

**Horsmonden Social Club Committee Meeting
6th January 2026**

Attendees.

Lindsey Chave (Chair), Tim Coyne, Jo Beach, Neil Hale, Lawrence Arscott, Ben London, Richard Edmed, Nick Miller and Janet Norton.

Apologies.

Dan Russell, Anthony Hacker, Neil Allen, Paul Lawson, Jimmy Webb and Bridget Walsh.

Agenda.

Minutes meeting 4th December approved and copy posted on the HSC noticeboard and also on the website.

Matters arising

None

Kitchen Refurb Update

Work has started. Old cabinets being removed.

First fix electrics Thursday/Friday.

Floor to be screeded on Saturday.

All subcontractors are on a Whatsapp group to facilitate communication.

Kitchen units are currently stored at RE farm

Action: RE to liaise with Ray Woods Carpentry re collection of units as required.

Finance for the refurb: Donations have been made by several organisations

WAC £200, Winter Warmers have promised a donation.

St Margaret's Church offered to buy an item at approximately £500. The cooker price is £683.

Action, JN to ask St Margaret's Church if they will pay for the cooker.

Monies previously raised at HSC events will be available to purchase new cookware.

Kitchen knives need to be kept in a lockable container.

Action: JN to research an appropriate lockable box for kitchen knives.

Membership

Renewals coming in but slowly. Donations to Kell's Fund are down. However, there has been one generous donation of £200.

All new member applications agreed.

Events

Family breakfast raised £631 for the Hospice in the Weald.

Timeless booked for 14th February

Race night to be arranged

Rum tasting night to be arranged

Action NM to organise a date for the rum tasting.

HSC AGM date set for March 20th 2026 8pm.

Treasurers Report

Account change from NM to NH in progress

Current account balance at end of December £55,950.90

A number of payments out of normal.

£1000 donation to the Cricket Club

£373.33 Oil

£885.18 Insurance renewal

£1500.00 Sound panel fitting
£1057.08 New Glass washer.

Kell's fund balance £2010.82

Bar sales £11219.16
Bar stock £6901.19
Income from snooker £144.00

Bookings

Groups and societies are booking their regular dates for the year ahead. One booking form required for all dates for the year

Additional dates requested. Nostalgia Day 19th September

Birthday Party 4th July

Bar Staff

Still gaps to fill

AOB

JN. A member of the club has launched a new Alcohol Free ale, Pivot.

Tasted and agreed to cost and trial at the club.

Action JN to find out the wholesale cost of a case of 24 cans and order on trial basis.

NH. Current prices of bar stock are all downloaded and to check that profit margin on each is in line and we are not losing money.

Guinness zero stocks are difficult to obtain at this time.

BL. Bar items inputted onto the new till almost complete

BL. Following the success of the Olympics a possibility of an indoor games event during the winter months was suggested or a musical bingo evening.

RE. The HoVEC summer festival. This has become too big and is no longer fun to run or work on the bar. It requires RE to take a week off of work. JB agreed that the load was very hard to manage now. There are difficulties in finding volunteers to cover the bar rota, to set up and clear up.

All agreed that it was time to stop. The club would still open but strictly members only.

We would still continue to support HoVEC with the festival where we can.

Action. RE and JB to attend the next HoVEC committee meeting to inform them of our decision.

Date of next meeting February 3rd 2026 7.45pm.