

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES REPORT



Meeting Date: 2nd February 2026 7.00 pm.

In Attendance

Peter Furnival (PF) – President / David Dudley (DD) – Captain / Neal Walters ((NW) – Vice Captain / John Burnett (JB) Handicap Secretary / Rob Ashfield (RA) / Craig Andrews (CA) / Neil Beech (NB) / Alan Ratcliffe (AR) Club Secretary / S Thornton (ST) – Seniors Captain / Colin Yardley (CY) / Ian Cooke (IC) / Lee Coney (LC)

Apologies

Terry German (TG) – Treasurer / Paul Davis – Outgoing Captain (PD)

Minutes of last meeting

These were accepted.

Correspondence

None

Suggestion Box

None

Matters Arising

Matters still outstanding; - all actions from previous meeting reviewed or closed out.

Captains Report

Captains report 2nd Feb 2026.

I would like to thank everyone that was involved in making me Vice Captain in 2025 then Captain in 2026, this is a great honour to represent such a great club and also, it's great members too.

I would like to congratulate Neal “plum” Walters on becoming Vice Captain 2026 it's been a long time coming so look out high handicappers.

I would also like to congratulate Lee Coney, Ian Cooke & Colin Yardley who have been voted onto the committee, we all look forward to working with you and receiving/implementing your fresh new ideas.

There was a Stableford comp played on the weekend of 24/25 of Jan although the course was shut on the 24th and some confusion over whether the comp was going ahead we only had 9 entries.

Competitions.

- o Division 1 winner was Colin Yardley with 32 points.
- o Division 2 winner was Nick Fellows with 33 points.
- o Division 3 winner was Craig Andrews with 33 points, congratulations and well done to all the winners.

I look forward to the year ahead, working and playing golf with you all, all we need now is some sun & dry weather.

David Dudley Club Captain.

Income & Expenditure report

No report this month refer to report at AGM.

Terry German

Handicap / Competitions report.

No monthly report, refer to AGM report

Question raised on last weekend's Stableford. There was some confusion on the Sunday, leading to many members believing the comp had been cancelled but this was not the case. John confirmed that he would always send out a communication if there was a cancellation.

Also, the result was issued out in 3 divisions, this was an error from the management when closing out the comp on the system as normally when there are only a few entries then divisions are not used. John will speak with Adrian on this for future reference.

John Burnett

Handicap secretary.

Handicap sub-committee to assist John will be Alan Ratcliffe, Rob Ashfield and Ian Cooke.

Greens Report

No Report this month, again refer to report presented at AGM.

Craig Andrews – Committee Leader, Lee Coney and Colin Yardley

A.O.B.

Arranged in subject sections.

Handicap / Competition questions

None raised

General – to be brought up at next Management Meeting by President / Captain and reported back to committee.

IC – Referred to Appendix 2 of Club constitution which listed required members / roles for men's committee and queried if the Club Secretary should be at the meeting. PF answered the list was for the minimum elected requirements and that members can always be co-opted into the committee, and the Club Secretary was here to pass on feedback from the Management committee, not unlike the Seniors Captain also being present at the meeting.

Questioned raised by members if the Golfers discount at the bar was better than those given to visitors / societies at the club. It was felt the drinks discount was better than given to visitors, but food discounts especially would probably be part of packages offered to entice societies to the club. PF would check and confirm this with the management and what the discounts are for members, club website stated up to 15% for drinks and up to 10% for food.

PF– Confirmed all invites have been send out to competition winners for the presentation night, and flyers / social media notices also have been issued out.

Areas of the course are looking untidy with litter being thrown into bushes / hedges around the course, can members as they walk around the course help to pick up litter / broken tees etc and to place their own litter into the bins.

PF will ask Management to send out a memo on this and ensure visitors are aware of their responsibility when booking in.

- NB** – Recent incident of a member taken ill on the course and was actioned well by the staff, but it does raise the question on how First Aiders are identified and how are they notified on the course also is first aid equipment readily available. This was discussed and that normally a call is made to the shop / reception to notify them of a problem, but it was noted that it would be beneficial to have emergency contact details on the score cards and also reference to the location of the defibrillator especially for visitors / members who might not have the club phone number on their mobiles.
- LC** - How are complaints handled by the committee. Confirmed that all complaints must be in writing to the committee to enable a discussion and answer or further action if needed from the committee.
- DD** - Will fairway mats be made compulsory to all by the club next year? Committee cannot confirm this but are working as hard as they can to convince the management this should happen next year, hopefully the positive responses coming back from members will help this. The handicap committee will be, going forward, making the use of mats compulsory in all winter Medal and Stableford comps which then allows these to be acceptable for WHS score submission.
- Greens are in excellent condition, but concerns are that birds will damage the greens if there are no scare tactics used to prevent this, therefore can we ask if plans are in place for such items as Birds of Prey statues and wind kites
- ST** - Invited the Captain to the Seniors Away day as a guest of the section unfortunately he is on holiday, but his Vice Captain is available therefore the invite was extended to him.

Course – to be actioned by Greens and reported back to committee.

- PF** – With reference to his concern on the course tidiness can the greens committee ask for overgrowing hedges and thorn trees be trimmed back.
- DD** - Tees box grass is starting to get long and although heavy mowers can't get out can the team use hand mowers to trim these areas.
- NW** – The 13th hole uses the old 7th tee during the winter, can the large bush area in front when using as the 13th tee be cut back – at present it is a blind drive making it difficult to spot the ball and from a H&S issue with the ball going towards those coming down the 14th.
- RA** – State of the area around the turning circle between the 3rd green and 4th tee very poor at present.

Updates /News.

Sub Committee updates :-

Greens: **Craig Andrews** has taken on the role of chairman of the greens committee replacing Matt Highway who had to leave due to work commitments, the committee would like to thank Matt for the excellent work he put in during his term. Craig will hold this position for 3 years as per the constitution.

Lee Coney and **Colin Yardley** will make up the rest of the Greens sub-committee.

Can we remind all members that any questions regarding the course and greens must be made via this sub-committee and not to go directly to the greenkeepers.

Members liaison – **Neil Beech** and **Neal Walters**

Handicap Committee – **Rob Ashfield, Alan Ratcliffe and Ian Cooke** to assist Handicap Secretary.

Club Teams

Alliance – **Steve Gamble** will continue as captain with **Alan Ratcliffe** acting as vice-captain.

17/24 – **Neil Beech** will be this year's captain.

Meeting closed at 8.25 pm

Next meeting

April 6th, 2026. – 7.00pm