGM held on 12 November 2020 were approved and Adopted by member vote.** Proposed by David Oliver and seconded by Caroline Foster.

**3. Chairman's Report**

Gail Dennis the Chair thanked the Committee for their team work during the last year, keeping meetings alive via Teams until face-to-face meetings were allowed again. Several Committee members have taken on new roles within the last year and next year we have Shirley Fuller joining and Steve McCarthy is stepping down after 6 years. He was thanked on behalf of the whole committee for all his hard work and given a small leaving gift. The Convenors were thanked for keeping their groups active despite restrictions but sadly some groups have ended. There was a promotional stall held in the Market Place in the summer and also the Library recently, and we are indebted to those who helped and made the bunting and display materials and manned the stall. West Wolds U3A needs every member to contribute what they can whether as enthusiastic helpers, convenors, committee, greeters or the refreshments team.

**4. Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer Terry Francis touched on the past year and the issues faced during Covid restrictions resulting in the Membership fees for 2019/20 being waived despite some outgoings still being due. Through monitoring of the budgets and expenditure and measures taken to reduce costs (for example moving to a monthly largely online Newsletter rather than the expensive colour quarterly booklet, and booking cheaper Zoom speakers) the finances were still healthy so that Membership fees were kept at 2018/19 levels for the next year. The bank accounts were moved online this year following the closure of Lloyds Bank in the town, and membership may now be paid by Bank Transfer.

The Charity Commission require all expenditure to be accounted for and the Convenors were thanked for getting their figures and documents through by the deadline.

The proposal to accept the 2020/21 annual accounts was made by Geoff Goddard and seconded by Brian Ward. A vote of the members was taken, with all in agreement. Thanks were given to Valerie Wright for examining the accounts.

Caroline Foster asked what the fee for Beacon was and TF explained that Beacon is a U3A management system to run membership and financial administration.

**5. Election of WW U3A Committee**

The meeting was asked to vote for the Committee en bloc and the vote to elect the following Committee was unanimous: Gail Dennis, Terry Francis, Sharon Rupp, Paul Etteridge, Gary Beighton, Jane Guy, Jane Lloyd and Shirley Fuller.

**6. Election of Examiner of Accounts**

The members unanimously supported Valerie Wright as examiner of our finances for 2021/22. Proposed by Brian Ward and seconded by Stephanie Bett.

**7. Date of 2022 AGM**

The date of the 24th AGM will be on 10 November 2022