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### Committee Meeting Minutes, Monday 18th August 2025, 7PM

(Held in the Clubhouse)

Meeting started at 7:07pm

1. **Attendance:** Callum, Chris, Adam, Rebecca, Randy and Colin.
2. **Apologies:** Mel and Ollie.
3. **Minutes of previous committee meeting (14.vii.25)**
  - a. Minutes of the previous meeting approved.
4. **Matters arising from previous committee meeting (14.vii.25)**
  - a. Chris still needs to chase James on completing the update to the logo.
  - b. In the last meeting it was suggested that we follow up with specific members around changes to the guest policy.
    - i. Chris, Adam and Mel still need to think about that and they will follow up in the next meeting.
  - c. Ollie and Randy still need to follow up on potential unofficial coaching.
  - d. World record for the amount of action items completed since the last meeting including getting rid of items to tip and the donation of four of the wheelchairs.
  - e. It was noted that the Court 3 bench might need another layer of varnish. Possibly could be completed at a future maintenance day.
  - f. There was no major issue when telling the cricket club that we would not be sharing bar profits with them.
5. **Perennials**
  - a. Site inspection completed. Everything is safe as houses.

#### 6. **Finances (CS)**

Balance 17 August 2025: Old current account	£5,445
Balance 17 August 2025: New current account	£4,150
Balance 17 August 2025: Savings account	£120,177
Everflow credit balance	£4,300
<b>Balance total 17 August 2025</b>	<b>£134,072</b>
Balance at last committee meeting (14 July 2025)	£128,021
Balance one year ago	£112,000

Notable transactions since last committee meeting:

- Outflows – total £2,789
- Quarterly rent £869
- Bar licence renewal £180

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- Catering for 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary £500
- Balls £882
- Winter team entries £275
- 3 service let plaque £83

Inflows - Total £8,637

- Interest on savings - £4,913
- Credit for water leak - £3,279
- Subscriptions - £250
- Pilates quarterly room hire - £195

### **Commentary**

Plenty of interest on the accounts side this month. First, as agreed, I moved the existing savings into a new 6-month fixed account, paying 4.35% (annualised), and added £21,000 from our current accounts, so savings now total just over £120,000.

Second, after a lot of badgering Thames Water have agreed to a refund for much of the cost of the water leak (this is in addition to the insurance payment to cover the cost of fixing the leak). This gave us a credit of £3,279. Added to past overpayments we now have a credit balance with the water company of over £4,300. Given that our monthly payments have also gone down from around £700 to around £40, it would take 7-8 years to use up this credit balance, so I have requested that it be refunded in cash. For the time being I have added a new line to the balances above which records this large credit.

In addition to the outgoings recorded above, our main brewery sent a 'catch-up' invoice, having not billed us for a couple of months, of nearly £2,600.

The cricket club is still putting c. £1,000 a week behind the bar. Their final weekend of the season is 13-14 September.

As regards the VAT position, I ran an update on 31 July 2025. This suggests that we do not/will not need to register for VAT. At that date, we had a relevant income of about £68k so far in the calendar year. Bar spending including the cricket club is currently around £1,250 a week, which would take income up to around £77k in the 7 weeks between 31 July and the end of their season (14 September 2025). Thereafter I would expect bar income to fall to our usual average of around £1,500 per month (based on last year's total bar takings of £17,967), which is around £5,250 up to the end of the year. We should have no other major sources of income given that there will be no or minimal further subscriptions and likely less than £1,000 of income from other sources.

My current expectation is therefore that relevant income in 2025 will be around £83k, hence the conclusion (even including a significant margin of error on the above analysis) that we will not reach the VAT threshold of £90,000.

I have asked the auditor to check these calculations and confirm her agreement of the conclusions.

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### **7. Membership update (OM)**

- In Ollie's absence Rebecca thinks the waiting list is currently at 349.
- He was going to come back to us about email improvements also but he is away.

