



NEWENT & DISTRICT PROBUS CLUB

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD via ZOOM

TUESDAY 25 JANUARY 2022

Chairman: John welcomed members to the meeting and said it was pleasing to see Roger Beard back after his recent illness.

Apologies: David Clowes, Chris Lathan

Minutes of last meeting: of 11 January, previously displayed on the club website. Agreed as a true account.

Matters Arising: None

Treasurer: Nothing to report

Speaker Secretary: Programme completed until end of year.

Pub Lunches: Peter Hines, who has volunteered to organise Pub Lunches outlined the details of the forthcoming programme of lunches. He said that he regarded Pub Lunches as a favourite and integral part of the club's activity and an ideal way in which members and their partners may get to know each other on a more personal basis. He said that he will allocate the first Tuesday of each month for future lunches, our first will be 1st March, (venue to be notified later). However, there will be a slight change for April, as the Spring Lunch has been booked for the first Tuesday on 5 April. So, the April Pub Lunch will be on Tuesday 12 April, as there is no planned club meeting on that date. Peter said he will forward details nearer the time. Chairman John thanked Peter and his wife Lee for taking on this important role.

Outings: Nothing to report

Theatre Trips: Nothing to report

Webmaster: Nothing to report

AOB: Chairman John announced that we are holding a committee meeting on 31 January to discuss the possible return to meetings at Gorsley. He asked members present whether they would be happy to return to normal meetings and asked for a show of hands. Of the 24 members present approximately 16 were in favour. He said he would inform the membership of the decision after the committee meeting.

Today's Speaker: The Chairman thanked Piet Velzeboer, from Chipping Campden Probus Club for standing in at short notice. Piet's subject was **Fracking and Shale Gas development**.
Piet, a mining engineer, worked in the Mining and Gas production industry for 30 years. He gave a very detailed account of the Fracking process and the potential for any future development. He covered a wide and detailed account of the subject and gave us a very good understanding of this controversial and emotive subject.

Birthdays: Due to a technical fault the meeting suddenly shut down, but 12 members were able to re connect. It was a shame as we did not have the chance to wish Happy Birthday to our newest member Graham Baum

Next Meeting: 8 February 2022 (whether it's at Gorsley or via Zoom will be notified later

Speaker: Robert Arley – Mapping of Motorways – M4, M5 & M6