



MINUTES FOR THE 2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

23rd September 2025 – Lower Site -8pm

Attendees:

BEDSA Committee members: Mark Boscott, Sophie Durrans, Hannah Truswell, Carey Milsom, Donna Rawlings, Linda Austin,

Other attendees: Danielle Cope, Cheryl Phillips, Emily Williams, Tash Clancy

Apologies: Kathryn Broadhurst, Ed Oliver, Becky Smart, Becky Newman

1) Chairs' report

Mark reiterated BEDSA's role, the aim being to support the children and teaching staff by providing additional finances through fundraising. Additional finances can be used to provide extra classroom/teaching/playground resources which will help enhance learning and make it a happier and more exciting place to learn. Mark talked about how things have gone over the last year, and that we have mostly been running the standard fundraisers to keep things ticking over while we looked for a new chairperson to take over. BEDSA was praised for their efforts in helping make school a fun place to be. Mark thanked everyone who has pitched in over the 5 years that he has been Chair over the years. It has been a fantastic time, and Mark is looking forward to being able to get back to helping out more with fundraising events over the next year.

2) Treasurer's report

Mark read through the report in Ed's absence (please see attached report).

We have raised slightly more than we spent this year, with it very closely matched. We need to encourage the teaching staff to spend their class budgets more, as all classes underspent this year. Christmas raffle, sports day, discos, donations and Brinkworth Bag Lady continue to be fundraisers for us.

A few expenditures this year, including bits for the new shed which had to be replaced after it was damaged in a storm. Thank you to Hannah for sourcing, building and painting the new shed. Money was also spent on the usual fees and subscriptions that provide us with valuable information, guidance and insurance for our events. This year we also purchased a number of large storage boxes to store and organise the pre-loved uniform, which will help with efficiency during sales. This is largely due to the Brinkworth Bag Lady no longer being able to store uniform for us. We thank Becky Wade for all her fundraising for BEDSA over the years, and wish her a speedy recovery.

BEDSA has committed to funding 10 iPads for school, which will aid the learning of children at school in a wide variety of ways. It was noted that this academic year there is one fewer class in the school, so one fewer pot of £500 to distribute in class budgets, however we have committed to fund up to an additional £300 for the Willow class play and the year 6 leavers party, as previously these had come out of the Willow class budget, and therefore not leaving much in the way of budget for other class requirements.

3) Election of committee members

2025/2026 Committee:

POSITION	NOMINEE
Chair	Sophie Durrans
Treasurer	Ed Oliver
Secretary	Cheryl Phillips

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Mark agreed to stay on as a Trustee for BEDSA for the next two years, and to continue to offer support and advise as required.

New members of BEDSA asked questions about what sort of things BEDSA can and can't fundraise for, and whether there were any limitations on how we can fundraise. It was reiterated that our aim was to provide equipment and experiences that benefit and enhance the education and experience of the children at Brinkworth Earl Danby's, so as long as the requests aligned with that, and we had the funds, we could potentially fund something. Mark and Sophie explained that there were no limitations as such in how we can fundraise, as long as there is the person power to do it. Previous large fundraising ideas were talked about, as well as the possibility of applying for funding grants.

It was agreed that we would hold another Raffle near Christmas, and to ensure as many donations as possible from local companies, Sophie would start looking at sending letters out.

4) Date of next meeting

Thursday 16th October

8pm

Venue – The Angel, Royal Wootton Bassett.