VERWOOD BOWLING CLUB
COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY 14th JANUARY, 2026

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

Ken Haxby-Thompson opened the meeting at 10.00 am. He thanked Angela Daymond for joining us.

1) **Apologies for Absence** - No apologies received.

2) **Approval of Minutes of Committee Meeting 12th November, 2025**

Angela Daymond queried the stream belonging to us. Phil Prince verified that it was not our responsibility. The minutes were then signed and filed.

3) **Safeguarding Officer's Report**

i) Steve Green addressed the Committee regarding PAT Testing. He said he still needs to ascertain what/when previous work was carried out. He said he will aim to report back for the next meeting. Following this there was discussion whether we would have to get someone in to complete the PAT testing. If we carried it out in-house we would have to get 17th Edition and it was asked whether bowling member Malcolm Cleife would be willing to do it.
ACTION: Steve Green will endeavour to answer these questions at next meeting.

ii) Further guidance has been trained out on Regulation 9 (R9 - Disciplinary and Misconduct regarding the categorising of complaints into Minor, Moderate or Serious categories and also on the individual steps of the process itself).

iii) Alan Coul and Steve Green are looking on the case for the amendments required to our Constitution in terms of both Safeguarding and R9, as advised by Bowls England.

iv) Steve Green had looked in the Suggestion Box this month, no slips in there.

4) **Competitions Officer's Report**
Barry Chick told the Committee there was not a lot to report at this time. He did briefly talk about BOWLR. He said we need to know more about it and was hoping we would learn more when it is up and running.

5) **Treasurer's Report**

Alan Coul had sent all members of the Committee a copy of our Accounts. There is a small deficit of £300. He said he was concerned about costs which are going to be entailed in the near future. Discussion regarding this - sprinkler replacements, fencing, cutting back of trees.

Angela Daymond asked whether we had thought about requesting a grant from Verwood Solar Farm. She explained we would have to produce our Accounts and tell them what our coming expenditure will be for the coming season. We need to explain that we serve a very important section of our society. Phil Prince said that quotes for the above will be expensive.
ACTION: Angela Daymond to apply for grant (with Alan Coul assisting with wording).

6) **Greenkeeper's Report**

Not a lot to report on but the teams have been concentrating on replacing wooden edging on the green. Phil Prince did mention that the teams have been bringing their own equipment in as we do not own necessary tools. He said it would be useful to have our own equipment so it was agreed he could sort out what was needed and give a rough guide of price.
Action: Ken Haxby-Thompson to liaise with Phil Prince so he knows what the club needs. All agreed this and Steve Green is to pass the quote onto Angela Daymond. Solar Farm next meets in May and October and by that time quotes will be available and can be included when Angela submits an application for a grant.

Phil Prince wanted to thank the teams on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays for their continued hard work to maintain the green and surrounding area.

7) **Captain's Report**

Dave O'Toole outlined competition days for the coming season. Tuesday Percy Baker but other clubs we play with play Thursday. Problem with other clubs playing on Tuesday Percy Baker. Dave O'Toole will ring round clubs to try and arrange this. Mixed Saturday morning at Bournemouth. New Forest Mixed. Ken Haxby-Thompson has arranged meeting comprising Ken Haxby-Thompson, Chrissy Haxby-Thompson, Alan Wase and Sandra Campbell.

8) **Membership Secretary**

i) Keith Shaw explained the new application forms and gave a copy for Ken Haxby-Thompson to look at. The form is the same as the renewal form from

last year. The Code of Conduct can be viewed on a computer (this has to be read and the applicant must sign off that it has been read). If they are unable to print it off they can inform Keith Shaw and he can arrange a copy to be printed for them.

Discussion. Angela Daymond said there were thirteen social members of the Whist Club who do not have a computer so she said she will give them a form.

Ken Haxby-Thompson said we should do a separate form for Social members. After discussion this was agreed. Social Members have to sign that they have read the Code of Conduct and therefore it should be put on the Website.

ii) Phil Prince suggested that we should give Social members the option of joining as playing members. We could add this to their form explaining that if they wished to join we will send them the appropriate form.

iii) Membership for this year is £136.00 for Playing Members and £10.00 for Social Members. Ken Haxby-Thompson wanted to confirm that the Social Membership price will stay at £10.00 and not be increased. This was agreed.
ACTION: Keith Shaw will send e-mail out informing Social Members.

iv) Barry Chick wanted to remind everyone that Bank Transfer should be to National Westminster Bank (not Lloyds Bank).

