

Minutes
Sellindge Bowls Club
Committee Meeting
Held at Sellindge Bowls Pavilion
7th September 2026 6.30pm

Present:

Trevor Christina Kevin Lawrence Teresa Andy Jacky Debbie Shelley

Minutes of the meeting held on 13th April 2026 confirmed as a true copy by Chairman.

Chairman`s Report-Trevor

Trevor read out a letter received from Joyce, who has decided to stand down as President due to her health situation. She will be sorely missed, and a letter has been sent to Joyce conveying our regrets and wishing her well and hoping she will remain a very welcome social member.

Secretary-Teresa

N/A

Treasurer-Lawrence

Copy of accounts attached.

Lawrence discussed the recent seed and fill bill of £734, and our remaining balance of £14723. Lawrence and Trevor have been discussing the feasibility of a Bore hole, which is a matter also including the Social Club as this could be a joint venture. We as a club have very little funds to contribute to a massive venture like this but need to be concerned particularly if our summer heat escalates like it has done this year leaving our green very sad due to lack of water. Further investigations ongoing.

Joining fees for next year were discussed and a proposal to the AGM for the increase of £5 to £130 per annum plus £10 to the Social Club.

It was also decided to bring back raffles at our friendly's games, a £1 a strip and 3 prizes of £5 making an average profit of £15 per game, to help build up our reserve funds.

Captain-Christina

A conversation ensued covering the matter of reducing the number of games next year. Christina is finding it more difficult to find enough volunteers for the friendly's games, particularly towards the end of the season with the additional internal and external competitions.

We need to avoid in house games clashing with Shepway's finals etc. as our involvement in the finals becomes greater.

Safe-Guarding -Christina

Christina is happy that we meet the necessary criteria and there is nothing to report.

Vice-Captain Shelley

N/A

Vice-Captain Kevin

N/A

Fixtures Secretary-Andy

Andy says it has been an interesting first year for him and is now looking forward to doing a second year.

We are looking to instigate reciprocal fee arrangements with as many clubs as possible for next year. This will be a lot easier for our Captains of the day to manage. The committee was all in agreement with this proposal.

Shepway Reps Kevin /Debbie

Debbie advised the committee of several issues brought up at the Shepway AGM, for further information see copy attached.

Competitions Secretary-Andy

Andy was pleased with the way the competitions went with all matches being completed on time. It was agreed that the club would provide runner up prizes as well as the winners of each competition. Possible changes to be made to Scroungers for next year to slightly shorten the length of the game, and to make the scoring more obvious to both competitors and watchers.

It was agreed that a fixed fee of £3 be charged for each completion entry.

Catering Officer-Jacky

It has proved that teas for friendly's games can be managed by one member rather than two. This has worked well for us this year.

A good year which has benefited by the purchase of a hot water heater rather than our old large urns.

Any other Business

1)Committee election forms have been put on the notice board, and the existing committee are prepared to stand for next year.

2)Next Saturday re the Eastern Cup which clashes with our Ladies V Gents posed a problem as so many members were involved with the Shepway Finals Day, both competing and watching. It was decided to cancel the Ladies v Gents game this year and replace it with a roll-up afternoon. Members to be advised of the roll-up or encouraged to support Shepway Finals at Lymindge.

3)Closing Day. This could become our Ladies v Gents event, but Christina will not be available that day to organise. She will see if she can organise a stand in, otherwise, it will be a normal roll-up, with tea and cakes.

4)First Aiders.

There is no legal requirement for trained first aiders, and certainly impractical to ensure that one was always on site. The committee decided that we would stay as we were but ensure that all members were aware of the position of the defib over at the Social Club premises.

5) Debbie has highlighted that the Ladies changing room needs decorating and although no decision was made this subject will have to be addressed before too long.

Date of next meeting (Suggest Nov 4th6pm to welcome in new Committee post AGM 30/10)

Signed

Chairman