



# Stafford 41 Club

## Minutes of 60<sup>th</sup> AGM held on 21 April 2021 Via Video Conferencing Service, Zoom.

The Chairman, Chris Barton, welcomed everyone to the meeting. He then specifically welcomed guest, Steve Tasker, Region 11 National Councillor, who explained that his Zoom picture included one of his 2 ridiculously powerful motorbikes.

In his opening remarks, Chairman Chris commented on the extraordinary year that we had all experienced. He had started the year with ambitions to introduce some new activities and events but the disruptions and lockdowns due to COVID-19 had put paid to his plans. He added that being able to hold meetings using Zoom had been helpful in maintaining some form of contact during the year.

Chairman Chris also highlighted the excellent presentations that National 41 Club had made available to all 41 Club members on Thursday nights. Steve Tasker pointed out that members could catch up with any of these they had missed using the website, [41clubconnects.co.uk](http://41clubconnects.co.uk).

**Present:** Messrs. C. Barton (Chairman), R. Barnett, D. Bolton, L. de Clercq, T. Green, J. Goodwin, D. Harding, G. Henderson, I. Henderson, M. Melling, P. Mincher-Lockett, B. Phillips, C. Reynolds, P. Ritson, R. Robson, A. Stewart, R. Thomas.

**Apologies:** Messrs. R. Bonfa, B. Cooke, G. Elsmore, P. Farrington, P. Hannigan, M. Heenan, D. Orme, D. Perkin, P. Quine, K. Robins, C. Rowell, M. Smith (Zoom failure), J. Thomas, J. Wilson, M. Woodhead (Zoom failure).

**Guest:** S. Tasker, Region 11 National Councillor.

**Voting for the 59<sup>th</sup> AGM:** Chairman Chris noted that, due to the COVID-19 lockdown in 2020, no AGM for that year had been held. An AGM pack had been circulated by email to members who had registered their votes on the proposals contained therein by email.

All proposals had been carried unanimously and the results circulated by email to members shortly afterwards. The proposals had been included in the pack for this AGM as a matter of record.

**Secretary's Report:** Secretary Brett Phillips presented numbers; he reported that the Club had 33 full members, 25 country members and 2 honorary members.

**Treasurer's Report and Proposed Budget:** Treasurer Brett Phillips circulated a copy of the accounts (appended to these minutes).

There was a small deficit on the year of £4.83. The major items of income and expenditure related to collection of subs with subsequent payment of national capitation and donations & fines to raise money for the National President's charity, Dementia UK, with subsequent payment of these to the charity.

A proposal to adopt the accounts was proposed by David Harding and seconded by Jim Goodwin. Adoption was carried unanimously.

Treasurer Brett then advised that the proposal regarding capitation fees to be put to the forthcoming National AGM was that they should remain at £14.50. In view of this and the fact that the Club had some funds in reserve, despite recording a small deficit for the year, he proposed that the Club's subscriptions should also remain unchanged at £15 and that country members' subscriptions remain at £0. This proposal was seconded by Paul Ritson and carried unanimously.

Chairman Chris thanked Brett for his support throughout the year.

**IRO Report:** Chairman Chris advised that the Club IRO had traditionally taken the form of a weekend away but that had not been possible in this exceptional year. Hence, there was no IRO report.

**Sales and Regalia:** Chairman Chris advised that the Sales and Regalia Officer, Mike Smith had not yet joined the meeting but was expected.

*Note: Due to technical issues Mike was not able to join the meeting at all.*

**Chairman's Report:** Chairman Chris described the various meetings held during the year which had all been recorded in Rob Robson's, the House Officer's, detailed report.

Chairman Chris confirmed that, due to the facts that COVID-19 had severely restricted the Club's activities in the past year and that there were no candidates to stand as Chairman for the forthcoming year, he was prepared to be Chairman for one further year only.

He stated that he was looking forward to holding real face to face meetings in the forthcoming year, that he was planning a 100 mile walk to take place on or around 15 – 18 September 2021 and that he was keen on a Ladies Evening with a more relaxed format; perhaps this would be in the form of a murder mystery evening which could be held at Canalside Farm. He wanted to plan for a variety of meetings/activities.

