

Capel CC Committee

Minutes of meeting held on 28th October 2025

Attending : Chris Parker, Julie Sanders, Hugh Patterson, Jon Sstronell, Grant Cooper, Norman Walke, Mark Banfield

Apologies : Richard Morgan, Martin Storey, Tom Stronell, Pieter Booyse, Alex Stevenson

1. Last meeting minutes agree and sign off.

No issues raised.

2. Chairman's Welcome & Update

Presentation next year at Dovecote agreed.

Honorary membership for Walmsley family for next year agreed.

3. Treasurer's Update

Discussion of WebCollect, Grant Cooper has list of current paid members, much smaller number than listed on Webcollect. We need to devote some time to working it properly, and sort out match fees and paypal issues such as people whose paypal accounts have been disabled.

4. Secretary's Update

No update

5. Safeguarding Update

No update beyond confirming an issue with a junior has been resolved.

6. Men's Captain's Update

No update

7. Ladies' Captain's Update

Julie's email received re Kent softball review. Bash and softball league both gaining teams, LBW in softball to be tightened up, stumps must be visible. Now to be 19 yards all formats. Hardball development players can represent other clubs in softball. Capel Ladies will play winter indoor league again.

8. Development Team Update

No update

9. Junior club update

Winter training to be arranged, aim is to run U15 team next year. Needs recruitment as well to ensure numbers, plans for this to be developed.

10. Bar update

Bar closed now until Carols on the Green Christmas event. Stock available for that. Float OK, tinned spirits sold well so Norman would like to have optics and bottled spirits – Gin, Vodka, Whiskey, Rum - and small cans of mixers. To sell at £3 per shot and 50p for mixer. Ice bucket to be purchased for c. £50, Optics c. £40-50 Might be some concern over excessive drinking but committee agreed spend, to be ready for next season.

Jon Stronell suggested when money eases, could we have permanent seating in the bar ? Grants are available for women's section to improve facilities. Various improvement options discussed.

Chris Parker noted that re storage space in bar area, one option is to add timber shelter at the end of decking where the barbecue normally sits, barbecue to be stored in container. Chris to send email in January for bar works.

11. Social Secretary update & Upcoming Events

Regarding planning for the annual quiz in November ; Jon Stronell email to committee about promotion, including leaflet drops and facebook etc. needing committee efforts. Martin Storey has reported quiz is done, Geri Mackay is able to do sumup on the night, raffle is in progress, games such as heads and tails will happen. Chris Parker to take PA system, Jon Stronell to provide wireless mics, promotions to stress the costs pitchworks and bar renovation. Jon Stronell to help with this. Village Hall has been paid for, someone to get code for entry. Hugh Patterson to ask Louise about internet access on the night for sumup.

Setup to start at 6:30, committee to help with this. Need more raffle prizes.

Regarding the Christmas Party. Oak Tree Barn and minibuses are booked. £10 return fare for the minibuses. Pauline to run the catering. Experience is that nibbles are all that is needed. Julie Sanders suggested cakes.

Options for live music were discussed. Committee agreed the fee for Friends of Reason ; with Martin Storey to DJ as well?

The event needs more promotion.

12. AOB

Discussion of this season's unpaid match fees and proposals for improving this situation. Alex Stevenson is chasing players. He is not sure how to contact some development team players, especially U18s. Committee suggested using hardball whatsapp.

Grant Cooper analysed results of ending match fees and increasing membership price ; 17 first XI & 12 development team games, total income around £2700, would be £91 for senior members or £42 across junior & senior players ; committee agreed not realistic. Instead, captains' responsibilities for collecting match fees to be put in writing, before AGM. This will include chasing all players if payments not made, and monthly reporting to committee of late payments.

Julie Sanders has brought to the committee's attention that the dates for the next round of coaching courses have been published. Foundation course in March at Wrotham, Core course also at Wrotham, club to promote these to the membership. Coaches also need first aid training.

Hugh Patterson reported that the Southend tour has been booked for May 2026. Friday 22nd T20, Sunday 24th full match, no game Saturday. (Will also be ladies' friendly festival, need to arrange for bar opening). Committee to investigate accommodation options.

Julie Sanders and Hugh Patterson discussed Ladies' fixtures, no details available yet, Julie to supply dates.

Club hardball fixtures should have roughly same number of games, but will only try to run 1 team in August.

Next 2 meeting dates 25th of November and 2nd December suggested, to confirm with absent members ; (HP can't do 2nd)

6th January 2026.