

MINUTES OF THE 187th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAKESPEARE CLUB OF STRATFORD UPON AVON HELD AT THE SHAKESPEARE CENTRE, HENSLEY ST., STRATFORD UPON AVON ON 7TH JUNE 2011.

Approximately 23 members attended.

1. Dr. Susan Brock was elected Chairman of the meeting.
2. Apologies were received from Roger Pringle, Paul Edmondson, Eileen and David Geldard, Jean Holder.
3. The minutes of the last AGM were circulated at the meeting and accepted as a true record.
4. There were no matters arising.
5. Treasurer's report. The Treasurer submitted her report as follows:

The Treasurer submitted her report for the year ended 23rd April 2011:

We had 106 full members this year compared to 107 last year and 102 the previous year. Despite following up lapsed members it had not been possible to increase this though there was a constantly changing membership list. The number of visitors had increased from 56 last year to 82. Insurance has increased slightly as cover had to be increased at the request of the University of Birmingham. The Town Trust awarded a grant £300 this year to be spent on updating the website and another flier – both are helpful in raising the Club's profile. We are grateful to the Town Trust for their continuing support. There is no need to increase the membership fee this year.

The Chair thanked Lady Follett for her comprehensive report and the accounts were approved.

6. Election of President. 2011/2012.

Professor Stanley Wells had been approached to stand as our President for the coming season and had agreed. He was elected unanimously.

7. Election of Honorary Treasurer.

Lady Follett was proposed as Treasurer of the Club by Jean Lawrance and seconded by Mary Reardon. She was re-elected unanimously.

8. Appointment of Honorary Auditors.

H.L. Barnes and Son were re-elected as Honorary Auditors. Lady Follett would send a letter of thanks.

9. Election of Committee.

Last year's Committee was as follows: Susan Brock, Daphne Ingram, Jean Lawrance, Mary Reardon, Eileen Geldard, Lady Follett, Paul Edmondson, and Helen Hargest. Helen Hargest had tendered her resignation from the Committee.

The following nominations had been received:

John Cunnington, nominated by Lady Follett, seconded Jean Lawrance

Margaret Cunnington, nominated by Lady Follett, seconded Jean Lawrance
Sylvia Morris, nominated Susan Brock, seconded Daphne Ingram.
They were elected unanimously.

Susan Brock, Jean Lawrance, Mary Reardon, Eileen Geldard, Lady Follett, and
Dr Paul Edmondson were willing to stand again and were re-elected
unanimously.

11. Report on programme for next season.

The Chair, as Acting Programme Secretary, reported on the arrangements for the
coming season as follows:

2011

September – Peter Kirwan

October – Rev. Dr Paul Edmondson

November – Professor Ewan Fernie

December – Professor Stanley Wells

2012

January – Dr Claire Cochrane

February – Dr Robert Bearman

March – Peter Jolly

April – Dr Paul Lewis

The Chair thanked Mrs Hargest for her hard work in putting this excellent
programme together.

12. Subscriptions.

Subscriptions would remain the same for the coming season.

13. AOB

The Chair reported that that the theatre company, Theatre Set-up, would be
performing *Much Ado about Nothing* at Hall's Croft on Sunday, 13th June at 5.15
pm. All welcome.

The Shakespeare Institute Players then entertained members with a selection of
scenes from their production of *King John*.

This was followed by the usual raffle and wine was served at the bar