

**Minutes of the 22nd Annual General Meeting
Coeliac UK Wessex Group
Badger Farm Community Centre
Winchester, SO22 4QB**

Saturday 30 May 2025 at 1pm

Introduction

Pauline Kidd, Chair, welcomed everyone to the Group's 22nd AGM and paid tribute to former long-term committee member, Barbara Bainbridge, who died in early 2026.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Juliana Head. There were no other apologies to record.

Minutes of AGM 11 May 2025

Pauline asked members if the Minutes of the AGM held on 11 May 2025 were an accurate record. This was agreed unanimously.

Group Organiser's Report

Pauline gave the following report: -

It has been a year of change. Coeliac UK has implemented a much improved user friendly website. This has resulted in a steep learning curve for the committee. There is no doubt everyone will benefit from the clearer and targeted communication, so please ensure you visit Coeliac UK website and register. Registration is free and open to all, regardless of whether you are a diagnosed Coeliac, someone following a Gluten Free diet, or just wanting to have a better understanding. Wessex support group mailing list no longer exists, so please do register to stay informed. Non-members will have the opportunity to become a member which in turn will give access to the fantastic award winning App, which provides instant feedback on the produce you are checking to see if you can safely eat. No more reading through the small print ingredients list, the App does it for you.

Laneways Café in Lee-on-the-Solent recently supported us with a children's cupcake decorating demonstration. A lot of fun and extremely enjoyable.

For nearly two years our Treasurer, Paul, has tirelessly and with the patience of a saint, been constantly liaising with HSBC to get access to our bank account. Paul we are extremely grateful to you.

Treasurer's Report

Paul Kirkpatrick, Group Treasurer, presented the Annual Accounts statement for the year ended 31 December 2025 Accounts included as a separate file.

Agreement of the Annual Accounts statement was proposed by Karen Kirkpatrick, seconded by David Hayward and agreed unanimously.

Election of Committee Members

The following Group positions were proposed, seconded and voted for individually:

Group Organiser Pauline Kidd was proposed by David Hayward, seconded by Gill Hayward, and voted in unanimously.

Group Secretary Theresa Kemp was proposed by Caroline Benjamin, seconded by Gill Hayward, and voted in unanimously.

Group Treasurer - Paul Kirkpatrick was proposed by Karen Kirkpatrick, seconded by Hilary Wilson.

Committee Members Caroline Benjamin, Rachel Rawlings and Joanne Szrok and Paul Laslek were proposed by Chris Kidd, seconded by David Hayward and voted in unanimously.

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 2pm

Post meeting note.

Lorraine Riley has resigned as a committee member.