Horsmonden Social Club Committee Meeting
4th August 2026

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

Apologies,
Harry Ackers and Ben London

Agenda
Minutes from the meeting held 7th July approved and a copy posted on the notice board and to be aded to the web site.

Membership NA.
There are currently 571 members with 24 agreed at last meeting and 11 more agreed at this meeting.
Volunteer numbers are still very poor considering the high membership. Volunteers are desperately needed especially for the bar. LC and AC worked 15 hours over the last weekend which is unacceptable. There have been particular difficulties in filling the early shift on Fridays now that we open at 6.00pm. To trial splitting the early shift into one hour slots on Friday evenings with the hope that more people would be prepared to work shorter shifts. All to encourage new volunteers for all areas not just bar work. To include help with setting up and clearing away for events, help with specific cleaning jobs required throughout the year etc. Ideas suggested: An additional note to be sent to all email addresses on the newsletter group. A note to be attached to the new membership forms about volunteering. Fliers to be placed on the tables asking for more volunteers. Facebook note.
Action. TC to send email as above. LC to format fliers. BW to add to Facebook. JB to add altered shift pattern to bar rota.

Refurbishment of the toilets. TC
No further updates. TC to obtain dimensions for proposed layout.
The issue arose regarding the use of the disabled toilet by both genders as it is located in the ladies toilet. We are unable to provide a separate gender neutral toilet and we would hope that our members would be understanding and tolerant.

Events and TV coverage
Volunteers evening. This will be by invitation only. 29th October
Tennis Club Quiz night November 14th
Rugby six nations. 5th, 14th, 20th Feb, 6th and 13th March
Beer Festival 2027 10th July . Really good feedback regarding this year. To start at 2pm next year to allow for longer mini olympics. BBQ to be open for 2hrs only.
The Sports club hope to run a charity bingo night and a walking football match.
Ben Ralph has offered to put on a quiz night. All agreed
BW. Contact has been made from Danny Wren, a comedian, at a cost of £400. No date agreed.
Action NA to confirm a date with Ben for his quiz in January.

Bar Prices. NH and LC
No update

Bar purchasing. NA
All going well. NA still awaiting price list from Mason Maurice for items not already supplied to compare with previous suppliers.
TC reported that some samples of Howies ciders will be available for tasting this coming weekend.

Treasurers Report. NH
Santander account balance 31/7/2026. £49,698.45
Saving account £19,773.51 includes annual interest payment received

Bar Sales £12,080.09 (£14496.05 inc VAT)
Cash banked 3/8/2026 £2953.67 (£3544.4 inc VAT)
Total. £15,033.76. (£18,040.45 inc VAT)

Bar purchases £8196.00 (£9642.94 inc VAT)
Maison Maurice £4491.74 (£5390.09 inc VAT)

VAT estimated liability £1203.19
Kell's Fund £1804
Payments out of ordinary.
Web Hosting £825
Beer Festival Beef burgers and Sausages, Totttingworth Farm £782
Council Electricity bill for Beer Festival £7

World Pay and SquareUp

The World Pay machines no longer work. Decision made to only use the two SquareUp machines. To purchase a third machine moving forward. NH requested that "membership" be added as an item on the till in order to identify membership monies and Kell's Fund donations separately.

Action. LC to add items for Seniors, Adults, Juniors membership payments and Donations to the till.

Secretary Report LA

LA circulated the List of Responsibilities by email just prior to the meeting so not everyone had read it. A copy to be kept behind the bar for reference.

Action. All to read and let LA know corrections or amendments
LC to provide a laminated copy.

Bar Rota JB

The rota for August has been circulated but there are still many shifts to fill. JB will recirculate with the proposed option of 1 hour slots to cover the early evenings on Fridays.
LC will not be holding any more till training sessions until September

Bookings JB

A request for HSC to provide a bar for a party at Matfield Village hall. Declined.
The Gardening Society have requested repeat bookings for their meetings in 2027. Agreed
The private party booked for the coming weekend: deposit received.
In future members requesting a booking for a party event will be informed that all breakages must be paid for and that the booking is only secured once the £100 deposit has been received.
The request by the local Police to hold a monthly surgery agreed. This will be from 11.00-13.00hrs on a Saturday. No charge will be made as it is a community event.
The request to book HSC for a fine wine tasting event will not be permitted if it is a commercial event. More information is needed before this booking can be considered.

AOB

JW would like to form a work party to clean the main room carpets, needing help move the furniture before and after cleaning.

Action. RE to put message on volunteers WhatsApp

JW proposed the idea of purchasing reusable 4pt jugs for beer that members could buy and be used at end of the evening for take away beer. Not for use to just come in and "take away".
NH has been asked if HSC would commission a painting of the club building. The was declined as the club already has 2 such paintings and the difficulty of where to hang another one.
TC The Social Cafe will not be open until September 4th.
LC The Treasure Chest on Friday night will not be held until September due to staff shortages
RL asked if HSC shirts were available for the cricket match this coming Friday.
RL raised Health and Safety issues. Steel toe cap boots and gloves should be worn in the cellar when moving kegs etc.

Action LC to provide a notice to be posted in the cellar "Safety equipment should be worn when working in the cellar" or similar.
LC will investigate the purchase of 2 pairs of steel toecap boots.

Date of next meeting 1st September 2026