CAVENDISH BOWLS CLUB

Committee Meeting Minutes

Held on 11th November 2026, 16:00

Present:

Jacqui Scott-Burgin (chair) JSB
John Field JF
Val Hastie VH
Colin Wood CW
Brian Stack BS
Alison Stokes AS
Brian Titus BT
Mark Ager MA
John Williamott JW
Peter Ellis PE
Chris Foreman CF
Ray Smith RS

	Discussion	Actions
1.	The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting	
2.	**Apologies for absence** Trevor Cooper	
3.	**Minutes from the previous meeting 30 September 2026** Having been previously circulated the minutes for the previous meeting were approved with no amendments	
4.	**Matters arising from previous meeting** None	
5.	**Treasurer's report** CW prepared a report and a financial statement that is attached to these minutes. CW outlined that the club had received a grant of £10,000 from the Pamela Matthews Trust.	MA to write to thank Annette Williamott, on behalf of the committee, for her work on this grant.
6.	**Greenkeepers report** JW had prepared a green report that is attached to these minutes. JW outlined the work the green team had been doing on the green including aeration.	
7.	**New clubhouse update** CF updated the committee on actions since previous meeting.	CF to go ahead with plumbing work.

	There had been a meeting about electrics on 9/11/2026. CF outlined that the first and second fix electrics would cost approx. £10,000-£12,000. CF had revised the drawings and informed building control. CF is seeking quotations for plumbing. They had not heard back from Mr Knight. CF had received an alternative plumbing quote. This was agreed unanimously by the committee. JSB stated that in February 2027 Sport for England will need to know how the £15,000 has been spent. CF discussed lighting in the clubhouse. Committee members to go and see lighting in the clubhouse so a decision can be made on what lighting to use. There then followed a general discussion about plaster boarding and installations. This will be revisited at a later date.	
8.	**Events** Presentation evening- on Friday of this week. Everything has been arranged including raffle, cups and pictures. Robbie Gladwell evening- 50 tickets sold. Raffle has been organised. JSB to purchase snacks. JSB to run bar with assistance from BS and AS. Quiz- 6/12/2026- BS organising quiz and VH organising raffle	JSB to organise snacks BS organise quiz VH to organise raffle for quiz.
9.	**Monthly donations BT** BT proposed members donate on a monthly basis. The committee felt as membership fees and existing voluntary donations were being increased for the next year it was too much to ask for additional money. A discussion took place extending the current bonus ball or introduce a 100 club plan to help raise funds. Some funds have been raised on the Tuesday evening at the games night.	JSB and MA to discuss 100 club proposal and report back at next meeting.
10.	**Player numbers for next year JF** There was a general discussion about various members playing on selected days in 2027. JF to organise for lists to be updated at the presentation evening	JF to organise for players lists to be updated at the presentation evening.

11.	**Dates for quiz 2027** Committee proposed 4 April 2027 in Memorial Hall. Second date also to be requested if possible, later in the year.	MA to confirm requested dates.
12.	**AOB** CF asked if he could use his own professional contacts to complete more of the work on the clubhouse. CF to bring proposals to be agreed as the work needs to be completed. AS updated the committee about friendly matches. She is looking into availability for Chelmsford and Boxford in April/May 2027. AS asked about updating the bowls club trustees. Two of the former trustees have died and that leaves 2 remaining. A general discussion took place. JW asked for suggestions/nominations to be brought back to next committee meeting. PE to explore the role of trustees. BT suggested a whist drive on 6 Feb 2027. This was agreed. £10 a ticket. 7.30pm, memorial Hall, to include tea and cake. BT discussed snail race on 15 May. Date to be confirmed. This was agreed. VH raised about captains' day- date TBC at a later meeting. JF- Federation handbook and rules to move to a digital format in the next year. JF asked if people wanted to contact people individually, they do this individually rather than use the group WhatsApp.	Committee to consider possible trustees for next meeting. PE to explore the role of the trustees. BT to organise whist drive. BT to confirm date of snail race.
	Meeting ended 17:35 **Next meeting January 13th 16:00pm**	

Cavendish Bowls Club Treasurers Report

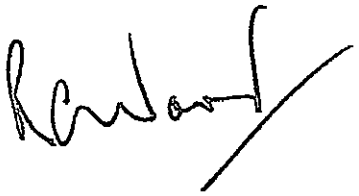
There is little to report in the first month of our new financial year.

The only item of note being the Grant of £10,000.00 from the Pamela Matthews Trust curtesy of the hard work of Annette Williamott for which I am sure that you will wish to record our thanks.

