



## Minutes – Committee Meeting Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2026

**Present:** Jenny Hydes (Chair), Ann Chelley (Vice Chair), Roger Pearce (Secretary), Sam Dauncey (Treasurer), Carolyn Hill (Membership Secretary), David Allan, Keith Hall, Ann Hill, Janet McCombie & Roger Pullen (10/11).

There were **25** Members attending as observers, the details of whom are attached to these minutes.

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Joan Russam

### **2. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

The minutes had been circulated to all committee members. They were approved unanimously and then signed by the Chair.

### **3. Matters Arising: None**

### **4. Reports on contact with local management**

#### **a. Meeting with Gaye on 23.4.26 (Roger Pearce)**

Roger presented the report from this meeting which dealt with outstanding matters raised at the **April** committee meeting.

**The notes from this meeting are attached to these minutes as Appendix A.**

### **5. Treasurer's Report (Sam)**

We now have £2929.42 in the bank. This is after paying the HLVDS insurance premium of £100.80.

### **6. Membership Secretary's Report (Carolyn)**

Nothing to report at the moment.

### **7. Working Parties and Action Plans:**

#### **a. Redesign of Bistro (Keith)**

The first Bistro redesign meeting was held on Tuesday 28th April. The attendees were Gaye, Trevor, Paula and Keith Hall as the committee rep.

The draft diagram for the re-design was discussed and slight adjustments were agreed. The fireplace will be removed. The diagram will be updated to show the current plans and suggestions and distributed to the committee in due course.

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**The next step** is to review and obtain costs for the adjustments required within the kitchen area. Estimated building costs for moving/replacing the bar and making good will be obtained. The redesign will also include a review of the current furniture and furnishings.

If the project costings are eventually accepted, **the funding for the project will be from the Sinking Fund.**

The next meeting is planned for 2nd June.

## **b. Finance - Wellness Centre Income (Joan)**

No news yet. Joan has sent a request for an update from the Housing Ombudsman.

Jenny, Emrys, Jo and Joan attended a meeting with Alex Deller and Gaye to discuss possible objectives for the **“Restaurant Deficit Working Group”**.

## **c. Wellness (Keith)**

Unfortunately, our new instructor Rob, who started the Mindfulness Class, has decided to leave us. That is a shame, as his class is very well attended. Annemarie or Kirsty will run the class in place of Rob.

**From the week of Monday 11th May**, Thursday morning classes are going to change:

Kettlebells and Mat Work will be replaced with Healthy Heart at 0945 and Pilates at 1130.

Annemarie will be taking the Pilates class, now she is fully qualified. If we can find a replacement for Rob, a second Pilates class will be added to the Timetable. Please look out for the Thursday Wellness flier, which is on the website Homepage and in the Wellness Centre.

Not strictly Wellness, but we had Max Duckworth give a brilliant talk about what **“Health Symptoms”** we shouldn't really worry about. (and those we should!). If you missed it, his Talk is available on the website Homepage. To date 48 people have viewed the recording.

**A polite reminder: Please book your Wellness class attendance on the weekly booking-in sheets and, if you can't make a class, just ring Wellness and they will cross you off”.**

When visiting the Wellness Centre please book in and out.

If a class is full and you have not booked in you will not be allowed to join the class. However, if there is room on the list, you will be allowed to join the class.

**These rules are very simple, please obey them; it makes life so much easier for everyone.**

## **d. Maintenance (Roger Pearce)**

**(i) General:** The damaged perimeter fence has been repaired and the offending trees removed. Appendix A gives the update re the Phase Two Balcony repairs, etc.

**(ii) Parking:** There has been no action re the small “residents only” signs since our meeting with Gaye on 23<sup>rd</sup> April.



## e. Bistro and Social Activities (Joan)

### Bistro

Nothing to report this month

### Social

On **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May**, we shall be having “Keith’s Quiz”, with exciting prizes, the cost of which has been met by the HLRA.

On **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May** there will be an afternoon with tea, cake and music from The Carpenters.

## f. Transport (Ann Chelley)

### Acquisition of New Minibus

The minibus contract has still not been signed. Please note that there will be no rearview camera.

At this point **Janet** enquired as to what would be the likely cost of such a camera.

**Diana Duckworth** informed the meeting of the recent severe problems with the current minibuses serious ongoing problem with the tailgate and requested an interim solution.

