



Worthing Probus Club

CLUB RULES 2026-27

1. The NAME of the Club shall be THE WORTHING PROBUS CLUB.
2. Its OBJECTIVE shall be to foster social fellowship between members.
3. MEMBERSHIP shall be open to all RETIRED OR PARTIALLY RETIRED professional and businessmen and women living in and around Worthing. Application for membership shall be made on the Club's Application Form. Membership shall be limited to 55 members and further applications will be added to a waiting list. At the discretion of the Committee, HONORARY MEMBERSHIP may be granted to members for exemplary long-standing service, and such Honorary Members shall pay no annual subscription.
4. The affairs of the Club shall be managed by a COMMITTEE, comprising a President, Vice- President, Hon. Secretary & Membership, Hon. Treasurer, Dining Secretary, Speakers Secretary, Social Secretary, Welfare Secretary and two other members without portfolio. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt additional members as appropriate during the year. Co-opted members shall not be entitled to vote. The Committee has the right to withdraw membership from any member. Such member shall have the right to appeal. The Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of their meetings, and the Treasurer shall keep accounts of the Club's finances which shall be available for inspection by members. The Committee shall meet normally on the morning of the Members lunch. Five Committee members form a quorum, of whom at least one shall be the President, Vice-President or Hon. Secretary. Any member of the Committee holds office only until the next Annual General Meeting but is then eligible for re-election. Nominations for Committee Members other than President shall be submitted to the Hon. Secretary 14 days prior to the AGM. The incoming President shall choose the Vice President, but that person will have no automatic right to become President the following year.
5. The PRESIDENT shall be elected annually at an AGM. Nominations shall be received by the Hon. Secretary prior to the March Committee meeting. Should no such nominations be received, the Committee shall nominate the President. No President shall serve for more than 4 years.
6. AN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) shall be held in April of each year. At least 30 days' notice shall be given to the members of the intention to hold such a meeting by the Secretary. Decisions at meetings shall be by a majority vote as a show of hands or by ballot if so, determined by the meeting.
7. The ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION shall be determined at the AGM, becoming due within 30 days of the AGM. A member joining in the last 3 months of the Club year shall not be charged for that period. For 2026-27 the annual subscription will remain at £20 with new members paying £25 to include the cost of a club badge.
8. An examined STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS for the financial year to the 31st. March shall be presented by the Treasurer to the AGM.
9. The club shall maintain a bank account with HSBC, or such other bank as agreed by the Committee, and the signatories to such account will be the any two of the President, Secretary and Treasurer.
10. LUNCHEON MEETINGS shall be held monthly, normally on the 3rd Wednesday at noon for 12.30 pm or at the direction of the Committee. All members are assumed to be dining. Any member unable to attend a monthly lunch meeting should notify the Dining Secretary before 5.00pm on the previous Friday. Failure to do so will incur the cost of the meal. Partners and guests may be invited to an ordinary luncheon meeting subject to availability and prior notice being given to the Dining Secretary. Payment for meals should be made by BACS into our bank account by the Friday before the lunch to ensure your place.

11. COFFEE MORNINGS shall be held monthly, normally on the first Wednesday of each month at 11:00 am; partners and guests may be invited.
12. DRESS CODE. At lunches this will be suit or smart casual with no jeans or shorts to be allowed.
13. The COMMITTEE SHALL HAVE THE AUTHORITY to deal with any matters not covered by these rules. Any amendment or addition to the foregoing rules shall require a majority vote of Members at an AGM or at an Extraordinary General Meeting. Any proposals for amendments to the Rules shall be submitted to the Secretary not less than 14 days prior to such a meeting.

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