9) **Correspondence**

i) Sandra Campbell said she had been asked by New Forest if Verwood wanted a name for our team. Sandra said she thought Potters may be quite apt as Verwood has a history in pottery. Agreed.
ACTION: Sandra Campbell will inform Sandra Elder (New Forest) to see if this is acceptable.

ii) Sandra Campbell asked if she could have a meeting with Chrissy Haxby-Thompson and David O'Toole re correspondence. Agreed.

iii) We had received an e-mail from
4 Rose Bank Close, Sarisbury Green, Hampshire, SO31 7NZ
T: 0800 888 6162 **| T:** 01489 325 037
E: sales@holidayheat.co.uk
W: www.holidayheat.co.uk

This will be posted on the Noticeboard in the club for anyone who is interested (Angela Daymond will also include it in her Publicity messages).

iv) Sandra Campbell has telephoned Alec Pupkis as he had asked what the cost of Junior Membership would be this year (for Zanda Pupkis). She told him that the Committee had decided on £50.00. He thanked us for this.

10) **Ladies Secretary**

Still vacant.

11) **Publicity**

i) Angela Daymond now Publicity Secretary for the club. She said we had quite a few quizzes organised for the coming months. These would be advertised on our Website and her Publicity messages. Kevin Parry's quiz (carried over from last year) 30th January, 2026 and Stewart Rennie's quiz on the 27th February, 2026. Tony Bird and Sue Baynes are also going to organise quizzes.

ii) Angela Daymond discussed a motto for us to send out with any advertising we do. A motto was decided which is -

'Not as hard as you think - but more fun than you might imagine'

She wants to send an e-mail out to the Town Council to advertise us and needs a current photograph. To be arranged.

12) **Fixtures**

Ken Haxby-Thompson and Dave O'Toole are going to contact clubs to see if any are interested in friendly matches with us.

13) **Social Events**

i)ii) Registration Day will be on Saturday the 7th February, 22026. Coffee and Biscuit morning running from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon.

iii) The green will be open for play on Saturday the 11th April, 2026.

iv) Taster Days will be on the weekends of
Saturday 2nd May and Sunday 3rd May, 2026 and
Saturday 9th May and Sunday 10th May, 2026.

14) **Any Other Business**

i) Steve Green said Alan Wase has offered to repair the broken bench plus construct a stimpmeter should we wish.

ii) **BOWLR - Keith Newman**.
When we held the special meeting regarding BOWLR several questions were raised which Keith took away to try and answer (mostly via BOWLR).

a) What level have we agreed to adopt. The general agreement seems to be Silver so that was agreed.

b) There is a User Guide on the system which everyone will be able to access once they have joined.

c) Permissions. There are 7 levels - for instance Management Level and User Level.

d) Booking Times. As you like no restrictions. Discussion re competitions. Barry Chick said we need a month timescale to book competitions. He asked if the machines sorts out names?

e) There will be 90 playing members. Details have to go on manually.

f) If you want e-mail groups this is fine and you can have as many as you like. The actual system has 60 thousand users.

g) The question was posed about older members. It is not thought that this system will be difficult for older members once they have had tuition.

h) There is a plan to approve an App sometime in the future.

i) League play cannot be included in BOWLR.

j) As we are going for the Silver level it will cost £288.00 per year (which includes VAT).

k) Keith Newman said now we have all agreed he will set up meetings etc. with BOWLR and then tuition meetings.
- **Keith Newman will become Administration Person together with Ken Haxby-Thompson and Keith Shaw.**
- **Manager Level will be the Committee.**
- **User Level will be all Members.**

iii) Keith Newman then talked about the sprinklers. He had met up with Stewart from the Technical Irrigation System Services. Stewart is 78 years old but still working for them. Following Keith Newman's conversation he now knows that Stewart is in the process of purchasing the equipment for our

sprinklers. Will be completed by start of season. We are still waiting for the final quote but so far the price for one sprinkler is £564.00.

iv) Everyone was asked if they had any other business to discuss.

- Barry Chick wanted to talk about an expenditure. If the Darts evenings are to continue he would like to purchase an Electronic Scoreboard. This would mean that Barry would not have to use the use laptop computers to keep score. Everyone was in agreement and therefore he will start investigating what is available.

- Chrissy Haxby-Thompson wanted to know the views on completely getting rid of the jigsaws in the clubhouse. There was no objection so they will go to someone Chrissy Haxy-Thompson knows will want them.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was closed at 11.40 a.m.. The next Committee Meeting will be held Wednesday 11th February, 2026 at 10.00 a.m..

Signed: …….. 11th February, 2026.