**Action: Speak to Gaye re (1) re the cost of the sort of camera required, and (2) re the cost of hiring a minibus to cover the interim period before our replacement arrives.**

## g. Grounds and Garden (David)

May is the end of spring or the start of summer, depending on how you look at it. It is still too soon for most mainstream summer flowers, but if you live in an area with acid soil, you can’t help noticing that Rhododendron time is in full swing. May is for me one of the most exciting months in the garden, especially at Hampshire Lakes, because you can see new flowers opening every time you step outdoors. Longer evenings and warmer weather bring the outdoor furniture out, and it’s hard to curb our patience to get the bedding plants in.

Weather watching is a gardeners’ favourite sport at any time, but this month it’s crucial, as it is keeping tabs on the new rash of garden pests start appearing as it warms up. Another priority this month is to keep up to date with routine mowing, weeding and hoeing. Are you aware that watering will be beneficial to **your** routine, **but only if you are able to do your small plot yourselves (if not, please put an entry in the Gardening Book in Reception for it to be done by our gardening team)**. But hey, it’s pleasurable work in fine weather, and in May, the best of the weather is the best of the year to come. Relish It!

I. New fencing erected

II. Fallen trees will be contracted out

III. Michael and Jack deserve a thank you and a pat on the back.

**Janet** enquired as to when the fallen tree in Hammond Way was to be removed. David responded by saying that it had been scheduled to be dealt with by our tree contractor, but it



was subsequently decided that the Maintenance Team would deal with it. The meeting was horrified that such a task would be given to our Maintenance Team and asked whether this could be reviewed. There was also concern over the lack of action regarding two other trees which include the one adjacent to the Beech apartments.

**Action: Speak to Gaye re these matters**

## **h. Less Able Residents (Ann Hill)**

I have nothing to report this month. Hopefully the problems with scooters and walkers appear to be solved, for the present at least.

## **8. Impact of Cash-Free Reception**

- (i) For the **receipt of cash gratuities for leaving staff**, Gaye has responded by ordering a sealed cash box that can be anchored to a wall or desk in Reception, with the keys held by nominated HLRA members, thus avoiding any cash handling by our Reception Staff.
- (ii) For the **receipt of cash for HLE events**, we await further instruction from the HLE committee on their new procedure.

## **9. Use of our Premises by Outside Bodies**

This item arose from Gaye hiring out our Bistro to the Yateley and Hawley Royal British Legion in April **without any reference to our committee** and subsequently taking similar action for the 13th May in respect of their evening's Cash Bingo event.

At our meeting with Gaye on 23<sup>rd</sup> April (see Appendix A) the Chair did give reluctant approval to this further meeting in May, subject to the matter being referred to the committee, **but at that time Gaye did not mention that it was to be a "Bingo Night" with 'everyone welcome'**. As a result of this, an ad hoc meeting of the committee on 29<sup>th</sup> April, **having learned subsequently that this was the case**, decided that it would recommend refusal to the committee meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> May for a number of reasons, including Lack of Consultation, Legal, Security, Fire Safety, Parking and the Effect on our Residents.

In view of this recommendation, Jenny wrote to Gaye informing her of our interim decision for this event to be cancelled and the likely outcome at today's meeting. Although Gaye acknowledged Jenny's communication, she has not stated that she will cancel the RBL meeting.

**Decision by the Committee (following reference to the 25 members attending as observers):** It was decided unanimously that such meetings of outside bodies should not be held on our premises **(which are our home)** and in future all such requests for hirings should be referred to our committee for discussion.

**Action: (i) Inform Gaye of this decision and repeat our request for immediate cancellation of the event on 13<sup>th</sup> May;**

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- (ii) Inform the RBL Secretary so that they can relocate this event;
- (iii) If no reassurance of cancellation is given, write to Anchor's CEO.

## 10. Any Other Business:

- (a) **Sam** requested further information concerning the proposal for a Duck House on our Pond, to which **Keith** responded by saying that the proposal was a joke suggestion at a recent Happy Hour and was not meant to go any further!
- (b) **Keith** informed the meeting that Wendy would be covering the bookings for HLVDS support from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> May.

**The meeting closed at 11.43.am, when Jenny invited non committee members to raise any concerns:**

- (c) **Emrys** queried who would be using the newly marked Visitor Bay opposite Pine Bank, to which Roger Pearce responded by saying that it would be there for the families and visitors to Pine Bank or Lime Court, but acknowledged that unfortunately there was no system in place throughout the village to prevent long term trade vehicles using it. At the same time, clarification was given by Jenny as to the different parking regime in Phase One.
- (d) **Emrys** also queried as to why our gardeners had not invoked the **No Mow in May regime** for our lawns, to which Jenny stated that this had been discussed with the GM last year, but sadly had not been implemented for this year.

**The meeting closed at 11.52.am.**

## 11. Date of Next Meeting:

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 10.30.am in the Library,  
for which Keith and Janet gave their apologies.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Secretary

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