

STOKESLEY PROBUS CLUB
Minutes of Committee Meetings 2021-22

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Minutes of Committee Meeting No.105 (10:00 on 15th March 2022)

1. Attendees

Seven members attended

2. Apologies:

Chris Lee, Derek Whiting, Bob Scott

3. Minutes of last meeting held on Wednesday 16th November 2021

Minutes accepted as a true record of proceedings.

4. Committee matters

Tenures:

Maj Chuhan's tenure as Auditor ends at AGM but will stand again.

Keith Burton is to stand down as Speaker Finder but will stand as General Member of Committee.

General Members

Kevin Clifford, Graham Howard and Derek Whiting will stand again.

Chairman,

Keith Waller, decision pending.

All proposed appointments/re-appointments will be put to the Membership for decision at AGM on 19th April 2022.

Quorum:

Out of a total membership of 47 there are now 10 Committee Members and currently a quorum requires four members.

It was agreed to increase this to five members.

Reports:

Treasurer – Running costs for the coming year are estimated to be £1200, the largest cost being room hire. As there are currently 47 Members there will be a shortfall. It was agreed to set subscriptions at £25 and draw on reserves to make up any loss.

Secretary – Nothing to report.

Speaker Finder – Stepping down at the AGM but programme completed for next year. Handover of contacts and follow up with the new incumbent after the AGM.

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Website Manager – All up to date. Details of programme and speakers for next year will be uploaded as soon as received.

Chairman – A few tweaks to the Constitution were accepted by the Committee and will be put to the membership for adoption.

5. Membership

The Chairman confirmed that the updated membership list had been issued to Committee Members. No comments received.

The Chairman raised the issue of potential turnover of membership and the need for recruitment.

There is no current policy for free membership for the over 80's. It is noted that Walter Gregory is the only remaining Member who enjoys this concession from a time when it was offered.

6. Members' lunches

It was agreed to increase the number of Member's lunches from 2 to 4 per year.

Varying the day of the week will be considered to take into account Members' other commitments. To be discussed with organiser, Peter Robinson.

7. Trips

Ushaw College and All Lies confirmed.

Singing in the Rain and South Pacific remain pending.

8. AOB

Next Committee and Members' Meetings Tues. 17th May 2022

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Minutes of Committee Meeting No.104 (10:00 on 16th Nov. 2022)

1. Present

Eight members attended

2. Apologies:

David Chalk

3. Minutes of last meeting held on 28th July 2021

Minutes accepted as a true record of proceedings.

4. Matters arising

The Treasurer proposed purchase of a card reader (at a cost of around £25) to facilitate incoming payments. The Committee gave unanimous support and the Treasurer agreed to go ahead with purchase.

The Treasurer is in receipt of the new insurance policy, which he is currently reviewing.

A vote of thanks was held for Derek Whiting for taking and providing copies of the Committee group photograph.

5. Tenures

Keith Burton does not intend to continue as Speaker Finder but offered to arrange next year's programme before stepping down.

Derek Whiting – offered to continue

Graham Howard – offered to continue.

Kevin Clifford - offered to continue.

Keith Waller – decision pending

Maj Chuhan (Auditor) – offered to continue

All proposed appointments/re-appointments will be put to the Membership for decision at AGM on 19th April 2022.

6. Committee Reports

Treasurer - Chris Lee –

45 Members have paid £20 subscription for the current year. This is 3 down on last year.

Since £2,300 is now rolled forward in the Club account, it was suggested that the subscription could be reduced to run down the balance: for future consideration.

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Efforts should be stepped up to encourage guests to attend meetings as this is a good pathway to membership.

Secretary - John Edwards

No significant activity to report this month.

Speaker Finder - Keith Burton

Suggestions for speakers always invited.

Website Manager - David Chalk –

David sends his apologies and advised that the annual licence fee for the website domain is around £50.

7. Membership List

The Chairman confirmed that the updated membership list had been issued to Committee Members.

Members considered that the Annual Report is too long and the Chairman will look at reducing it, but thought it was positive to recognise all contributions, and put names to faces, to keep the club unified and alive. There is always the fear of members losing interest and the Club dwindling.

8. Christmas Lunch – Chris Lee

18 Members plus guests = 33 attendees signed up. This is 20 down on usual number. (record = 73). Anyone wishing to join the lunch please contact Chris asap.

9. Trip Suggestions:

Windermere Museum (Alwyn Boulby) – too far to travel

Ushaw College (John Richardson)

Skipton Castle and narrow boat on canal (Keith Burton: U3A)

10. AOB

General comment: some Members consider the Club too formal. However, there is no dress code or attendance rule. Views expressed that Constitution issues and changes have arisen too often over the last couple of years giving the impression that the Club is too legalistic. Agreed that changes should be minimised and undertaken only when significant issues are foreseen or encountered.

