

Horsmonden Social Club Committee Meeting 7th April 2026

Attendees.

Lindsey Chave (Chair), Tim Coyne, Jimmy Webb, Jo Beach, Neil Hale, Lawrence Arscott, Richard Edmed, Bridget Walsh, Marie Rogan, Neil Allen and Janet Norton.

Apologies.

Rupert Lovell, Ben London and Harry Ackers

Agenda.

Welcome. LC welcomed MR to her first committee meeting.

Minutes from the meeting held March 3rd approved and copy posted on notice board and to be added to the web site.

Membership. NA/LC

Total membership is approaching 500. 445 members have renewed. 35 new members and the new member applications were discussed and approved. 3 members have paid their subscriptions but have not completed a form. The difficulties for bar staff knowing who are members was addressed. A list of members will be made available behind the bar. Members will be requested to carry their membership cards as spot checks may be carried out by bar staff.

Action. LC will contact the three without a renewal form and ask them to complete one.

The remaining renewal forms from the notice board holder will be removed and only new member application forms will be available.

NA will complete spread sheet of members and forward to LC

A list of members will be made available behind the bar for bar staff checks.

TC will add an item to the news letter that states that membership cards should be carried and may be asked for.

Refurbishment. TC

TC reported that he had little to add this month. Anticipated timing for refurbishment of the toilets is 2 weeks in January 2027 and he is aiming to obtain quotes accordingly.

More chairs were required last Friday and LC raised the issue of the heavy stacking chairs.

These need replacing and all agreed to look for approx 15-20 wooden, padded and lighter weight stacking chairs to replace them. There is currently room for one more table in the main area and MR suggested looking at stools that might tuck under the table.

Action LC and TC to discuss with Denise Bignall JW and TC have been pricing a replacement BBQ. All agreed a budget of £750 to purchase a good quality gas BBQ for our main events. It must fit in the shed and MUST be cleaned after each use. JW will endeavour to obtain a discount for HSC with the option of an advert on the website for the supplier. NA was concerned that spares for the BBQ chosen would be available.

The old charcoal BBQ would be kept for small ad hoc events for a few members.

Action JW and TC to circulate details of potential models for committee approval prior to purchase.

Events.

Dog Show. 25th April. JB reported bar rota covered for this.

Noted that it is the same day as the Social Cafe which will continue to be open on that day.

ABBA Evening. 2nd May. Cost is £650. All members must show their membership cards on the night. All agreed that non members numbers should be limited to 20 and tickets to be sold from behind the bar at £10pp and must be purchased in advance.

BW to advertise the above and *LC* to print 20 tickets

HOVEC weekend 4th - 7th June. HSC will be open as normal on Friday 6th.

JB will complete the application form to enter a table for HSC and organise the Human Fruit Machine game for the Saturday Fete 6th June. *JN* will try to obtain an inflatable costume for the race that same day.

No plastic glasses will be issued from the HSC bar. No glasses or bottles are allowed on the Green or in the marquee. Members may use the club and drink on the premises including the tables outside but NOT take their drinks across the road to the Green or marquee. Non members may not use the HSC toilets or purchase drinks to take to the event. A barrier may be used to delineate the HSC grounds. Signs will be posted. We will need volunteers willing to check membership cards at the door

Whilst we want to support HoVEC we are a members club and not all of our members will attend all of the weekend activities. Accordingly we will be open to members only on Friday 5th June 6 - 11pm (Doors locked 10.30pm) , Saturday 6th June 7-11pm (Doors locked 10.30 pm) and Sunday 7th June 12 - 3pm.

Beer Festival. 18th July.

Action. *LC*, *TC*, *NH* and *NA* to meet to discuss details.

Bar prices. *NH*. Stock prices are increasing generally.

Action. *NA* to liaise with *NH* to update on Maison Maurice price list.

Treasurer's report. NH.

We've had a really good month.

Santander account balance as at end of March £40,330.05

Payments outside the norm £9373.41 to Howden's for the kitchen units, £234.39 to Very for a toaster and grill/hotplate.

Bar sales income £12,193.97 (of which £2852.00 was cash)

Bar stock spend £6439.49.

LA reported that the savings account has now been transferred. *NH* still does not have the passbook but has sent an email to Dave Watson to request it.

NH has had to repeat all documentation for the current account transfer from *NM* and this was posted back to the bank in their sae on Friday 3rd April.

Secretarial Report LA

LA has reviewed the duties of the Club Secretary and will circulate a list of these to the committee in order to confirm who does what.

Currently *TC* covers insurance policies, *NA* utilities, *JN* is minute taker

Various licences are required. Licensing hours *RE*. Music and TV licence are up to date.

Issues with World Pay and the square machines were discussed and *LC* will review.

Bar Rota JB

Disappointing replies to requests for volunteers for this month. Many shifts are still to be covered. *RE* felt that issues with closing on time may be stopping people offering to do the late shift particularly if they have work the following morning. He was still working at 12.15 am last Friday with members arriving late. Last orders must be called at 10.40pm and the bar will close

at 11.00pm to give volunteers time to clear up. A new bell is to be acquired in order to call last orders. These details will be included in the next newsletter and a training night arranged to encourage more volunteers to join the bar staff rota.

New Till

Most volunteers are using it without problems now. A new price list will be added once NH has completed the update.

AOB

JW. Carpet cleaner booked for after the dog show weekend. £60

JW. A request has been made regarding another coach trip to Brighton. Decision made to defer a trip until next May as this year is already busy.

JW. Unhelpful comments have been made to volunteer cleaning staff. They do an amazing job and this has caused some upset. HSC runs on volunteers and comments like this will not be tolerated.

JN. The number of wine glasses is now quite low and there were insufficient for the Historical Society meeting recently.

Action LC to purchase some more.

JB. Dates need adding to the HSC diary. There is a Wedding on 27/6/26 . This date is also a Social Cafe day so the cafe will not be open on that Saturday

The annual Nostalgia day 19/9/26. It was decided that The Nostalgia group will need to pay £50 for the use of the club and all facilities for the whole day 9.00 am to 5pm to cover costs of heating, cooking etc.

Action LC to inform Nick Hayward of the increase in this charge.

Date of the next meeting 5th May at 7.45 pm.