

Minutes of the 114th Annual General Meeting of the Manchester Pickwick Club held at the Moorside Social Club on 20th April, 2022

The meeting was opened at 8.01 p.m. with a sadly reduced attendance since the last AGM in 2019 because a number of members had died during the Covid lockdown.

The meeting commenced with Slammer claiming that he had lost weight during the lockdown but members hadn't noticed much change in his general shape.

Dodson then announced that the meeting had cost him £90 because he and Mrs Dodson had got tickets for a Manchester City match which they couldn't attend.

Grummer told members about a trip to London to visit the London Pickwick Club along with an earlier Tom Roker and Smangle; apart from an unexpected expense for the club meal everything had gone well until they returned to their hotel. Grummer was on the next floor up from Smangle and as they approached Smangle's floor in the lift, Smangle deliberately passed wind leaving Grummer and a most obnoxious smell to welcome the incoming guests.

Dodson introduced his finance report by explaining how he had become the treasurer of the club many years earlier: The treasurer at that time, a former Mr Pott who was as honest as the day is long, had little idea of financial matters and had asked Dodson to assist him to prepare a balance sheet. Dodson asked about the paying in book only to be met with a blank stare and a similar response followed a request to see the cheque book. Pott explained that he put everything through his own personal bank account but kept a record of all Pickwick Club transactions — these turned out to be a mass of scribbled paper scraps and receipts he kept in a shoe box. Dodson admitted his first balance sheet was more fiction than fact but assured members that proper accounts had been kept since.

The Secretary's report didn't include details of attendances during the year because of ongoing Covid problems and there had been little correspondence for similar reasons. Thanks were offered to the Moorside Club for allowing the use of their premises for club meetings.

Both the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were accepted by the members.

The following appointments were agreed for the coming year:

Pickwick	Alfred Jingle
President	Ben Allen
Vice Chairman	Solomon Pell
Treasurer	Dodson
Asst Treasurer	Mivins
Minute Writer	Mivins
DC	Tom Roker

Asst DC	Alfred Jingle
POR & I	Dr Slammer
MD	Dr Slammer
Mace Bearer	Job Trotter
Entertainment Officers	Ben Allen, Jingle and Mr Pott
POCs	To be appointed on the night

Following the toast to outgoing officers, Jingle was thanked for holding the Chairman's post for 3 years during the Covid crisis, and his first action as Pickwick was to announce the resignation of Snodgrass for health reasons.

'Good Neet Owd Friends ' was sung by all and followed by the National Anthem.

The raffle raised £3.50 whilst the Fines Box contained £17.60.