11. Next Committee and Members' Meetings

Tuesday 18th January 2022

(Post meeting note – January meeting cancelled. Next meeting to be held on 15th February 2022)

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Minutes of Committee Meeting No.103 (10:00 on 28th July 2021)

Present

Chairman:	Keith Waller
Treasurer/Membership:	Chris Lee
Secretary:	John Edwards (Co-opted)
Speaker Finder:	Apologies
Website Manager	David Chalk (Co-opted)
General Members:	Keith Bell Derek Whiting Graham Howard

The Chairman introduced David Chalk to his first Meeting thanking him for standing into the Co-opted position. David was welcomed by the Committee.

Committee Group photograph taken – arranged by Derek Whiting

1. Apologies:

Keith Burton, Kevin Clifford

2. Virus update:

A third ward in James Cook Hospital has now been opened to treat the increasing number of Covid 19 patients. The recent admissions are reported to be mostly under 30 years old and unvaccinated. Older patients are those with serious underlying health issues. Considering this, and the protection afforded by vaccination, it was decided to go ahead with the Members' Meeting and AGM on 17th August 2021.

3. Minutes of previous meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th March 2021 were accepted as a true record.

4. Matters arising.

Donation of £50 to Middlesbrough foodbank: as the shared contributions to refund the Club works out to be £5, the Chairman refunded £2 to those Committee Members who had paid £7. Matter now closed.

Membership List has been updated and issued. Please inform the Chairman and Membership Secretary if there are any errors.

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5. Committee membership

Current status of serving terms:

Chairman	Keith Waller – until 2022
Treasurer/Membership Officer	Chris Lee – until 2024
Secretary	John Edwards – co-opted 2021 until 2026 (subject to election at AGM)
Speaker Finder	Keith Burton – until 2022
Website Manager	David Chalk - co-opted 2021 until 2026 (subject to election at AGM)

General Members:

Keith Bell – until 2021 and will stand again until 2024
Derek Whiting, Kevin Clifford, Graham Howard, Maj Chuhan – until 2022

6. - Members AGM & Business Meeting on 17/8/21

Agendas issued.

Speaker – David Milner presents “The Life of 18th century Whitby Sailors”.

There will be eulogies for Mike Brabin, Hugh Charman, David Middleton, Fred Logie and Geoff Phillips.

Following the recent very sad loss of valued colleagues, Members will be encouraged to introduce prospective Members by inviting them to meetings as guests.

Derek Whiting will stand in for Keith Bell to prepare coffee with John Edwards.

7. Speaker programme

Keith Burton has put together a full itinerary of talks for the 2021 – 2022 session. Details included within the printed Club Programme.

8. Treasurer:

The Treasurer confirmed that two annual accounts have been prepared and will be issued to members prior to the AGM when they will be put forward for approval.

Having calculated the estimated expenditure for the remainder of the programme year to be around £1000, the Treasurer recommended a revised subscription for 2021/2022 of £20. This will be proposed to members for acceptance at the AGM.

To avoid confusion the Treasurer requests that subscriptions and other payments be submitted by cheque rather than cash.

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The Treasurer proposed that the Club purchase a card reader for cashless payments. To be put to members at AGM for decision.

The Club's public liability insurance policy (currently dormant) will cost £33 to re-activate for remainder of insurance period until end of October 2021 at which time new policy will be required.

9. Membership List & Constitution:

The Chairman has updated the Membership List and will issue prior to the AGM.

The updated Constitution is prepared and approved by the Committee. It will be circulated to Members prior to the AGM when it will be put to the Membership for adoption.

10. Calendar of events:

The Chairman distributed printed Programme card to Committee Members during meeting. To be issued to general membership at AGM.

The Chairman has booked Stokesley Town Hall for all events until the end of the year.

11. Committee issues:

The Chairman asked Committee members their views on printing Club Christmas cards again this year. The cost is about 74 pence per member. It was decided to go ahead.

August 2021 Committee Meeting cancelled.

Next Committee Meeting 9.00am 16th November 2021.

12. Members lunch

None currently arranged. It was noted that prices have risen. Please advise Keith Waller of any suggestions. Keith currently researching The Kings Head on Seamer and the Falcon Inn in Hilton. Date tbc Tuesday 5th October.

Christmas Lunch – survey of Members has shown that the Wainstones Hotel is the popular choice and that sit down meal is preferred to buffet format.

13. Trips

Lunch and Shirley Valentine arranged for Thursday 26th August.

Suggested trip to Ushaw College on 7th June 2022.

14. AOB:

All matters raised and discussed under headings above.

Provisionally) Tuesday 18th August 2020