This brings the Clubhouse fund to £31,413.51

We currently have :-

Current account	£534.88
Deposit account	£38,456.50
Cash	£ 7.00



R C Wood

Hon. Treasurer

11th November 2026

PS

Since preparing the accounts we have received a further £255.00 in respect of the Robbie Gladwell & Friends Concert so our Current account stands at £789.88.

Cavendish Bowls Club

Income & Expenditure Account

For the period to 11th November 2026

2025			2026	
£.pp	£.pp		£.pp	£.pp
		Income		
	1530.00	Subscriptions		
	1393.00	Income from Teams (incl Roll up)		0.00
		Club events		
143.05		Presentation Evening		
200.00		Bonus Ball		
204.77		Pairs & Triples		
85.32		Saunders Trophy		
45.00		R & D Cooper Trophy		
21.00		Absent Friends		
346.88		Whist Drive		
169.00		Village Quiz/Fete		
0.00		Robbie Gladwell concert	336.00	
151.50		Friendlys		
482.24		Open Gardens		
97.48	1946.24	Greenkeepers Plate		336.00
		Miscellaneous		
	325.68	Gift Aid/HMRC		
	175.53	Bank Interest		11.69
	595.56	Catering, Produce, Books etc		
	152.00	Bacon Rollups		
	6118.01			347.69
		Expenditure		
266.50		League fees		
1578.83		Upkeep of Green	35.00	
1687.20		Machinery Repairs	10.00	
569.54		Insurance	72.40	
2158.21		Water	52.57	
352.66		Printing/Engraving		
324.39		Electricity	24.62	
228.35		After Match Teas		
20.00		Hire of Hall	24.00	
53.96	7239.64	Bank Fees	4.25	222.84
	-1121.63	**(Deficit)/Surplus for the Year**		124.85
0		Transfer to Clubhouse Fund		
-1121.63		Transfer to General Fund		

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Balance Sheet

as at 11th November 2026

2026					2027	
£.pp	£.pp			£.pp	£.pp	£.pp
			Liabilities			
		1,572.76	**Accounts Payable**		346.43	
			General Fund			
	8714.08		Balance b/fwd		7592.45	
	-1,121.63	7592.45	(Deficit)/Surplus for the Year		124.85	8063.73
		9165.21	**Balance c/fwd**			8063.73
			Clubhouse Fund			
	32711.27		Balance b/fwd		21363.51	
			Less Payments			
27,542.08			Building Costs			
1,500.00	29042.08		Grant bid costs			
	3669.19				21363.51	
			Plus Receipts			
495.00			Subs Uplift			
1,395.15			Donations	50.00		
15,000.00			Grant (Sport England)	10000.00		
804.17			Events			
0.00	17,694.32	21363.51	Tfr from General Fund		10050.00	31413.51
		30528.72	Total Assets			39477.24
			Represented by:-			
	7,425.84		**Fixed Assets**		7425.84	
	7,420.84	5.00	less depreciation		7420.84	5.00
		10.00	**Cash in hand**			7.00
		1708.65	**Lloyds Bank Current a/c**			789.88
		28444.81	**Lloyds Bank Deposit a/c**			38456.50
		360.26	**Accounts Receivable**			218.86
		30528.72				39477.24

GREEN REPORT – NOVEMBER 2026

- Putting the green to bed for the winter is a bit of a misnomer. This is because the green is subject to an intense period of activity at the end of the playing season. The green requires scarification, tining and some over seeding. The rotor-rake, which is an essential machine at this time of year, is now back operational and was used to clear the green surface of thatch and other dead matter. This was followed by lots of tining (putting holes in the Greens surface) to allow the spreading and ingress of the various dressing products necessary at this time of year. In addition seed is spread in required areas.

- In previous years we have rested the Green after the Autumn renovations but this year we have decided to continue mowing at a height of 8mm. and keep spiking whenever weather and the Green surface conditions allow.

- Aeration, Aeration, Aeration is the Green Keepers mantra. This keeps the Green open and active to reduce moss, fusarium and dollar spot which all favour stagnant damp conditions.

- The green shows signs of recovering from the summer drought but only time will tell if it has fully returned to the condition all of us would like to see.

- The sprayer, which is an important piece of equipment in maintaining the Green condition, had recently developed a fault which prevented it's use. Brian Titus traced the problem with his magic box of tricks (an electrical circuit tester) and rectified the fault. We can now continue spraying as the winter programme requires.

John Williamott

For the Green Team (Brian Stack, Brian Titus and Me).