

**THE FRENCH CONNECTION**  
Wrington Twinning Association  
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**AGM meeting (via Zoom) on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021 @ 7.00 pm**

**Minutes**

Present – Shail Patel (Chair), John Adams, Jenny Barr, Renee Bolton, Celine Dubois, Jane Finn, Frank Finn, Tony Hancock, Margaret Hancock, Phil Parker, Lindsey Shaw-Miller and Janet Walters

1. Apologies. Sarah Avery

Shail welcomed everyone to the Zoom meeting

2. Minutes of meeting of 11th September 2020 were approved

3. No matters arising from previous minutes

4. Shail felt that things were doing well with support as we gear up after Covid. The Chairman's Report is available on the French Connection website.  
[www.wringtontwinning.co.uk](http://www.wringtontwinning.co.uk)

5. It was discussed that the annual subscription for joining the FC should be raised to £10 pp from October 2022. This resolution was proposed by Lyndsey and seconded by Frank. The attendees felt that this was acceptable in order to balance the books and achieve more in future years. A vote was taken with all in favour. *“The French Connection and Wrington Twinning Association resolves that the membership fee be revised to £10pp annually from Oct 2022.”*

6. Finance Report. There is very little to report for the financial year that ended on 30th September. The Covid restrictions in force until the Summer precluded the organisation of any fundraising functions. Subscriptions paid for the year 2019/20 were extended until 30.09.21 so income has been virtually zero. Monies spent have been largely IT related to facilitate our Zoom meetings and the update of the web site. At the year end we had just under £2,500 in the bank.

The accounts have been independently verified by Jez Empson who has done this task for the past 4 years

7. Membership. We should make sure that anyone who attends an event whether virtually or face to face, are paid up members of FC.

It was decided unanimously that Celine Dubois of Villeneuve-les-Beziers should become an Honorary Member

8. Election to the Committee.

The following were proposed onto the committee en bloc, proposed by Jane and seconded by Tony and voted in unanimously.

Frank Finn

Janet Walters (willing to stand this year, resigning from the committee at the next A.G.M)

Jenny Barr

John Adams

Lindsey Shaw-Miller

Shail Patel

Sally Bartlett has agreed to co-opted onto the committee

Phil Parker gave his apologies as he feels he is not in a position to fulfil a committee role at the moment. He has offered to be able to help on an ad hoc basis.

9. AOB. John has suggested a full marketing campaign to highlight FC and encourage more involvement from Wringtonions.

It was suggested that we approach Senior schools to involve the children in activities.

However, it was felt that schools are still overwhelmed by the affects of the pandemic so we may need to delay this. Jenny Barr agreed to keep this on the table.

Frank asked to be placed on record the FC's thanks to Tony and Margaret for their sterling work with the conversation group and also for the amazing newsletter that Tony produced **every** month.