### **8. Inside the clubhouse:**

- a. Callum took the broken ball machine to the refuse center along with the other items in the disabled toilet that we wanted to get rid of.
- b. Chris organized a larger recycling bin to help with the additional recyclable waste the club is generating at the moment.
- c. Frequency of cleaning has been increased to two times a week, Friday and Monday.
- d. "3 let barrel" bar plaque
  - i. Randy and Alex have purchased the plaque.
  - ii. Looking to get an initial set of engravings done and to have this mounted.
  - iii. If anyone knows of any players eligible to be on the plaque let them know.
  - iv. Mel to highlight in the newsletter as well.
- e. Repair of the sofa arms.
  - i. Now completed. Thanks Mark Thurgood!
- f. Wheelchairs.
  - i. Chris has got rid of four.
  - ii. For the final two see if we have the bits to operate them.
- g. We still need to follow up with Reg with regards to the safe.

### **9. Outside the clubhouse:**

- a. Bench for Court 3 has now been assembled successfully. Thanks to Colin and Mel for doing this after the last committee meeting.
  - i. Fin has sent Mel an email to thank the committee.
- b. Grass outside the back of the clubhouse in front of Court 1 is not in a good state.
  - i. The consensus of those at the meeting is that the current grass looks rubbish.
  - ii. Those present suggested a combination of astroturf with plants around the border as a solution.
  - iii. Randy to ask Giulia about what it would take to implement and we will check with Fernando also.
  - iv. Will also seek opinion from the membership as part of the newsletter also.
- c. Hedge down the side needs trimming again
  - i. Agreed that we'll just pay for it to be done. Chris to have a word with Mel about organizing it along with trimming of the bank ahead of finals day.
- d. Maintenance day
  - i. Suggested Sat 6th Sept could work as there is no match then. We will follow up with Mel to organize this.
- e. Scoreboards visible from the clubhouse
  - i. Suggested that we buy these for Courts 1 and 2.
  - ii. Rebecca will buy these and look to get them installed.

### **10. Social update (AF)**

- a. Haven't yet organized finals day and Adam is still battling away at organizing the annual dinner.
  - i. The current caterer is selling the company and the new company is getting in touch with Adam. He will send costs around for this that they propose.
- b. Fast 4s was successful. The quality of the food etc. was very good. However we had to pay them a bit extra as some people did not turn up. If we were to have them again we would host them in the car park as it was too muddy up on the cricket pitch.

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- c. Adam is thinking about other options for food for Finals Day.

### **11. Bar report (CM)**

- a. The bar has remained well stocked - everyone is very appreciative to Alex Mack.
- b. Noted that there was an issue with the keg lager over the weekend. Resolved by Alex in the end but the brewery can come down if there are general issues.
- c. There are still minor issues with how things are working out with the cricket club but we are too deep in to change anything now.
- d. Chris to investigate and have a look to see if the HP tablet can be brought to life to replace the till.
- e. Commented that the large bags of crisps are a massive upgrade.

### **12. Tennis (RS / RB)**

- a. Club tournament mostly at around the QF stage.
  - i. General consensus is that the longer format has been more effective.
- b. Mixed 2nd team underway to allow more people to play mixed. Let's see how it goes.
- c. Men's 4th team is really struggling and we have not entered into the winter season.
  - i. Agreed to do one final push to try and keep this going and Chris will captain if no-one else can be found.
  - ii. Ollie to send a message to all male members and Randy to reach out personally to those who may be interested in playing.
  - iii. Captains will also send round who is in each squad to the committee.
  - iv. Becca will check the consequences of us forfeiting for the summer league and Randy will beg for forgiveness.
- d. Change of W3 captain for winter - Claudia taking over from Emer.
- e. We joined Surrey Tennis to enter the winter league entries (this was a requirement).

### **13. AOB**

- a. Dogs on court
  - i. Agreed that this is not a major issue or a regular occurrence so we do not need a policy on this.
- b. Issues with the doors
  - i. Chris to follow up with Malcolm on this. The front door doesn't shut currently which will be the priority.
  - ii. Reg and Colin have the keys for the middle cupboard door for future reference to ensure the clubhouse can be accessed in case the shutter fails.
- c. Recycling balls
  - i. Agreed that we are happy to continue paying for the donut to recycle balls.

### **14. DONM**

- a. The next meeting will be held on 15th September at the clubhouse at 7pm.