Chairman Chris thanked Rob Robson, the House Officer, for his excellent work in arranging the meetings throughout the year.

**House Officer's Report:** Due to an omission on the agenda by the Secretary the House Officer's report had been largely covered by the Chairman. Rob Robson did comment that he looked forward to arranging a range of events for the forthcoming year. He pointed out that the Millennium Walk planned by the Chairman is fairly local. He also suggested that theatre trips would be worth looking into. He noted that, regrettably, Jim Thomas, who had previously transferred in to Stafford 41 Club following his move back to the UK from Spain, had resigned. Rob reminded the meeting of the importance of properly welcoming and integrating new members and suggested that we should consider involving wives and partners.

Chairman Chris emphasised the importance of the Club having a Vice Chairman for the forthcoming year.  
Anthony Stewart confirmed that he had been giving this some thought and was prepared to stand.

**Election of Officers:** the following were unanimously elected into office:

Chairman:	Chris Barton
Vice Chairman:	Anthony Stewart
Secretary/Treasurer:	Brett Phillips
House Officer:	Rob Robson
Social Officer:	Jim Goodwin
IRO:	Ian Henderson
Sales & Regalia Officer:	Mike Smith
Hon. Auditor:	Ian Henderson

**Honorary member:** It was unanimously agreed that Sean Spinetto, the current Chairman of Stafford Round Table, be invited to be an Honorary Member of Stafford 41 Club.

Anthony Stewart and Jim Goodwin updated the meeting with regard to the membership status of Stafford Round Table. They reported that recruitment of new members was extremely challenging and that, unfortunately, Stafford Round Table was perilously close to folding.

**AOB:** Steve Tasker, Region 11 National Councillor, reminded members that the 41 Club National AGM was due to take place next Saturday, 24 April 2021.

Derek Bolton stated that there would be no fines tonight, much to the financial relief of the rest of the members gathered.

**Final Toast** – Chairman Chris proposed the final toast, “May the hinges of friendship never rust”.

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## Appendix

### STAFFORD 41 CLUB

#### Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2021 £	2020 £	2020 £
<b>Income</b>					
Subscriptions	1	495.00		555.00	
60th "Charter" donations and fines	2	309.50		-	
Xmas meeting food sponsored by Chairman Chris	2	70.00		-	
Receipts from sales account & raffles		-		85.22	
Sergeant at Arms fines		-		10.50	
Surplus on meetings		-		5.00	
Interest	3	2.96		-	
<b>Total income</b>		877.46	877.46	655.72	655.72
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Capitation	4	493.00		522.00	
Donation to Dementia UK	2	379.50		-	
Website costs		9.79		62.05	
Past Chairman's jewels		-		53.22	
<b>Total expenditure</b>		(882.29)	(882.29)	(637.27)	(637.27)
<b>Excess of income over expenditure</b>		(4.83)	(4.83)	18.45	18.45
Funds b/f		975.74	975.74	957.29	957.29
<b>Funds c/f</b>		<b>£ 970.91</b>	<b>£ 970.91</b>	<b>£ 975.74</b>	<b>£ 975.74</b>
Represented by:					
Bank current account			598.44		606.23
Building Society account			372.47		369.51
<b>Total funds</b>		<b>£ 970.91</b>	<b>£ 970.91</b>	<b>£ 975.74</b>	<b>£ 975.74</b>

**Notes**

1. 33 members @ £15.00 each (1 member had paid his 2020/21 subs in 2019/20).
2. Chairman Chris sponsored the food for the Christmas Zoom meeting which generated £70 and a total of £309.50 was raised from members' donations and fines from the 60th "Charter"/ birthday Zoom meeting.  
This totalled £379.50 which was donated to the National President's charity, Dementia UK.
3. The interest shown is for the year ended 5 April 2020. Interest received for the year ended 5 April 2021 has not yet been notified to us.
4. 34 members @ £14.50 each.

Signed:

Ian Henderson  
Hon. Auditor

*Ian Henderson*

Date 17.04.2021

Brett Phillips  
Hon. Treasurer

*Brett Phillips*

Date 17.04.2021