

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

REPORT



Meeting Date: 30th March 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 / Colin Yardley (CY) / Ian Cooke (IC) / Terry German (TG) – Treasurer

Apologies

Paul Davis – Outgoing Captain (PD) / Lee Coney (LC) / S Thornton (ST) – Seniors Captain

Minutes of last meeting

These were accepted.

Correspondence

None

Suggestion Box

Letter from member referencing the use of “gimmies” in competitive play. Committee agreed this shouldn’t be happening and JB will send out a notice to all members via BRS reiterating that using gimmies in competitive stroke-play will result in disqualification and in General Play will result in the removal of the score from WHS. Note with Stableford and General Play pick up is allowed when no score is possible and should be recorded as a pick up.

Matters Arising

Matters still outstanding; - all actions from previous meeting reviewed or closed out, except for the question raised by IC on the constitution and the role of the Club Secretary at the men’s committee. – refer to AOB section.

Note - on the question of discount it was confirmed members get 10% across the board.

Captains Report

Good to see the mowers are out & cutting our fairways/greens/tee boxes things will only improve now with better weather coming although the greens are already looking good & also the fairways so did the fairway mats do their job I’d definitely like to think so.

I must comment how good the 9th & 18th fairway look due to the Robot on hire when can we order more??

Also, other fairways are looking wider than before which is good to see as we all like bigger targets.

Major Competitions

- The Snape final was played by Kevin Kelly/Simon Dunn v Steven Gamble/Des Sillery congratulations to Kevin Kelly/Simon Dunn on the win.
- Captains 4 club was played yesterday with 20 pairs entering, well done to Rob Ashfield & Dave Beale with a score of 43 points.
- The Tom Keenan cup was also played yesterday & well done to Stephen
- Matthias winning on countback with a score of 32 points.

• The draw was also done yesterday for the Stewards Bowl which was also a success again with everyone in attendance, I think this is now the way forward as everyone seems to enjoy the draw & it gets more people in the bar. I would also like to thank John for getting the 2 results in yesterday very quickly & also the work he does behind the scenes.

Our presentation night was very successful & a great night was had by all with the feedback, a big thanks to all involved who made this terrific night happen & well done to all the winners, all the Major Trophies are hopefully back in their place where they belong

David Dudley Club Captain.

Income & Expenditure report

The 1st quarter of the year saw the highest outgoings since I started as treasurer, £4100 out with only £1390 coming in. I do not expect to see any income in the next quarter but traditionally we see do see the highest income during the summer months. Question - are we as a committee subsidising too many things that are not related to the men's section, committee agreed that we will monitor this closely and only use funds appropriately when they relate to our section.

Terry German

Handicap / Competitions report.

Handicap Points discussed at the committee meeting held on the 30th March 2026.

- The wording will be changed to the qualifying T&C's statement.
To include Calderfields and not just club.
- The closing date for the Witezak will be changed to the 1st May 2026 so a live draw can take place in Alan's Bar on the 3rd May at 2.00pm.
- The summer knockouts will be set up soon, so we can start them a little earlier than usual. Question to the committee - will we cap the singles matchplay competitions? Note this was discussed at the meeting and agreed we would cap the singles to 22 WHS index.
- The club is changing their till system and will not be able to collect entrance fees from membership cards; I will speak to Adrian and set up another way of collecting the fees.
- The white tees will be out ready for the first competition in April.

May I remind everyone that the white tees are for club competitions only and will not be available to record scores in general play. The WHS app and the club's computer system will have these markers disabled.

Each club competition will identify which tee is in use for that competition

John Burnett

Handicap secretary.

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

Greens Report

Greens report 30/03/26

1. (Litter) Ade planning to arrange litter party and more bins through the course. Noted that committee have been out litter picking.
2. (Mats) Course Mats being reviewed ongoing. Course Mat on 12th slippy. This was highlighted by a number of members. Ade is planning to send out survey relating to members Mats.
3. (Birds of prey) Bird of preys on 6th and 12th being considered due to bird pecking.
4. (Bush) 13th main bush to be considered for cutting. Restricting view from drive which could be dangerous.
5. (Lights) Disused floodlights to be looked at. Note that they look unsightly.
6. (Fertilising)) Fertilising to be introduced within next few months to support good green health and to increase disease resistance. Divot parties to be arranged. Greens recently fertilised.

