



The Probus Club of Newbury

Minutes of 52nd Annual General Meeting
The Chequers, Newbury
12th July 2022

2021 – 2022 Committee:

Russ Burrows (Vice Chairman)	Richard Jones (Chairman)	Nick Battle (Treasurer)
Paul Bryant (Membership Secretary)	Richard Willis(Secretary)	Wynn Anderson (Ex-Officio member),
	Geoff Addis (Speaker Secretary)	

The meeting was started by the Chairman at 14.04

1.0 Apologies

1.1 The Secretary and the Treasurer apologised that they were not able to attend the meeting. The minutes were taken by the Vice Chairman in the Secretary's absence. 41 members attended which met the required number for the AGM to proceed.

2.0 Approval of the last AGM minutes:

2.1 The minutes of the 51st AGM meeting held on the 6th August 2021, having previously been distributed to all members were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

The Chairman subsequently signed a copy as a true copy for the records.

3.0 Actions & Matters Arising:

3.1 There were no actions from the last minutes and no matters arising.

4.0 Chairman's Report (Richard Jones) :

4.1 Taking over the role of Chairman last July was with a certain amount of trepidation. We were still emerging from lockdown and there was, quite rightly, a sensible degree of caution from members about attending and I would once again pass on thanks to Wynn Anderson for keeping the ship afloat and functioning during his 2 years as Chairman. Also, special mention must be given to Paul Bryant whose regular emails have kept members not just informed but also amused.

4.2 One impact of the pandemic was that last year's Summer Celebration was held in July rather than June. However, it did take place and was well attended . This year we reverted to June for a great evening organised by Russ who as well as being Vice-chairman also has had to arrange the Christmas event and the Committee dinner.

4.3 We have had a full season of meetings with excellent speakers; the external ones skilfully chosen by Geoff Addis and of course we get our own home-grown ones to give us interesting insights into their working lives.

4.4 Colin Pedley continues his sterling work ticking you off when extracting your lunch money at each meeting and ensuring The Chequers gets the correct amount.

4.5 Regular walks have continued through the programme managed by Simon Carter although we have had to change the walk day to Thursdays because of non-availability of pubs on Tuesdays. Thanks are also due to Simon Carter for some very enjoyable outings and Glenn organised an excellent Spring Break in Cheshire.

4.6 Our treasurer Nick Battle has kept a close watch on the cash flow and we are, he reliably informs me, in a good solvent state.

4.7 One person a Chairman cannot do without is the Hon. Sec. who provides the notes and itinerary for the monthly meetings. So, thank you for this Richard Willis and I can assure you that he is not responsible for providing those corny jokes you have had to suffer before each meal!



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- 4.8 One important change that has happened is due to the Old Mill no longer offering to cater for us after 25 years. We now have a very suitable venue at The Chequers who have looked after us very efficiently and we are now settling in well.
- 4.9 We have also established contact with the neighbouring Probud clubs of Kennet Valley, Hungerford and Basingstoke. It has been useful to see how they have fared during these past 2 years and to gauge their perspective for the future.
- 4.10 We have inducted 7 new members which is very encouraging and have recently launched our own website which we hope will also encourage new members to have a look at what Probud can offer as well as keeping existing members fully informed about what's happening.
- 4.11 On a sad note, we said final goodbyes to current members Roger Grannum and Brian Chidley and retired members Mike Hogan and Tony Palmer. We have had three resignations and we wish those who have left the fold all the very best for the future.
- 4.12 I know that from the present sound base the club will continue to flourish. It does this not only through the support and enthusiasm of its members but also by having a very good committee without which the club could not run. I wish my successor Russ all the very best for his term of office and I am certain that he will do an excellent job aided by Nick as his vice-chairman
- 5.0 Secretary's Report (Richard Willis):**
- 5.1 In Richard's absence Russ Burrows had prepared and circulated a copy of the Diary of Events for the last year to all members on e mail and said that he did not propose to go through that at the meeting. The diary was incomplete in a few small details but truly reflected the scope of the Club's activities coming out of the various Covid lockdown restrictions.
- 6.0 Treasurer's Report (Nick Battle):**
- 6.1 In Nick Battle's absence Rrichard Jones presented a financial statement from the Treasurer who had been unable to prepare the final accounts as of 30 June due to not all member's payments for the Newbury College Lunch on 1 July being received and a refund from the entertainment for the Summer Celebration not yet reaching the account.
- 6.2 The full accounts will be issued to the Examiner, Tony Hadwick and following confirmation will be issued to members in time for the August meeting. The balances at Barclay's Bank at 30 June 2022 were as follows:
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| General Account | £1815.26 |
| Social Account | £4124.45 |
- 6.3 Nick reported that he was pleased to confirm that the annual subscription would remain at £20 for the next financial year and would be collected at the August meeting when the 2022-23 Members Directory will be issued.
- 6.4 The Chairman asked the Membership to accept the Treasurer's Report on the basis that the formal accounts will be presented at the August meeting.
- 7.0 Membership Secretary's Report (Paul Bryant):**
- 7.1 Paul said that the club had started the financial year with 69 members and currently had 67 Members including the 2 Life Members and the 3 members inducted at the lunch. Paul reported that the attendance at monthly meetings had been between 40 and 50 and thanked members for their cooperation in sending him apologies for non-attendance in advance which had kept the notification to the Chequers to + or - 2 of actual attendance which kept the hotel happy and avoided charges for no shows..



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8.0 Election of New Committee Members

8.1 The Chairman stated that only one member had been nominated for each position.

8.2 Chairman – Russ Burrows

Nominated by Nick Battle

Seconded by Wynn Anderson

Richard handed the chain of office over to Russ who took over the running of the AGM.

8.3 Vice Chairman – Nick Battle

Nominated by Richard Jones

Seconded by Russ Burrows

8.4 Secretary – Richard Willis

Nominated by Russ Burrows

Seconded by Richard Jones

8.5 Treasurer – Tony Hulett

Nominated by Nick Battle

Seconded by Richard Willis

8.6 Russ Burrows proposed that the remaining nominations be voted enblock

8.7 Membership Secretary – Paul Bryant

Nominated by Richard Willis

Seconded by Russ Burrows

8.8 Speaker Secretary until December 2022- Geoff Addis

Nominated by Richard Willis

Seconded by Paul Bryant

8.9 Committee member and Visits Organiser from January 2023 - Rod Edmonds

Nominated by Russ Burrows

Seconded by Richard Jones

8.10 Ex-Officio Member – Richard Jones

8.11 Club Organisers

Webmaster - Richard Willis, **Deputy Webmaster** - Vacancy

Visits & Events Organiser until December 2022 - Simon Carter

Walks Coordinator - Simon Carter

Golf - John Byrne

Bowls - Richard Jones

8.12 Examiner of 2022-23 Accounts - vacancy to be filled in due course

8.13 As there were no other contenders for any positions the Club Members were asked to elect all the above people en-bloc. This motion was passed unanimously by the Members by a show of hands.

9.0 Any Other Business

9.1 None raised.

10.0 Next AGM Meeting

The next Annual General Meeting will be held on the 12th July 2023.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 14.25.



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We confirm these to be a true record of the discussions held at the 52nd Annual General Meeting of The Probus Club of Newbury on the 6th July 2021.

Chairman: Richard Jones

Secretary: Russ Burrows

Date: 18th July 2022