VERWOOD BOWLING CLUB
COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY 10th JUNE, 2026

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

Ken Haxby-Thompson opened the meeting at 10.00 am.

Peter Campbell has now joined the Committee as Green Co-Ordinator. He has joined us this morning but is part of the Maintenance crew so will not be staying.

i) He told the Committee that the rinks had been swapped round as there had been some damage on the rink - two holes in the green caused maybe by a badger or rabbit. This had now been sorted.

ii) Looking at the other side of the fence/hedge it is obvious we need volunteers to help clear rubbish build up. He will be asking for help with this.

iii) There is a problem with the stones set around the sprinklers, they are loose and there is a tendency for them to end up on the green - these stones are going to be replaced with concrete.

iv) There is a second-hand machinery dealer coming at 11 a.m. to look at our old machinery with a view to maybe taking them off our hands (purchasing same).

Ken Haxby-Thompson welcomed Peter Campbell (Green Co-Ordinator) and Alan Wase (Coach) as new members of the Committee. Peter then returned to the Maintenance Team.

1) **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies had been received from Keith Shaw.

2) **Approval of Minutes of Committee Meeting 13th May, 2026**

Minutes approved, signed and filed.

3) **Safeguarding Officer's Report**

i) Steve Green has posted the latest Bowls England Safeguarding Bulletin on the Notice Board (Financial or Material Abuse). All other Bulletins are filed in the Safeguarding Folder.

ii) The Bowls England Safeguarding Officer Register has been updated with this year's Membership details and we are fully up to date with everything required.

iii) Alan Wase, as Coach, now has his DBS Certificate - filed within Safeguarding Folder.

4) **Competitions Officer's Report**

i) Barry Chick said it seems to him that BOWLR is working and people are using it. There was a report about BOWLR and cancelling booked games due to inclement weather. Barry said he can re-book any games. It is a time problem (i.e. trying to cancel on the same day). He said if you need to alter it the challenger is the one who needs to change it.

ii) He then spoke about the Triples matches. He said the reason behind the way it is being played now is it is a knock-out competition rather than a round-robin. It seems holiday commitments are getting in the way of the people booking the Triples. Everyone does there own thing now by arranging their own times.

iii) There then followed a discussion regarding the problems with BOWLR (as i) above). However, this will be explained later by Keith Newman.

iv) Barry then spoke about ongoing problems with people marking cards. As there is no space for the name of the marker, and therefore difficult to speak to them, Ken Haxby-Thompson has suggested that the cards will now have a space for the marker's name.
ACTION - Ken Haxby-Thompson will revamp the score cards to show marker's name.

5) **Treasurer's Report**

i) Alan Coul reported that the balance held now is £29,500.00.

ii) Alan suggested that we maybe should approach the companies that donated money last year (i.e. £600.00). After discussion which included opinions that it is sometimes difficult asking for money.
ACTION - Keith Newman said he would do this but Angela Daymond made it quite clear she is not willing to ask for money.

iii) Keith Newman asked the Treasurer if we could have £250.00 to buy a new Control System for the sprinklers. Alan Coul agreed this expenditure.
ACTION - Alan Coul will converse with Keith Newman.

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

7) **Captain's Report**

i) Dave O'Toole said Downton can only field 3 rinks for their next match so our players need to discuss who wants a night off. (David will speak to players).

ii) We have won some games and lost some. Barry Chick, Steve Green and John Loader are now standing in.

iii) On the 18th June Brockenhurst are visiting us for the game. Dave O'Toole told the Committee that the last home game we had Sandra Campbell made sausage rolls to have with drinks after the match. She is quite happy to do the same in the future.

iv) David told the Committee that we are holding our own this year and doing better than last year.

8) **Coach**

Alan Wase has now joined the Committee.

i) He talked about the greens and the need for nets to protect it. Bowlers damage the greens whether they realise it or not.

ii) We have 23 new bowlers and he has seen them all. We have an ex-bowler, Dave Simpson, who is a good bowler. He is not as fit as he would wish to be. He therefore is holding back from playing in league games until he feels he is able to hopefully next year.

iii) Alan said he is quite happy to coach in private sessions for 4 or 5 people per session. He is willing to carry out these sessions evening or week-ends. He said he does not teach the rules just how to bowl. He said Neil Sims, Chris Sims and Terry Brenner have improved following coaching. Bowlers can attend Roll-Ups without coaching sessions.

Chrissie Haxby-Thompson said we are lucky to have him.

