
MINUTES OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 14TH MAY 2026

Present:

Chairman: Richard Edwards

Committee: John Walter, Steve Shoesmith, Geb Locke, Shaun Massey, Chris Cooper, John Morris, Brian Pask, Paul Douglas, and Lucille Walter

Admin Officer: Jenny Elliott

1. Admin Officer's Report

Jenny presented the accounts for the end of April. Jenny asked for the committee's approval on changing the signatories on our bank accounts. The committee agreed to remove Paul Carter and Steve Shoesmith and add Richard Edwards and John Walter.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes were received by the committee prior to the meeting and were agreed by a show of hands.

3. Apologies

Apologies were received from Keith Veness, Les Watson, Nicola Cox, Rodney Shoesmith, Tom Ford and Bruce Dowling.

4. PA & Sound Equipment

Richard has looked into this and the cabled microphone plugs directly into the PA speaker on the stage.

In terms of the sound system behind the bar, it was suggested to try a loop to extend the range.

The TV works fine through the speakers if played through apps, such as iPlayer and ITV X, but not through terrestrial live TV. Jenny has set up accounts on both apps for use for sporting events.

5. Fire Alarm Monitoring

Richard spoke to Mark from Insight regarding the intruder alarm, which is monitored by a secure keyholding service, which charges if they are called to attend the property.

Our fire alarm is not currently monitored, and we have received a quote from Jennery for monitoring.

6. Maintenance/Building Matters.

Brian said that so far so good after the rain and gave thanks to all those who made it happen.

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A “Lift Access” sign on the front of the building to inform people passing that they don’t have to use the stairs is still required. Steve added that it would be good to utilise the space and have a big sign on the front with a picture of the bar and events we run including for non-members.

7. Secretary’s Report and Correspondence

The furniture in the bar area is currently being reupholstered.

8. Membership Applications

14 social, 1 beach, 1 junior, and 5 angling applications were received which were approved by the committee.

9. Commodore’s Report

Chris reported that there was a leak in the ram of the 360 digger, so it is out of action until it can be fixed.

10. Competition Secretary’s Report

41 anglers took part in the first comp, including four ladies and 2 juniors. Huge thanks were expressed to the beach crew who worked very hard launching throughout the day. We will now start at 8:30am to allow more boats to launch before the start of the comp, the next of which is due to take place on 23rd May.

Richard added that it was a long day, but everyone had a great time.

Chris asked if the Saturday comp rolls over, does it include Sundays and Steve answered yes, it does.

11. Angling

a. Junior Report

There are new juniors joining still, though fishing has not been easy lately. The England Pathway went really well and one of the team said that ours was the best they’d attended. We are one of only two pathways in the country.

27th June is set for the official opening of the Youth Clubhouse and Key Change will be playing live music for an hour in the afternoon. No reply yet from the Mayor.

b. Cup Custodian

Nicola has volunteered to take on the role.

c. Byelaw Change

Jenny mentioned that, when changing the rules and byelaws regarding the new membership renewal system, one had been missed, which was kindly pointed out by Ben Crease.

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It was therefore agreed to change the wording on Private Boat Byelaw 2, from "...1st March" to "eight weeks after their renewal date."

12. Any Other Business

- a. John said that he had spoken to the electrician about dimmer lights, they are compatible so we would only have to change the switches and bulbs, rather than the whole system. John will ask for a quote.
- b. Brian said that he has a helper who supplies worms and fishes the beach competitions. Could we issue him with an honorary beach membership? This was agreed by a show of hands.
- c. Lucille said that there is a box of Buffalo items in the corner of the committee room. She contacted the Order of the Buffaloes and they said that they do not want it and gave permission for us to dispose of it.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 11th June.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 19:38