CONSTITUTION OF PAINSWICK PROBUS CLUB Draft 3

**PURPOSE**: the purpose of the Club is to provide a regular meeting point for ladies and gentlemen who have probably retired from their main first career and now have varied business interests or have fully retired. Membership will be particularly appreciated by those welcoming the opportunity of meeting others in similar circumstances and participating in activities of general interest.

**THE RULES**

**!. TITLE:** The club shall be called “The Painswick Probus Club” or such title as the Club may decide.

**2. MEMBERSHIP**  Membership shall be open to all ladies and gentlemen ~~aged 50 and over,~~ residing in, or in the vicinity of Painswick, who have fully or partially retired. ~~from their original occupation.~~ The restriction~~s~~ regarding residence ~~and age~~ may be waived at the discretion of the Committee.

~~The membership maximum shall be sixty or such other number as shall be decided at an Annual General or Special General Meeting.~~

**3. SUBSCRIPTIONS** Subscriptions shall be determined at each Annual General Meeting after receiving the Treasurer’s report.

**4. CONSTITUTION** The Club shall be independent of any other organisation and its affairs shall be conducted under the authority of its own membership.

There shall be a President, Vice-President, Immediate Past President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, and Speaker Secretary, as circumstances permit, and the roles of events organisation, communication, and website management can be allocated to the positions outlined, or given to ~~an~~ additional members of the Committee.

The affairs of the Club shall be managed by the members of the Committee all to be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

In normal circumstances the President shall retire from office on completion of one year in the Chair. He shall automatically become an ex-officio Committee member for the year following his retirement.

Three members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum and the Committee shall have the power to ~~co=opt~~ co-opt and to appoint one or more sub-committees.

**5. MEETINGS**

An Annual General Meeting shall be held each year at a time, date and place decided by the Committee. At least three weeks notice of such a meeting ~~should~~ shall be given to members.

The Hon. Secretary shall call a Special General Meeting on the written request of not less than five members and shall give to members three week’s notice of such meetings.

Voting at all meetings shall be by show of hands or by ballot if so determined. In the event of an equal division of votes the chairman of the meeting shall have a casting vote.

**6.** **ACCOUNTS**  An Income and Expenditure Account for the Club’s financial year shall be presented for approval at the Annual General Meeting, after ~~audit~~ review by a person appointed at the previous AGM.

The Committee shall appoint the Club’s bankers and shall authorise the Treasurer and their deputy to make payments by BACS or cheques.