

Capel CC Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd December 2025

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

Apologies : Hugh Patterson, Pieter Booyse, Alex Stevenson, Grant Cooper

1. Last meeting minutes agree and sign off.

Agreed

It was noted that the Walmsley family's award agreed at the last meeting covers membership fees only.

WebCollect/Teamo – Mark to work on the issues and requirements before next meeting. Will report on the options for improving Webcollect use or moving to Teamo.

Winter training – captains to start pushing this. Mark to complete payment, and pass on details to Grant for reimbursement.

2. Chairman's Welcome & Update

Chris provided excellent Mince pies for attendees.

Thanks relayed to Richard, Martin Storey, Will Wright, and Jon for their work on the Quiz night.

Email to go to Will Wright thanking him for his help.

The event raised c. £500 profit for the club.

Hamper basket has been returned, the club will reuse this at the next raffle.

Thanks to Jon Stronell for recent donations to the club from Dovecote pub quizzes

New grass pitch replacing the Flicx mat is growing well.

Chris Parker & Norman Walke to build a storage shed on the veranda decking over Christmas

3. Treasurer's Update

Grant provided the current balance details by email -

- 2 - Regarding the item below in the October minutes, we need to put a name against this to make sure it happens. We first discussed this at

the start of 2025 and said something along the lines of 'we need to sort this out' and nothing happened.

"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."

As noted in the Chairman's update, this is with Mark to work on before the next meeting.

3 – As noted in October minutes *"Grants are available for women's section to improve facilities."* This could pay to improve the bar which we discussed last meeting and also address our current funding gap. Free money. Does anyone have the time/energy to work on this? Again, unless we put a name on it nothing is going to happen. I am happy to help.

Jon checked re grants for Ladies' cricket, looks like it would cover pavilion works but needed to be requested by end of November. Jon and Julie to work towards February applications, might be some funding available from that by the start of next season, some changes already made, to be reported by Norman Walke.

Jon and Julie to submit ideas to the committee and then members.

4. Secretary's Update

No update.

5. Safeguarding Update

No update.

6. Men's Captain's Update

Jon Stronell to send out all members email for Christmas party and forthcoming events.

Tom needs to finish off last season's match fees. Will also inform players of the new policy on selection, where players owing 2 sets of match fees will not be considered to play.

Mark to check webcollect event settings for including people's names in event bookings.

Winter nets to start on 26th March at Skinner's academy.

The club needs new stock of match balls – to order 36 senior match balls.

7. Ladies' Captain's Update

indoor league 18th Jan, 25, 1st, 8th 15th Feb Cobham hall Gravesend
£150 fee to be covered by match fees

Summer softball league and bash, groups will be confirmed in January.

Softball players can play hardball ladies' development league matches for other clubs.

Equipment – needs 2 boxes of Gray Nicholls wonder balls, £36 per box.

8. Development Team Update

No update.

9. Junior club update

Plan to run a U15s team next season needs a recruitment drive, to drive this we need some winter training sessions somewhere, to be booked before Christmas, most likely at Putlands. The league games would be Sunday mornings typically, meaning that the players might then have to miss dev team games, so this will need management.

Jon to contact Mascalls School on behalf of the club ; we will also investigate other options to improve recruitment.

10. Bar update

Bar stock is ready for Carols on the Green , it is Chris' birthday that day so he will miss much of the event.

The large table from the bar has been dismantled, plan in place for new furnishings in the new year.

11. Social Secretary update & Upcoming Events

Christmas party :-

Live music to be provided by Friends of Reason, their fee is £250, ideally cash on the day. Committee agreed that the band for this event should be paid, Richard to confirm details with Suzi Rich.

No DJ available; Richard to try to find someone ? Chris Parker

spoke to Patrick Ferguson, who could run Karaoke ? Richard to follow up with Patrick.

Check with Martin Storey if any lights are available.

Food – grazing tables provided by club in previous years have often been wasted, committee agreed to just provide nibbles on tables this year.

Transport – minibuses booked by Chris ; club to publicise this and setup webcollect bookings, £10 a head return. Chris Parker to confirm times, pick up points & minibussizes, Mark to set up webcollect for these and a free event for the party itself.

Decorations – Normally Oak Tree Barn is set up for Christmas anyway. Richard to check this, we might also provide some cricket-related items.

Raffle Tickets – 1 £50 hamper from club, bring some bottles, tickets on hand

Publicity – Richard to send out initial reminder, Jon to do main bulletin to all members.

12. AOB

Discussion of joint effort with the Fete committee for promoting Fete spring fundraising and CC open day. Open Day confirmed for 4th of May, Fete fundraiser will be on 25th of April. Mark and Jon will coordinate a leaflet drop for these events.

Next 2 meeting dates – Jon Stronell raised issue of holding a zoom call in future to help improve attendance. Committee agreed to try this. A range of options were agreed, to be finalised through the committee whatsapp group.

Question was raised to Chris Parker re football club using our changing rooms during village hall redevelopment. This might be an opportunity to extend our facilities and add showers.

Norman would like to run a gin bar at the fete. Mark to discuss with Fete committee.

Alex raised an issue re pitch crew shortage of numbers, Jon suggested asking on FOG friends, committee agreed ; we do need more members to help – Jon to ask Graeme Walmsley.

Alex thinks new strip can be used as senior strip from 2nd half of season, juniors can use closest to pavilion, layout of nets for training discussed, probably use side of square and flicx mat.

Roller and Mower servicing, Alex to lead again

Pitch Consumables – Alex to confirm requirements.

Scoring on tablets– Mark & Alex, to do this in time for the new season.

Storage cupboard – to be confirmed.

Coaching badges – Pieter and Jacob confirmed ? - Jon and Julie to chase any other candidates.

Next meeting – Tuesdays preferred.

January, results from Whatsapp favour the 6th.

February 10th, 11th, 17th, 18th