7. (Bunkers) Bunkers back in use with planned utilisation of bunker machine. This will help groom the sand traps. Noted bunkers are being affected by rain fall.
8. (Irrigation) Continued irrigation throughout the dry months planned. This will help with green resilience and improving playability. 9th path completed relating to pipe work. However, noted that pipes are bursting in some locations. Green staff where out late fixing recently.
9. (Verticut) Moss on greens: verticut greens recently done. This will help with lateral growth and reduce moss. Greens recent spiked.
10. (Tees) Length of grass on tees addressed and in good order now. Noted that the dry weather means less damage when cutting now.
11. (Fairways) Fairways cut with a plan to widen. 2nd cut planned. Plans to block cut and further cutting. Plan to further widen. Plans to cut fairways Thursday and Sunday near the above date.
12. (Greens) Greens recently cut to 5mm with plans for further cutting and maintenance. Plans to continue with fertilising.
13. (Robot) Robot cut 9th and 18th scalped. Green staff waiting for it to grow back before cutting again. Robot cutter was mapped before going out to cut.
14. (Green keeper)/Plans to go out with green keeper for core samples.
15. (Tees) Tees being cut. Defined by longer grass on the outlines of tees.

Craig Andrews – Committee Leader, Lee Coney and Colin Yardley

A.O.B.

Arranged in subject sections.

Handicap / Competition questions

As part of the below AOB questions a new 2's competition (par 3's only) was suggested to go along side the monthly Medals and Stablefords, this will be set up and checked with Adrian so that the shop can help monitor the entries, a money box will be provided for the entry fee (£2 cash), the comp will run over both Saturday and Sunday.

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

IC – Continued this question asking what value the Club Secretary (CS) brought to the meeting, especially as there are least 5 people at this meeting who also attended the management meeting (MM). He also noted this was aimed at the role of Club Secretary and not a personal issue. The response remained the same that he had been co-opted into this meeting to feedback from the MM as he was the person who compiled the minutes from the meeting. IC still had issues with this and pressed on with the question again querying if the constitution was being followed and if co-opting was more an excuse for friends / family to get on committee and by-passing the elected route.

IC also followed up asking why AR was on the Handicap committee, RA and JB responded that he had continued on with the role from last year and only the member who had left the committee was replaced (by IC) this year, the handicap committee has to have a minimum of 3 members including the Handicap Secretary.

It was at this point that AR left the meeting feeling this was a personal attack.

A question was asked around the table if it was felt the CS should be present, the majority agreed but saying it should be more formalised with the CS reporting back on all issues raised from the men's meeting. PF would speak with AR and put this to him.

IC - Can the golfers lounge be separated from the main dining area, typically on Sundays when there are a large number of golfers in the lounge people from the dining area are coming into the same lounge to play pool / darts, difficult when they are young and golfer's language can get "swear" at times. PF- there is a sliding door but very rarely used will mention at the next MM.

RA - Coffee machine used by the members needs to be switched to tokens rather than coins, most member do not carry a lot of cash and to be able to buy a token from the bar and use in the machine would be beneficial – PF to speak with Adrian on this.

General – for committee review.

NB – 17\24 Team, there are 6 new members who will need green tops, AR will check if any needed for the Alliance – CY would need one, NB to speak to the shop to organise and get sizes from 17/24 members. AR reminded the cost was £10 to the member with an £8 subsidy from the men's section funds (total £18).

Could we offer a t-shirt with the appropriate year i.e. "trophy winner 2025" embroidered on, the general consensus was against this for cost and organising reasons.

PF – Thanked Nick and Chery Hirst for their help with the raffle at the presentation.

Mentioned there may be a letter of complaint arriving regarding poor dress standard at the Presentation night, it was agreed that we would discuss this when the letter arrives as to if a code should be put in place and what that code should be.

Requested ideas for fund raising, always the same people raising funds, he mentioned 4 ball voucher secret ballots with bids made in envelopes. CY suggested nearest the pin on the 17th this was expanded to a 2's pool for the par threes with a £2 entry only for the monthly medal and stablefords, 50% of total entry money shared between those getting a 2 and the rest to the men's fund.

PD – Asked on behalf of PD by DD. Can we introduce a Captains Drive In for the new captain each season, this was agreed and for this year we would arrange it for DD at the next Major which would be the Stewards Bowl, JB to investigate this.

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

CY – Fringes around greens, now we have excellent greens can the Greens team investigate improving the lies around the fringes, very bumpy and lumpy in places.

NW – Golfers are walking with trollies between the green and bunkers or on tees, can we have signs put in to remind people not to do this. This had been mentioned previously with the management reluctant to use barriers or fencing as it delays the greens team when mowing. Possibility of smaller signs which are easier to move.

RA – Grass Island on the 6th fairway bunker needs mowing and tidying up.

Updates /News.

It was agreed to switch the meeting back to monthly as many issues can arise at the start of the year and having to wait 2 months is not practical.

Meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Next meeting

May 11th, 2026. – 7.00pm