VERWOOD BOWLING CLUB
COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY 8th JULY, 2026

Present: Ken Haxby-Thompson, Chrissy Haxby-Thompson, Sandra Campbell, Steve Green, David O'Toole, Alan Coul, Keith Shaw, Barry Chick, Alan Wase and Peter Campbell.

Ken Haxby-Thompson opened the meeting at 10.00 am.

1) **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies had been received from Mal Hancock, Angela Daymond and Keith Newman.

2) **Approval of Minutes of Committee Meeting 10th June, 2026**

Minutes approved, signed and filed.

3) **Safeguarding Officer's Report**

Steve Green told the Committee we have guidance (Child Protection in Sport Unit) on transportation of children (Under 18's). He just wanted to highlight the following. Should they play in away games during the Season, and in the future, we organise the transport arrangements and have to take reasonable steps to Safeguard the young members - for whom we have a Duty of Care.

Bullet-points as below:

- Inform parent(s) of transport arrangements and check with the young member if they are OK with the arrangements.
- Driver to have point of contact readily available; best practice is to have an alternative as well.
- Young member not alone.
- Valid Driving Licence and Insurance is held along with an MOT for roadworthiness.

I will look to ensure potential drivers are aware.

4) **Competitions Officer's Report**

i) Barry Chick has now taken the pink sheet from the board re the Ken Farrance games. It is four ends and there are 18 ladies and 26 men. He needs one more player to make the last triple. It is being held on Saturday 25th July, 2026.

ii) Barry Chick spoke about the problem when you cannot finish your game in the time allotted. There have been three instances this month and a number of bowlers had no idea who to contact. BOWLR does not allow you to to book a date after the time. You would have to contact Barry Chick. After discussion regarding this particular problem Barry Chick said he will send out an e-mail explaining all.
ACTION: Barry Chick will send e-mail out.

iii) Barry Chick said he is still having problems with score cards not being completed properly. He has posted instructions on how to complete the score card - particularly that they MUST HAVE THE MARKER'S NAME ON THEM. If not when there is a problem he does not know who to contact.
ACTION: Angela Daymond for Newsletter.

5) **Treasurer's Report**

i) Alan Coul presented our Accounts for the 9 months ending 30th June 2026. To date a surplus of £7,300-00 has been generated. Unexpected costs for the Club's fencing replacement, severe tree pruning, boundary reinforcement and sprinkler refurbishing amounting to approximately £9,000-00 has been partially offset by a Grant of £5,000-00 from Verwood Solar Farm.

ii) A substantial increase in New Members and social activities for Whist, Short Mat Bowls and Darts courtesy of Angela and Mike Daymond, David O'Toole and Barry Chick have also made a substantial contribution to our income.

iii) A further Grant Application is being made to Verwood Town Council, more in hope than expectation. (Keith Newman dealing with this).

iv) Our financial resources amount to £28,900-00. There are current liabilities of £2,600-00 plus increased overhead expenditure. A small surplus is anticipated for the Financial Year.

The detailed Accounts are published on the Club's Website.

6) **Green Co-Ordinator's Report**

Peter Campbell spoke at length about the work being carried out at the club.

i) Pieces of concrete (kickboards) had been purchased by a company that we had employed to build a wall/barrier between us and the recreation ground. It would appear from talking to the company that Phil Prince had told them that the ditch dries up and when it dries out they could build a wall to stop the soil

from our side sliding into the ditch. Sadly this is not the case. This ditch doesn't dry up and building a wall there is impossible. Sadly the company have already purchased theses concrete kickboards and cut them to size and because of this they are unable to return them to the company they bought them from. This may mean we have to pay for these although they did say they would try and use them on another job.

ii) A bolt found on the green was from the Spiker. Now replaced.

iii) Certain items of our equipment needs servicing. Peter is in touch with people who will carry this out. There are also items around the grounds which are no longer used and buyers are being sought.

iv) The patio slabs around the green are in need of relaying. Some have been done but there are a lot more to be done.

v) Alan Coul and I are currently trying to set up a business account with a grass seed company. When this is established grass seed will need to be purchased. Alan Coul will then be able to settle the accounts.

vi) The watering system stopped working on the previous Friday therefore watering of the green was carried out by hand. Keith Newman contacted the firm who installed the new system and it was the Capacitator not working correctly. It was corrected and now working (£17.00 for item needed).

vii) Peter said we are now rolling the green regularly and at the moment the green is looking very good. He also said that we are not going to be able to square the rink.

viii) There was a long discussion on the number of members who give a lot of their time helping to make sure the club is maintained. Not everyone is willing to do this but as said there is always the exception to the rule.

vx) The idea of a Alcohol Licence has been discussed several times and the result has always been that we do not have the room to create a bar with all the necessary security measures in place. However, having a Day Licence seemed a good idea. To this end it was decided that Steve Green will speak to the Trustees and, if they agree, request a written letter of permission.
ACTION: Steve Green to contact Trustees.

x) Again a long discussion regarding alcohol being consumed around the rink. After this a vote was taken. It was agreed that no alcohol should be consumed around the rink but only by the table under the canopy and in the clubhouse.
ACTION: vx) and x) Angela Daymond for Newsletter.

