

WITHAM AND DISTRICT (ESSEX) u3a

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD THURSDAY 27th NOVEMBER 2025 AT THE WITHAM TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

PRESENT: Ray Hardisty (Chair), Dawn Wilding (Treasurer), Jackie Gascoigne (Secretary), Pam Fearnley, Margaret Bassett, Hazel Lawrence, Jane Barton, Sue Foote, John Foote and 40 other members.

- 1) Chair's Opening Remarks – The Chair Ray Hardisty welcomed us all to the meeting and asked us to turn off our phones. He then pointed out the Emergency exits also saying it was good to see you all and hoped the meeting would run efficiently and smoothly.
- 2) Apologies for Absence – Sebastian Chew, Tony Easter, Mary Cox, Anne, Hazel & John Clarke and Jeanette Adams.
- 3) To Approve the Minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting – The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2024 were approved and all Members present agreed. Chair Ray Hardisty signed them as correct.
- 4) Chair's Report- read out to all (attached a copy with these minutes) and approved.
- 5) To Receive the Examined Accounts for the 12 Months ending 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025 – The Treasurer Dawn Wilding said as you have all received a copy of the accounts for the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025 were there any questions. None came forward. She then went on to inform all that we are now asking you to renew membership either online or through your bank branch. The reason for this is that the Bank are now charging us to use the account. We have to pay 50p for every cheque we pay in, and for cash 75p per £100 to pay over the counter, or 42p per £100 in the Branch machine. As we Bank with Lloyds we have to travel to Chelmsford or Braintree. Also the new Membership Officer does not want to deal with the financial side of things, so it will be down to me to sort. You can go into your Bank and they will help you transfer the money to our account. You will be sent an application form to renew your membership either by post or by email, that will have the Bank details on. It is very easy to follow when filling in the online application form to renew.
- 6) To agree the ongoing appointment of an Examiner for the Accounts for 2025/2026 – As Lambert Chapman had done a grand job we will continue with them. Accepted all in favour
- 7) To Appoint the Committee:  
Confirm the appointment of:

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| Ray Hardisty     | Chairman             | Approved |
| John Foote       | Vice-Chair           | Approved |
| Marion Vanovitch | Membership Secretary | Approved |
- 8) Motions for consideration- No Motions presented
- 9) A.O.B. – As John Foote was elected to be Vice-Chair there was now one position left on the Committee so we wish to elect Peter Booth on to the Committee - Approved

Signed as a true record.....Chairman.....Date

