WYMONDHAM DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

Registered Charity No: 1143347

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting for the year 2024/25

held at Fairland Church Centre, Wymondham

on Friday 17th October 2025 commencing at 09.00am

Our patron, The Lady Dannatt, addressed the meeting stating that it was a great honour to be able to speak to the Group. Noting the same wonderful atmosphere as always, she welcomed Fliss Horne, our new assistant organiser, to the Group which she considered a special family to belong to. The Group was so well known and respected by the local community and represented a beacon of compassion and community spirit. What the volunteers do week after week is remarkable and their dedication is essential for supporting those living with dementia.

1. Apologies received from: Trevor Brown, Sallie Colk and Corinne Hill.
2. The minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on Friday 25th October 2024 were approved, proposed by Jo Shorrock, seconded by Ken Shorrock and signed by the Chairman.
3. Matters arising from those minutes: None.
4. Chair's Report: The written report had been distributed with the Notice of the Meeting and Agenda and was available on the website. The Chair gave an overview of his report, welcomed Fliss Horne to the Group and gave particular thanks to Deborah Anstee for her outstanding efforts during the organiser role changes. He thanked Lady Dannatt for sparing her time to visit the Group. He noted the importance of encouraging younger people to volunteer to maintain the effectiveness of the Group. Finally, he thanked all those who made his first year as Chair a wonderful and pleasurable year.
5. Treasurer's Report and approval of the Annual Accounts: The accounts and the Independent Examiner's report for the year ending 31st March 2025 were distributed with the Notice of the Meeting and Agenda and were available on the website. The Treasurer gave a brief overview of the accounts noting that there was a loss of £9.5k over the year, but this was not of concern and was in accordance with our plans reducing the previous overlarge surplus to sustainable levels. Costs have remained at predictable levels. Fundraising efforts have continued apace and particular thanks were given to Carol, Sharon and Angie for their efforts. We continue to receive and are very grateful for the donations in memory of those from the Group's community who have passed away. It was noted that we had finally been able to hand over the balance of the funds that had been raised for Admirals Nurses by the sponsored walk event held in 2019.
6. Re-appointment of Philip Goddard, FCCA, as the Independent Examiner for the year 2025/2026. Philip has indicated that although he was now retired he was willing to continue in this role. His re-appointment was proposed by Pippa Chapman, seconded by Linda Whiscombe and carried by the meeting.

7. Organiser's Report: The written report had been distributed with the Notice of the Meeting and Agenda and was available on the website. Deborah Anstee summarised the main points and thanked the trustees for their support during the year. She was pleased to report that the Group had been able to improve training for volunteers and trustees during the year. One aspect of volunteers' roles that has been improved is to extend the team available to undertake kitchen duties to spread the load more evenly.
8. Election of Tim Barrett for a period of 4 years from 17th October 2025 as a Trustee (Mr Barrett has indicated his willingness to serve again as a Trustee) (Para 17(1) of the Constitution) proposed by Ann Achilles, seconded by Linda Templeton and carried unanimously by the meeting.
9. Re-election of Ann Scott for a period of 3 years from 17th October 2025 as a Trustee (Para 17(3) of the Constitution) proposed by Linda Whiscombe, seconded by Pippa Chapman and carried unanimously by the meeting.
10. Any Other Business
    - The need to advertise for new volunteers was discussed with various suggestions as to how this might be achieved – social media; leaflet drops at GP surgeries, care homes, farmers' markets, houses on the new estates, etc.
    - Could we increase contact with local schools?

There being no further business the meeting closed at 09.31 am.

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