

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held Monday 6th July 2026

Present: Derek Shermon (President), Elaine Beckton (Chairman), David Gadd (Men's Representative), Tony Hill (Treasurer), Jeff Askew (Greenkeeper), Letitia Rivett Old (Ladies Rep), Anthony O'Sullivan (Fixtures Secretary), David Woodman (Secretary), Carole Woodman (Ladies Secretary), Sue Kelly (Ladies Captain), Linda Strelzyn (Catering officer).

The Meeting opened with a report from Mike Coe on preparations for the Club Charity Day on 9th August. Mike had prepared a draft programme and identified Members who would oversee specific tasks. The day would be built around the competition format previously used by Linda Storey and may include additional fun games. The loan of BBQ equipment had been arranged and Burgers/Sausages would be prepared by Chris Lane. A number of Ladies have already offered to provide cakes. Visitors were welcome and would be provided with tea and cakes for a small donation. Mike would provide prizes for the raffle and any additional donations would be welcome. Mike is to be congratulated on getting comprehensive arrangements in place early and we look forward to a successful Day.

1. Apologies for Absence

Andy Lobb (Men's Captain).

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting –

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3. Matters Arising from previous Minutes / Items Completed.

The Club Signboard had been ordered and was being made but had been delayed.
Elaine circulated a proposed memorial plaque for Lucie Sulch that was agreed

4. Correspondence.

Bowls England had issued advice for playing in extreme weather, which had been passed to the Safeguarding Officer.

The Secretary had approached Sport England about possible funding towards roof repairs and they had confirmed an application would be appropriate and would be considered, but Building Regulations approval would have to be obtained first.

5. Matters being Raised

- 1) The Treasurer had been approached by Chris Johns about the possibility of purchasing weed suppressing membrane to cover at least part of the steep bank at the bottom of the Green. This area is difficult to maintain and a major accident hazard for those working Party Members who have to maintain it. It was agreed that this should be supported on safety grounds and Chris would be asked to provide a costed proposal to the Treasurer so that the work can go ahead.
- 2) Letitia enquired about the possibility of arranging a visit for the local Mylor WI. This would probably take place around Mid-August. This was welcomed, and Letitia agreed to confirm a suitable date.
- 3) Letitia also suggested that the Club might consider starting a programme of bowls for local people with dementia, but physically able to cope with bowling. This could be separate from the ABLE blind bowlers games or part of a disabled bowlers initiative. It was agreed to look into how this might be organised and put to the AGM as a proposal that could be developed by the Club.
- 4) We need to purchase a new supply of Match scorecards. Carole had proposed some minor modifications to the format to include venue and use a slightly wider design. Tony O'Sullivan has a printer contact and costings will be obtained.
- 5)

6. Honorary Secretary's Report

Nothing to report.

7. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that finances remained in a healthy state, but that roof repairs would clearly have a major impact on reserves. However, he remained of the opinion that we were close to being in a position where we could fund basic repairs.

The new Club Jackets had still not appeared, and the Secretary was asked to seek further information from Sue Walker.

8. The Ladies' Secretary Report

Nothing significant to report.

9. Fixtures Secretary's Report

Tony raised a problem which had occurred with booking. The Men's B team were due to play on the evening of 6th July. Tony had been contacted by Jenny Prime for two neutral rinks to play the Semi-final of the National 2 Fours between Chacewater and Stenalees, and had agreed for this to take place. Sue Kelly thought she had booked a rink to play her Golden Years match but although the system allowed her to enter details of the match, booking beyond 5.00 is not allowed. This resulted in a confusing situation where the Men's match was postponed with the agreement of Liz Bray. League matches can normally only be postponed as a result of extreme weather, so this should not have happened, and Carnon, the opponents, were very unhappy that the cancellation had occurred without their agreement. As the situation was the fault of our Club, Tony would contact the Carnon Fixture Secretary to apologise.

It was suggested that this situation could have been avoided if slots could be booked beyond 5.00 pm where free slots were available.

Separately, there had also been some misunderstanding about booking Club matches on Sunday morning.

Although the Sunday morning roll-up only books three rinks on days when the Green is not committed for other purposes, there was a feeling that it was not appropriate to be playing competitions when visitors were using the Green. However, other Members felt that if visitors could see a competitive match taking place, that was a positive thing.

It was therefore agreed that one rink would always be available for Club Competitions to be booked at the same time as the Roll-up was taking place.

10. Greenkeeper's report

none

12. Publicity Report

Elaine is preparing a new article to appear in the local magazines next month.

13. Application for membership

Applications had been received from Martin Stratford and Maria Knaggs and had been displayed on the board without comment. Their Membership applications were duly accepted.

14. AOB

Jeff had tentatively accepted a quote for roof repairs from CladdingSW. but this could not begin until September. He had also contacted the Council about Building Regulations. The Council had responded with a quote of £990.00. This seems excessive as no structural work is proposed. The Secretary was asked to contact our Councillor, Ruth Gripper, to see if she can help. Jeff is also following up a company that may obtain Building Regs on our behalf at a lower cost.

The possibility of including solar panels as part of the project remains an active consideration. Although it means additional cost, the investment would be recovered in a very short period after which it becomes a source of income. David Gadd has experience in this area and will look into the options.

Sue Kelly again highlighted the need to make sure we identify a Manager of the Day to be in charge, not only when we hand over the Green for County use but also for Matches such as the VPs game and to ensure that Members are identified to cover all necessary tasks in good time.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 11.30 am.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Saturday 1st August 2026 at 10.00 a.m.

Chairman..... Date.....