9) **Membership Secretary**
Keith Shaw had sent apologies for his absence - therefore nothing to report.

10) **Correspondence**

i) E-mail from Kim Tavener regarding B&DWBA President's Day - Charity match to support MS Society Day. As this is quite close to a few Committee members we now have four players.

ii) E-mail from Pam O'Neill (Competition Secretary B&DWBA) reference the B&DWBA Competitions. I sent it out to everyone but did not get any positive replies.

iii) Sandra Campbell to contact Geoff (Webmaster) to make sure Peter Campbell and Alan Wase are added to the Committee members information.

11) **Ladies Secretary**

Still vacant.

12) **Publicity**

i) Angela Daymond discussed her latest Newsletter which is being sent out.

ii) Following our Taster Days and getting 24 new members Angela is going to contact the news people telling them of this. It obviously helped being circulated in that way.

13) **Fixtures**

There is a friendly match organised against Blandford. Bowlers can add their names to this - it will be a Mixed Triples. Angela Daymond will add this onto the Newsletter.

14) **Social Events**

i) Chrissy Haxby-Thompson said the last bowls game, Trophy Day, went very well

ii) Keith Newman and Mal Hancock are thinking of holding another Music Quiz. To be arranged.

15) **Any Other Business**

i) Steve Green (Safeguarding Officer) -

a) Equipment Shed - Ray Usher and I have been looking at this with regards to sets of woods. We have around 45 complete sets and more as odds to further sort. 2 “00”. 6 x “0”. 8 x “1”. 3 x “2”. 5 x “3”. 9 x “4”. 11 x “5”. 1 x “6” (wooden boxes). There are 2 x Almark Sterling Slimline Size 0 …..anyone seen the other 2? The next step will be to sort by “keep” - “offer for sale” - “dispose” - and then sort through the “odds”.

b) Suggestion Slips - One this month via e-mail raising the question of a Photo Board of the Committee for recognition especially for new members.
ACTION: Alan Wase has already said he is willing to take any photographs for the club.

c) Further discussion on Volunteers, from a previous suggestion, needed.

ii) Keith Newman -

Keith Newman reported that BOWLR is working really well. He has put a new message system on. He said if anyone has a problem just get in touch and he will help them sort it. The day’s booking is very handy to view. Emergency contact on BOWLR was discussed. Following this it was suggested that the Committee would be emergency contact but still to be decided.

iii) Alan Wase -

a) Alan said the benches round the green need re-staining and he is willing to do this. It was discussed and the Committee agreed.

b) Alan suggested we take photographs of the work that has been carried out following money from grant and others to show them what we are doing with the money. The Committee agreed with this and Alan said he was quite willing to take photographs.

c) Alan suggested we have small bottles of water available when it is very hot.

d) He suggested that a compressor would be better for cleaning around the green etc.. Discussed and decided we would have to look into regulations for this. It will be looked into and discussed again at next meeting.
ACTION: Alan will carry out a) and b) above and others for discussion.

iv) Barry Chick -

Barry Chick spoke about Club ties. He said other clubs have them to wear at social events and thought maybe we should look into this.
ACTION: Angela Daymond said there is a box of brand new ties in the loft. She will get the box down and this can be discussed later.

vi) Dave O'Toole -

Dave O'Toole said the roll up photo being displayed on the Website needs updating.
ACTION: A new photo will be taken.

vii) Angela Daymond -

a) Angela will be putting an item into the next Newsletter. Our ladies toilet/changing room is very small and there are a lot of bowls bags left in there. This also makes it awkward for the ladies cleaning. She is going to ask for the the bags be taken home. This also applies to the men's toilet/changing room.

b) Angela met with the Mayor recently and he told her he was interested in coming to the club to see what we doing.
ACTION: Ken Haxby-Thompson, as President, will arrange a visit by the Mayor.

c) Storage of key. Discussed and Chrissie Haxby-Thompson will speak to Sheila to see if she would like to stop the arrangement we have at the moment of leaving the key in her garden area. Following this it will be discussed at the next meeting.

iix) Mal Hancock queried whether anyone other than the relevant people knew the code to open the fridge where the alcohol is stored. After discussion it was agreed that the code would be changed and only the relevant people would be told.

*** (Peter Campbell returned during the meeting just to inform us there is someone who can service our equipment. He will give us a quote to see if it is acceptable).

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was closed 12.30. The next Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th July, 2026 at 10.00 a.m..