7) **Captain's Report**

Dave O'Toole reported that Percy Baker games had now finished. We fielded a full team for every match. He said there was one cancellation for this evening's match and the last four matches are in August.

8) **Coach**

Alan Wase reported as follows:

i) He said he had telephoned all the new members as necessary regarding coaching on a different day if Thursday morning is not agreeable. Just four cannot attend and most will when the weather improves - too hot.

ii) Alan had offered to rub down and varnish the benches around the club. So far two are completed with two coats and one just a single coat.

iii) Alan and his wife are both First Aid Trained including use of defibrillators.

iv) It was raised at the last meeting that new members do not know who it is on the Committee (to recognise when at the club). To this end Alan took a photograph of the Committee members there that morning. He has another three photographs to take and they will then be displayed for information in the clubhouse.

v) Alan mentioned the front fence near the gate is serviceable but in need of a coat of creosote and the club sign and support need refurbishing.

vi) Alan said as he coaches new members there are some who do not own their own bowls and may be would be interested in buying some of ours in the shed. This would be dependable on price. Steve Green said he and Ray Usher are still sorting these out and will report on it at next meeting (including prices). **ACTION:** Steve Green will update at next meeting.

vii) Alan said he will be happy to take photographs on President's Day. He also said we should invite the Mayor (agreed).

9) **Membership Secretary**

i) Keith Shaw said we have two new members - David Keys and Sharon Mandeville. He said unfortunately he knew nothing about this (away at time) and we received their membership money. Obviously they did not receive

anything from us. Alan Coul did speak to them and explained that Keith was away and apologised.

ii) Keith Shaw spoke about Emergency Call details. He said he has now added these to BOWLR. However we should look at permissions.
ACTION: Keith Shaw will check Data Protection with reference to holding contact details.

10) **Correspondence**

There was no correspondence to discuss.

11) **Ladies Secretary - Still Vacant**

12) **Publicity**

Angela Daymond not present - see Any Other Business.

13) **Fixtures**

There are no new fixtures.

14) **Social Events**

i) President's Day will be on Saturday the 8th August, 2026.
ACTION: Ken Haxby-Thompson to invite Mayor and Angela Daymond to invite Trustees.

ii) Perry (who runs the equipment shop at Dolphins) would like to come and sell / display his goods at our club. Suggested the 8th August but it was decided it would be pretty busy.
ACTION: Chrissie Haxby-Thompson to speak to him and suggest another date.

15) **Any Other Business**

1) Steve Green (Safeguarding Officer)

i) The sorting of the Equipment Shed is ongoing.

ii) It has been decided to put a time for arriving for Roll-Ups. Although the start time is 10.30 people are continually arriving minutes before this after which the teams have been sorted (which means it has to be

done again). In future if you are not there at or before 10.15 you **will not be included** in Roll-Ups.
ACTION: Angela Daymond for inclusion in Newsletter.

iii) Alcohol (see **Green Co-Ordinator's** report).

iv) Further discussion on Volunteers needed (from a previous suggestion). To be added to Agenda for next meeting.

v) There were no Suggestion Slips this month.

2) Angela Daymond

i) Ladies Changing Room : Items being left in the ladies toilets was discussed. In order to make cleaning easier it was suggested that the bags could be stored on the seats.

ii) Dress code : Dress code was discussed.

iii) Publicity : Press appreciated our thank-you for publicity.

iv) Items for next Newsletter please. Currently have just the Reg Hurford Trophy Day.

3) Chrissie Haxby-Thompson -

Chrissie has had a new delivery of club shirts (£27.00 each). She also has name badges and club badges available.

4) Barry Chick -

Barry Chick has worn a shirt several times which has a different club badge. He has been asked about it and is now suggesting that we ask members if they would like it on our shirts for next year.
ACTION: For Newsletter.



With no other business to discuss, the meeting was closed 11.55. The next Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday 12th August, 2026 at 10.00 a.m..