

Capel CC Committee

Minutes of meeting held on 22nd September 2025

Apologies : Grant Cooper

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

1. Last meeting minutes agree and sign off.

Minutes agreed, with the following comments.

The option of the club taking on all groundcare duties was dismissed.

Purchase of permanent nets still under review, these would need planning and parish council approval

2. Chairman's Welcome & Update

Chris Parker offered congratulations to all on a successful season,

Special mention of Norman Walke and Wendy Walke's help with the sail away social event.

This year's Don Foreman Cup was well organised and attended, Chris Parker received a complaint about behaviour of some of the parents, the committee considered this not to be serious enough for action beyond a reminder to be made at the AGM and beginning of next season (Alex Stevenson's proposal) of the club Code of Conduct – Julie Sanders raised the issue of the impression this makes on outsiders, Hugh Patterson mentioned the Parish Council has had complaints about the football club in past ; Richard Morgan mentioned there had been questioning of his decisions whilst umpiring the event.

Julie Sanders' 2 sons who had not played at the club before were made uncomfortable by comments about them on the day.

Jon Stronell suggested raising this with the club members involved directly, stressing that the Don Foreman cup is meant to be a fun family event.

Presidents' lunch, despite a small attendance, featured excellent food courtesy of Chris Parker and good bar receipts for the club.

3. Treasurer's Update

4. Secretary's Update

Webcollect membership pruning to be done ; also to investigate Teamo website options.

5. Safeguarding Update

No issues raised

Jade has passed level 1 safeguarding training and might be in a position to take on the club safeguarding role full time.

6. Men's Captain's Update

Good end to season results wise, prepared for Friday's awards , will follow up on outstanding match fee payments.

Chris Parker congratulated captains and Alex Stevenson on improvement in selection process

The club's juniors have done well moving up to senior cricket this season.

Hugh Patterson suggested that in August next season we should only run 1 team.

7. Ladies' Captain's Update

The softball team didn't make the county finals day but 2nd in group to Linton Park and 4th in T20 bash (behind Linton Park, Mote, Cowdrey) so strong results and bash league was very enjoyable.

Julie Sanders mentioned that on 16th October there would be a Kent county review,. At Capel, the ladies would like more hardball and might look at our hardball players working with other clubs. Capel will play winter indoor softball league, and next season the same games as this year including festival dates. The ladies do need more match balls and practice balls, Julie to supply details. They would like to book some professional coaching sessions, in part because Bim is likely to be very busy with his Kent duties. The committee agreed to this in principle.

The committee congratulated the ladies on their season.

8. Development Team Update

No update from Pieter Booyse, but the committee felt it has been successful year with better results and strong development of juniors

Jon Stronell needs to confirm that Pieter Booyse is OK for Friday awards evening.

9. Junior club update

Chris Parker congratulated to Jon Stronell on junior presentations held yesterday, the last Sunday morning junior training session.

U18s who have played senior cricket this season can also receive junior awards in each category at Friday's awards evening.

Jon Stronell supplied the running order for the awards on whatsapp.

10. Bar update

Have taken over £25k gross this season

Norman Walke has some c £400 cash and £300 on sumup to pass to the club.

Bar team thanked by the committee.

New TV and glasses actions from last meeting ongoing.

11. Social Secretary update & Upcoming Events

Friday awards confirmed with Dovecote ; Chris Parker to buy thank you presents for teamakers from the season.

Jon Stronell has a list of non-playing awards from last year for Chris Parker to deal with.

Raffle prizes needed and to be advertised ; Norman Walke to assemble 2 hampers and some wine from Presidents' lunch, other committee members to donate bottles ? Norman Walke can use tablet to take sumup payments for raffle tickets at the event.

Buffet confirmed for £500, Grant Cooper to add £500 to bar credit card to pay Dovecote directly or else Grant Cooper to make bank transfer to Dovecote bank account.

Trophies were hard work to collect but have been done, will need to be stored at the club next year instead of going to winners ? Need a trophy cabinet in the pavilion for this purpose.

Set up awards at one end of bar, Jon Stronell to be early for setup, other committee members to assist.

Planning for annual quiz in November in village hall ; date to be confirmed – options are 1st, 7th & 8th, 14th, 21st, - preference is for 7th/8th, ideally Friday 7th – Chris Parker to send link to Richard Morgan for booking village hall ; Chris Parker to provide PA for quiz, no DJ after the quiz, participants to bring their own food and drink.

For the club's Christmas PARTY. Oak Tree Barn have offered us the 19th of December ; Jon Stronell suggested putting up on Webcollect to gauge interest, Julie Sanders suggested straw poll on whatsapp and email to all members, Richard Morgan to pencil this in with Oak Tree Barn.

AGM to be held in Feb/March 2026.

12. AOB

Forecast of Autumn renovation and machinery maintenance costs.
See above.

Hugh Patterson – requested Chris Parker provide contact for Horton Kirby.

Hugh Patterson and Chris Parker have discussed with Aaron Irvine that we could tour some clubs he has contact with around Southend ; possibly late May weekend, Alex Stevenson noted that this will be half term so local camp sites will be very busy. Tom Stronell to discuss further with Aaron Irvine.

Julie Sanders asked about nominating someone as a president ; historically this has been at Chair's discretion. Julie nominated Suzi Rich, to be discussed prior to the AGM.

Next 2 meeting dates October 15^h ? Apologies from Grant Cooper, Hugh Patterson, Alex Stevenson

November 12th ? Apologies from Hugh Patterson