

Capel CC Committee

Minutes of meeting held on 11th August 2025

Attending : Chris Parker, Mark Banfield, Jon Stronell, Tom Stronell, Alex Stevenson, Julie Sanders, Richard Morgan, Norman Walke, Hugh Patterson

Apologies : Pieter Booyse, Martin Storey

1. Last meeting minutes agree and sign off.

Chris Parker has written to the Country and Western evening raffle prize winners.

Dovecote have advised that they don't allow children after 7:30, we need to inform members that this will apply to all under 12s. The club will request a buffet.

2. Chairman's Welcome & Update

Another mixed month for weather and cancelled games, bar takings down as a result.

NHS rounders match on the club hosted on saturday was very well attended, £700 taken at the bar, 2 teams are interested in playing cricket against us, and there are a couple of potential new members for the club.

We have received an email from Hoppers, re lunch money, Chris Parker suggested donating tea money to a medical charity instead of Hoppers in future, the committee approved this change.

Mower broke on saturday, Ryan talking to SW re repair.

Chris Parker will be absent for nautical evening, Norman Walke to cater the event ; Jon Stronell and Richard Morgan providing music, club to provide £100 hamper for raffle prize.

3. Treasurer's Update

Need new bins, can crusher etc. for the pavilion ; pedal bins to be purchased, and also another fridge or wine cooler to be confirmed by Norman Walke.

£600 invoices for winter net bookings incoming from Mark Banfield.

Jon Stronell wants a new TV in the pavilion for events, with wall mount and stand ; he has identified a 55" model available for £268, with included FireTV, committee approved this purchase.

Plastic cups, with CCC logo have been priced up, but we now need to reduce the colours required to reduce printing price. Jon Stronell to do

this.

Alex Stevenson mentioned potentially purchasing our mowers to take over groundcare ourselves.

Jon Stronell and asked about permanent posts and nets to protect the car park, this would need parish council permission ; club will investigate options for next year, this could also provide sightscreen/cloth. But we would need to leave vehicle access for emergency vehicles etc..

Tom Stronell to investigate providing caps for the existing pole holes.

Webcollect have invoiced the club for an extra charge because we have gone over 300 member, Mark Banfield to take another look to remove any ex-members still on the system.

Some repairs to the pavilion decking are required, Norman Walke to progress these.

Jon Stronell to provide cost of junior trophies ready for the end-of-season presentations.

4. Secretary's Update

26th September awards evening at the Dovecote has been booked.

5. Safeguarding Update

No issues brought to Chris Parker's attention. Jon Stronell mentioned a minor issue with the U13s which Ewan Mackenzie resolved.

6. Men's Captain's Update

Selection meeting earlier, not able to field a first team this weekend, will be a home game for development team.

Lost narrowly on Sunday, when playing with 10.

Hugh Patterson asked re dev team T20 v Bells Yew Green on 24th, we need to confirm this fixture with Pieter Booyse.

7. Ladies' Captain's Update

Played all bash matches, lost to Mote last week but close game, looking to be mid table. Played all but one softball festival, Castle Hill scheduled for next week, chance to be 2nd in table behind Linton Park, and might then qualify for Kent finals. Friendly last weekend, Michelle Archer organised, went well on Friday evening,

Several new members have joined recently - Angie, Michelle C,

Maxine

Winter training has been booked. Julie is looking to work more on technique so need more advanced coaching, some of the squad looking to take coaching courses ; maybe also book some external coaching sessions. Committee agreed to this.

Would like more home fixtures next year, 2 festivals, 1 or 2 bash games ideally sundays,

8. Development Team Update

Pieter Booysse absent working, no update provided.

9. Junior club update

U13 league team won 1 of 3 since last meeting, but some disciplinary issues. They have 1 game left, will be short of players next year though so extra recruitment efforts needed.

Softball coaching on Sunday mornings has been good, 12-15 turn out regularly, some new members.

Saturday 13th September for the club Hundred, plan is for 3 games back-to-back if 4 team ; these will be hardball matches, Jon Stronell to check with Louise the parish clerk re any football matches booked at the rec on that date.

New players for the Hundred will need at least one hardball coaching session. Special coaching on 5th and 12th of September for this. Mark Banfield to create Webcollect events for these.

10. Bar update

Jade has offered to do this weekend's tea for development game with Rachel doing Tonbridge Juddians match on the 24th, Norman Walke agreed to this.

11. Social Secretary update & Upcoming Events

Sail away event planning OK, can't sell raffle tickets before the day though because of licensing requirements.

Decorations needed, we have some pirate stuff already ; salmon on order, coleslaw, pasta, salads, fish fingers, fish goujons, french bread, ham for non-fish eaters, quiche, all to be served cold, priced at £5 a bowl.

Don Foreman Trophy to be played on Monday 25th, bacon rolls to be provided in the morning, there will be afternoon BBQ, volunteers needed ; plan is to cater for 60 people including some vegetarian

options.

Save the date email to go out re presentation evening at the Dovecote at 7pm on 26th ; Junior presentations will be on Sunday 21st at pavilion from 12, finger buffet to be provided by Norman Walke and paid for by the club.

12. AOB

Request for confirmation of this year's Hundred internal tournament, plan confirmed as above.

TV purchase – agreed above.

A complaint about last Friday training has been received. A group of juniors who were bowling didn't get a bat, some batters didn't bowl. Richard Morgan noted that several bowlers didn't want to bat. Coaching did focus on batters though.

Richard also raised that there are often non-coaching staff taking photos etc.

Friday sessions will start at 6pm for the remainder of the season, Mark Banfield confirmed he will be able to start at 6pm.

Chris Parker raised that using the flicx mat with the juniors is unsafe ; we need to make a decision on retaining this. Possibly this surface is just too quick and bouncy for our purposes. Cost of restoring this to a grass pitch likely to be substantial and slow process ; Mark Banfield raised the question of installing a better artificial pitch, but Jon Stronell explained there could be issues with risk assessment by the contractor, and mixing artificial and grass on one square ; Chris Parker raised how much labour the club could provide internally for conversion to grass, Alex Stevenson raised legal issues re parish council requirements. We would need to start this work at the end of the season to complete in time for next season. Alex Stevenson to discuss further with the pitch prep team.

Richard Morgan mentioned that the batting cage will need to go on the outfield for Friday nights after this, we could still use flicx mat loose in the cage for these sessions.

Next 2 meeting dates

16th September already agreed. Mark Banfield gave apologies in advance.

October date not yet confirmed.

