VERWOOD BOWLING CLUB
COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY 13th OCTOBER, 2026

Present: Steve Green, Angela Daymond, David O'Toole, Alan Coul, Barry Chick, Keith Newman, Sandra Campbell.

Keith Newman opened the meeting at 10.00 am.

1) **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Peter Campbell, Ken Haxby-Thompson, Chrissy Haxby-Thompson, Keith Shaw and Mal Hancock (Alan Wase also not at the meeting).

2) **Approval of Minutes of Committee Meeting 8th September, 2026**

Minutes approved, signed and filed.

3) **Safeguarding Officer's Report**

Steve Green reported as follows.

i) The latest Safeguarding Bulletin is posted on the Noticeboard, the main message continues to centre around the update on DBS requirement for supervision. I reported on this at the last meeting and it does not affect us.

ii) Steve has completed "Bystander Safeguarding" - an on-line course offered by The Bowls Development Alliance (BDA) via their week of learning.

4) **Competitions Officer's Report**

i) Barry Chick reported that all the presentation trophies are now ready. The Jim Scutt Trophy is an award and is still being sorted. All Certificates are now printed.

ii) He told the Committee that this next year will be his last as Competitions Officer. He is hoping that someone will take on this roll after he leaves and he would like to be able to show them during his last year what it entails. This would obviously make it easier for them when they take over. He is going to explain all of this at the Presentation Evening.

5) **Treasurer's Report**

i) Alan Coul explained a situation which has arisen concerning our website. Photographs had been put on our history section of the Queen's funeral. Apparently these are Copywrite to Associated Press and they have asked if we have a licence to use these photographs. Obviously we have not got a licence and therefore they are asking for £800 for the use. Alan Coul had spoken to a representative when Alan told them we were not prepared to pay £800 or in fact anything at all. An e-mail has been sent to the CEO of Associated Press and we wait a reply.

This was discussed and it was muted that this may be a scam. We will wait and see.

ii) Alan Coul told the Committee that our finances are quite healthy at the moment.

ii) He explained that we are attempting to raise funds by way of Grants to help with the work that is going to be carried out in the near future (Community Fund Dorset County Council). Peter Campbell was not present at the meeting but he had given Sandra Campbell forms in order that we can apply for a grant from the Rotary Club. **Alan Coul is going to complete these**.

iii) Alan told the Committee that he will have one further year as Treasurer and then he intends to stand down. Therefore another Treasurer needs to be found for the following year.

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

i) As Peter Campbell could not attend the meeting he had given Sandra Campbell his report plus a rough draft of work intending to be carried out. This was discussed and agreed on. There were several quotes from companies (varying amounts). Peter Campbell thinks the best company (after meetings with them) is Cole Creation as they are a local company and gave the best quote. He therefore wants the Committee to approve his recommendations. **After discussion this was approved by the Committee present.**

ii) Peter Campbell also wanted to let the Committee know that there will be another quote coming in from Cole Creation for additional work.

ii) The problem with a water issue on the side of the green was discussed. The local Council have been approached but say it is not their responsibility. It was suggested that we should have a closer look at it sometime soon.

iii) The Committee had discussed showing appreciation for the work carried out by Peter Campbell and the maintenance teams. It was suggested paying for Christmas lunch but this was decided against. Today a suggestion has been made to put £50.00 behind the bar on Monday evening at The Swans where members of the maintenance teams meet. As the whole Committee were not present this needs to be discussed.

7) **Captain's Report**

David O'Toole said as the season has now finished there was nothing to discuss. However he said a Skittle Evening has been arranged for the 10th December, 2026 at Woodlands Hall.

David is standing down as Men's Captain and a replacement is already in place. **Steve Green said he wished to thank David for all his work as Men's Captain and this was agreed by all present.**

8) **Coach**

Alan Wase was not present at the meeting. However Sandra Campbell raised the condition of the green at the end of the season. At other clubs before bowlers can join they must show that they understand how to deliver the bowl without damaging the green. **It was decided that this will be brought in next year.**

9) **Membership Secretary**

Keith Shaw had sent his apologies for his absence. However he had sent a message saying there were no changes to report.

10) **Correspondence**

i) Sandra Campbell had received an e-mail from Ferndown Bowls Club concerning new proposals for Edna Paisley games. As we do not enter this competition it was not discussed.
ii) Any other correspondence is sent to the Committee for their information.

11) **Ladies Secretary - Still Vacant**

12) **Publicity**

i) Angela Daymond has put together the Newsletter for October. It is full of new and existing events for information. There is no other news to be added to it.

ii) The issue of several members not being able to access IT was raised. No solution to that but can be discussed again.

13) **Fixtures**

There are no new fixtures.

14) **Social Events**

Chrissy Haxby-Thompson not present - but see Any Other Business.

15) **Any Other Business**

1) Chrissy Haxby-Thompson -

i) Asked for approval by the Committee for Saturday 5th December, 2026 to put up Christmas Decorations in the Clubhouse.
This was discussed and agreed by the Committee present.

ii) Asked to hold the Christmas Coffee Morning on Saturday 12th December, 2026 at 10.30 a.m. when coffee and mince pies will be served at a cost of £5.00.
This was discussed and agreed by the Committee present.

2) There was a discussion about recommendations for fees next year. The Committee suggested that fees would be increased to £150.00. Social Members fees should remain at £10.00. A suggestion was made that instead of half price for new members it should be changed to £100.00.
These are recommendations and will be decided by the new Committee next year.

3) Angela Daymond had reported that there was a problem getting out of the front door when the Whist Game finished recently. Alan Wase said he would fix it and has so done.

4) Two things to discuss -
Keith Newman is standing down as Vice-President and we still do not have a Fixture's Secretary.
If anyone is interested in filling these rolls please let the Committee know.

5) Sandra Campbell wanted to discuss payment of Affiliation Fees for next year. These fees have to be paid by each member to Bowls England and Bowls

Dorset and are taken out of the fees paid by each member of the Club. There was a discussion but as there were six committee members not present Alan Coul (Treasurer) spoke and said we would be able to cover these payments.

6) Steve Green -

i) Steve Green said he will be in a better position to talk about the Club Health Checker, which he raised at the last meeting, when he has completed the course (which he will do on 14th October, 2026). He said he will report back at the next meeting.

ii) There was one Suggestion slip this month. This is regarding new members and receiving e-mails/communications.

7) Barry Chick -

i) Thinking about the water situation on the green, we should ask Peter Campbell if he could get a gang together to dredge the stream to see if we can locate the problem and try to rectify it.
Peter Campbell to respond with his thoughts.

ii) Barry said it was the Darts Night tonight, first of the season.

8) Keith Newman said there are still a few spaces available for the Music Quiz being run by himself and Mal.

9) Angela Daymond -
The role of Fixtures Secretary is at the moment held by Ken Haxby-Thompson (President). However when there is a new President, if he does not wish to carry out these duties, the role may be lost. **Angela said we must try and fill this title so if anyone is interested please let Angela know.**

With no other business to discuss the meeting was closed at 12.05 p.m..

The next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting.