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Registered Charity No.1101615

Minutes of the Committee Meeting
Held on Tuesday 11 August 2026

1. **Present**: Dorothy Beal, Jack Kent, Mike Fitzmaurice, Margaret Ogles, Rob Ogles, Dora Marchment, Keith Hughes, Sue Campbell, Sarah Tanswell.
2. **Apologies for Absence**: Dorothy Slatter, Richard Thomas.
3. **Minutes of the meeting held on 16th June 2026** were approved and signed by the Chair.
   There was only one matter arising (Beacon training).
4. **Chair Report**: (previously circulated). Dorothy has worked closely with Jack to complete Trustee return and to sort out bank issues.
5. **Vice Chair Report:** (previously circulated). Sue and Sarah focussed on visit to Long Melford VH with Conrad, Janet and Dee (RUG). Keith and Dorothy S paid a visit to Acton VH who were very welcoming. It seems to be down to the two village halls aside from rugby club for final choice. Jack seems to think any smaller issues can be ironed out with SRC; Jack and Keith will visit Gareth again. Valerie has offered storage for the banners.
6. **Treasurer's Report**: (Previously circulated). Point 4 of Trustees Annual Report/ 95 day deposit account opened by Andrew has now been closed but not available until October when we must make a decision as to what to do with any monies held. Trip transfers have been made. Jack has joined the Treasurers' Forum where only about 30% use Beacon. Gift Aid Application has now been completed by Jack and Dorothy B and will now be sent to HMRC.
7. **Secretary's Report**: (previously circulated)
8. **Speaker's Secretary Report**: (previously circulated) All speakers have been confirmed for 2027, all "thank yous" organised. Will require cash for November group.
9. **Group Co-ordinator's Report**: (previously circulated). Social Bridge group leader Steven Winkworth. Sue C is now leading Thursday Quiz group. She will keep any receipts from Jetty. It was decided to let Befriending Charity group use one 400 table on a trial basis until December then review. Rob will set it up for them in September for them and check all is ok.
10. **Membership Secretary Report**: (previously circulated). Membership 852 as of today.
11. **Webmaster's Report**: Nothing reported.
12. **Communication/Publicity:** Dorothy S has taken on the coffee rota from Bruce. Discussed a reduction in the number of copies of Su3aN to be printed. Mike will advise
13. **Beacon Report**: Mike will try and arrange times to meet with those who still need training (Jack, Dora, Margaret.).
14. **Forthcoming events.** 29th September for GL Meeting.
15. **Holiday Approvals**. A five day trip to Brighton in May 2027 was approved.

16. **AOB**:

a) SRC discussed as above **(Action JK/KH)**
b) Website tidy up. A meeting on 24th or 28th August. **(Action DB/KH/JM/RT)**
c) Constitution changes acknowledged and approved.
d) Storage of banners (as above) with Val. Other assets to be decided once SRC decision has been made.
e) A vote was held for Richard Thomas to act as temporary Secretary - up to the 2027 AGM if necessary - following Sarah's resignation. Approved.
f) Keith gave apologies in advance for non-availability for the October meeting.

Next Meeting: 13th October, 10am, Christopher Centre.

Signed: ..DBeal..... Date: 13/10/26