Minutes of Committee meeting 14 the October at 10-30

Attendees. Lynda Joseph, Paddy Harris, Graham Webb, Tudor Joseph, Ken Law, John Derbyshire,

John Shepherd, Graham Sowerby, Mike Hannaford.

Apologies. Paul Eames, Lydia Stocks.

Minutes. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Matters arising. The ruling with regards to dog control as been added to the HSE document. New signs for vaping to be put up.

Treasurer's report. There was an overspend of £1711.20. The green maintenance cost was a lot more than at thought. Discussion about the subscriptions for next season. Suggestions to be made at AGM. The new subscriptions to be £118 for full membership, social member £15, new member £35, 18-25 year old £45.

Possibly rising each year rather than having a large increase every so often.

Playing matters. The season has now been completed, unfortunately the Men's 'A' team missed out on promotion in the final game of the season.

Fixtures for the 2026 season are now under way.

All bar one MDL3 fixtures are complete : I'm still negotiating on one away match to try and avoid two matches in one week.

The MDL4 matches are almost complete but I'm awaiting details from two clubs at present.

This week I'm beginning work on the SDL fixtures. I'm aware of the Ladies constraints regarding when they can be played.

I'm trying to keep Wednesdays free to avoid double booking other matches when the Over 55's are due to play.

I'm also conscious of our new involvement in the Riviera League which looks to play on Thursday. This also impacts on another potential league in relation to a ladies triples league about which I been advised.

Our Spring meeting is scheduled for 21st March 2026 where the new diary will be available.

I already have had enquiries from other clubs regarding friendly matches in 2026. A small number have been booked is a special request. I am waiting until I have the league fixtures complete before I commit to our regular friendly matches.

As mentioned in our last meeting for 2026.

Our 2026 Opening day will be Saturday 4th April 2026.

Captain v President will be on Sunday 26th July 2026.

The Club Charity Day 2026 will be on Sunday 30th August 2026.

I've now confirmed that the 2026 Finals weekend will be 5th and 6th September.

The Bob Perkins Cup was cancelled in 2025 and will not be scheduled in 2026.

Other matters:

With regard to grant applications, our registration with a fund raising database provided one application being forwarded but was not successful. Each week I get a list of funds being available which I trawl through for likely sources. To date I've not found one where our needs meet the requirements of the funds.

The main focus of any applications is raising funds for our watering system and playing equipment.

You may recall I reported about a likely England Bowls route to funding. This has proved to be only a route to Sport England fund

which is National Lottery based. These applications are subject to a huge requirement and I've not yet had the time to follow this up.

Ladies Playing Section. The ladies were relegated. They reached two semi finals, and lost in one final. There is a possibility for a 'B' team in the future.

Green Maintenance. It was agreed to get Gary and Phil Edwards to become involved with the watering system.

AOB. The green surround to be converted for socialising.

The Christmas draw will be held on Saturday 6th December.

To help with recruiting members to take up roles within the club it was suggested the a description of the role be written. Hopefully this will help new committee members to understand the job.

It was suggested that the constitution should be updated where necessary.