

**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE NETWORK OF u3as**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7th OCTOBER 2026 AT 10am**  
**AT ST PETERS RAVENSHEAD**

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| <b><u>PRESENT:</u></b> | John Butler Chair Ravenshead Maria Gabrielczyk Vice Chair/ Newsbites Ravenshead Sue Blackley Secretary Beeston, Rosie Allen Network Support Officer Arnold, Paco Saucedo, Treasurer West Bridgford, Margot Gale, Network Contact Beeston, Jean Hogg Support Officer, Southwell, Also representatives from Arnold, Ashfield, Bingham, Collingham, Cotgrave, Eastwood, Edwalton & Gamston, Forest Town, Hucknall, Keyworth, Mapperley, Nottingham, Ravenshead, Rainworth, Sherwood, Southwell, The Park, Worksop u3as.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b><u>ITEM 1</u></b>   | <b><u>WELCOME &amp; APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u></b><br>John Butler welcomed members to the meeting.<br>Apologies were received from Chris Niven PSG support, Terry Moore Website Manager, Bob McEwen, Janet O'Neill, Mary Hind, Patricia Robinson, Ann Marshall, Marion Edwards                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b><u>ITEM 2</u></b>   | <b><u>AGREE MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING DATED 22.10.25.</u></b><br>The minutes were accepted.<br>Proposed Jim Benn (Cotgrave)<br>Seconded John Lewis ( Bingham)<br>1 Abstention Frances Leyshon (Ravenshead)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b><u>ITEM 3</u></b>   | <b><u>MATTERS ARISING</u></b><br>There were no matters arising.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b><u>ITEM 4</u></b>   | <b><u>CHAIR'S REPORT</u></b><br>SEE ATTACHED REPORT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b><u>ITEM 5</u></b>   | <b><u>AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION</u></b><br>Maria Gabrelczyk pointed out the suggested amendments to the constitution which had been circulated previously. The committee were thanked for the work they had done to prepare the amended document.<br>Adoption Proposed Hazel Ward (Arnold)<br>Seconded John Lewis (Bingham)<br>It was adopted unanimously.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b><u>ITEM 6</u></b>   | <b><u>TO RECEIVE THE INDEPENDENTLY EXAMINED ACCOUNTS ENDING JULY 2026</u></b><br>The accounts which had been independently examined (as stated in the constitution) were circulated along with the report from Susan Owen. John Butler detailed her recommendations to the committee.<br>Funds had been cushioned by Covid but as expenses have risen a shortfall of £500 has arisen. Pre Covid the subscription was £20 but was lowered to £15 due to lack of expenses in that period.<br>Paco Saucedo our treasurer has resigned and he, along with Jean Hogg, was thanked for all the hard work particularly having to change bank accounts twice and deal with all the red tape that goes with it.<br>The accounts were approved – proposed by John Lewis (Bingham)and seconded by Martin Holden (Edwalton and Gamston) - and accepted unanimously. |
| <b><u>ITEM 7</u></b>   | <b><u>TO CONSIDER RAISING THE SUBSCRIPTION</u></b><br>John Butler explained it was necessary to raise the annual subscription to cover the Network's expenses. A discussion was held and it was agreed to ask u3as to pay £25 for the coming year. This will be reviewed annually.<br>Proposed John Lewis (Bingham)<br>Seconded Christine Stothard (Collingham)<br>Approved with one abstention.<br>The major cost is hiring the room for four annual meetings which goes up annually. It was suggested that we may look at a cheaper venue and also u3as should be informed of any proposed rise in subscription well in advance. It would be helpful if any members can let us know of possible cheaper venues.                                                                                                                                       |
| <b><u>ITEM 8</u></b>   | <b><u>CONFIRMATON OF CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS</u></b><br>John Butler explained that as he has so many commitments as one of the East Midlands Council Reps, he was stepping down as Chair. A nomination for chair had been received from Maria Gabrielczyk and John Butler submitted nominations for Vice Chair and Treasurer. Maria and John were both nominated by Christopher Kennedy of Mansfield u3a and seconded by Hazel Ward Arnold u3a. They were both duly elected and at this point as the new Chair Maria took over chairing the meeting.<br>John was thanked for his hard work over the past year.<br>The following committee members were approved to continue in their current roles.<br>Sue Blackley Secretary<br>Margot Gale Network Contact<br>Rosie Allen Support Officer<br>Jean Hogg Support Officer                            |

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|                | <p>Terry Moore Website Manager</p> <p>Chris Niven PSG support.</p> <p>Paco Saucedo Officer</p> <p>Two nominations to join the Network committee had been received.</p> <p>John Lewis (Bingham) Proposed by Veronica Perry (Bingham)<br/> Seconded by George Roberts (Radcliffe on Trent)</p> <p>Hazel Ward (Arnold) Proposed by Glynis Hunt (Arnold)<br/> Seconded by Viv Purkiss (Arnold)</p> <p>They were both duly elected.</p> |
| <b>ITEM 9</b>  | <p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>Jim Benn, Cotgrave u3a, who was attending his last meeting, stressed how important operating the pastoral side of his u3a had been for him and his members.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>ITEM 10</b> | <p><b>DATE OF THE NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2027 AT 10AM AT THE CENTRE, ST. PETER'S, RAVENSHEAD, NOTTS. NG15 9FD NB DATE TO BE CONFIRMED</b></p> <p>The meeting closed at 11.15am</p>                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|                | <p><b>THE NEXT NETWORK MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS</b></p> <p><b>WEDNESDAY JANUARY 27<sup>th</sup> 2027</b></p> <p><b>WEDNESDAY APRIL 28<sup>th</sup> 2027</b></p> <p><b>WEDNESDAY JULY 28<sup>th</sup> 2027</b></p> <p><b>WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 27<sup>th</sup> 2027</b></p>                                                                                                                                                              |

Chair..... Secretary..... Dated 07.10.26.