

Minutes of the 112th Annual General Meeting of the Manchester Pickwick Club held at the Moorside Social Club on 18th April, 2018

The meeting was opened at 8.03 p.m. when it was reported that George Nupkin was absent through illness but introducing a new member, Paul Campbell, who was given the pickwick name Nat Winkle.

Before Dodson had an opportunity to speak, Pickwick reminded him that the A.G.M. was normally a free evening; Dodson said that had Mr Pickwick not ordered him to be quiet he would have already advised members that this would be a free evening!

The Secretary's report included reference to the death of the previous Secretary, Peter Magnus and gave details of attendances during the year; he seemed to have difficulty in differentiating between fluctuating and flatulating, but members realised what he meant. Reference was made to Mrs Pott's dumplings which had been admired by all during the year and thanks were offered to the Moorside Club for allowing the use of their premises for club meetings.

Dodson prefaced his Treasurer's report by recalling for the benefit of members how he became treasurer; some 40 years ago the then treasurer, the late Mr Pott had asked for assistance from Dodson who was horrified to find the accounts were held in a cardboard box — or at least some of them were! The annual accounts presented in those days seemed to be more fiction than fact, mainly due to incompetence rather than fraud, so Dodson took on the job and has kept it ever since. He told members that Solomon Pell had purchased new ties for members but had refused to take any payment for them to the benefit of the club. Finally, he recommended that subscriptions remain unchanged for the coming year.

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

It was noted that the new member was unable to read the statement accepting membership until a pair of spectacles had been passed from Mr Pickwick via the Secretary to the new member, an excellent example of Pickwickianism at its best! Stiggins complained about the words "actuated by" in the document which he said were incorrect English but was told this dated from formation of the club in 1906 and was not going to be altered!

The following appointments were agreed for the coming year:

Pickwick	Mr Pott
President	Alfred Jingle
Vice chairman	Ben Allen
Secretary	Ben Allen

Treasurer	Dodson
Asst treasurer	Mivins
Minute writer	Mivins
DC	Tupman
Asst DC	Grummer
POR & I	Dr Slammer
MD	Nat Winkle
Mace bearer	Alfred Jingle
Entertainment officers	Dodson and Tupman for inside events; Ben Allen and Solomon Pell for outside events
Fines officer	Jack Hopkins
Asst fines officer	Rev Stiggins
Photographer	Tupman
POCs	To be appointed on the night

Members were advised that the Summer Outing would be at Breightmet Golf Club on 15th June and further events would be notified by email.

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

The raffle raised £5.00 whilst the fines box contained £3.55 plus 3 dirhams.