

Minutes of the meeting held on 6th January 2026

Attending : Chris Parker, Jon Stronell, Tom Stronell, Julie Sanders, Norman Walke, Hugh Patterson, Alex Stevenson, Grant Cooper, Martin Storey

Apologies : Pieter Booyse, Mark Banfield

1. Last meeting minutes agree and sign off.

Agreed

WebCollect/Teamo – Mark is arranging a demonstration of Teamo, He asked who else would like to be involved, Martin and Jon said they would.

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 apologised that this meeting was held over Zoom , as many members could not be available tonight therefore no Parkers Pastries!!.

Thanks relayed to Richard, Martin Storey and Jon for pushing the Xmas party held at Oak Tree Barn

Chris to write to Patrick Ferguson to thank him for bringing his Karaoke machine and neighbours

Unfortunately numbers were down this year and we have a separate agenda point for discussing this.

3. Treasurer's Update

Grant provided the current balance details by email -

1 – Financial update:

Draft accounts for the year have gone to Claire Holly for review

Draft P&L shows a loss of £842 for the year ending 2025

Grant advised that the free insurance from ECB is expiring at the end of January 2026, Mark is to arrange renewing this

We also forgot the add on insurance from Howdens, again Mark to renew please

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 volunteered to work with Juie and Grant to build up details for a grant application, the new year for such Grants starts in February

It was agreed that we would concentrate on the Pavilion to try to make it more welcoming as well as looking at the ladies facilities

Jon will put out a survey to all members asking for their input

4. Secretary's Update

No update.

5. Safeguarding Update

No update.

6. Men's Captain's Update

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

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

8. Development Team Update

No update.

9. Junior club update

No further updates to last meeting discussion regarding under 15 team

Jon will put together plans for a recruitment drive for the junior section

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

10. Bar update

Bar is now shut down for the winter, after the Carols on the Green

11. Social Secretary update & Upcoming Events

Christmas party :-

As advised this years Party had a lower turnout than previous years, something we would wish to improve on

Feedback from members included:

Drinks were too expensive at the venue

The Vene was very cold

Live Music was not welcomed by all members

The date was too close to Christmas this year

It was agreed that, now Oak Tree Barn are no longer our main sponsor we can consider an alternative venue, With the Dovecotes continuing support of the club we could approach them to see if they wouldn't mind hosting an event

Alternatively we could look at doing something at the pavilion with the marquee

Further discussions to be held

The other social evenings were also discussed, it was felt that just one event in the summer would be enough, the 2nd event this year was not that well attended, again the use of the marquee would be worth considering as it does give extra space

The Quiz remains a good evening for the club so should continue

Martin to put some ideas to the committee on future social events to be discussed at the next meeting

12. AOB

As discussed over WhatsApp Cowdrey Cricket Club have approached us to see if we would consider joining forces for a Saturday League Team, playing at Capel, the committee is split as to whether this would be beneficial to the Club, to save wasting energy Chris advised that he would put out a request on the Hardball email group to see how many players would consider playing on a Saturday

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.

Coaching badges – Jon and Julie to chase any candidates.

Not discussed at this meeting, but an action from previous meetings is the clearing up of Webcollect members Fees