

**Horsmonden Social Club Committee Meeting  
3rd March 2026**

**Attendees.**

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

**Apologies.**

Paul Lawson, Neil Allen

**Agenda.**

The Minutes 3rd February approved with the following addition under Refurbishment..

“ In order to maintain the HSC looking at its best the cleaners are happy to increase cleaning to twice a week (Wednesday and Friday). All agreed.”

A copy of the minutes posted on the HSC noticeboard and also to be posted on the website.

**Membership**

The current list of members is inaccurate and needs revising. Renewal and new membership forms have become mixed particularly where new family members have been added to the same renewal forms e.g child turning 16 yrs old and now eligible to join the clubs with parents. Some members did not pay last year and now need new membership forms not renewal ones.

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

**Refurbishment Update**

TC provided a breakdown of the final costs. All works were completed on budget for the original plan but additional items were purchased outside of that quote as the project developed.

	Net cost £	VAT £	Gross cost £
Installation of Sound			
Absorbing Panels	5,055.35	711.07	5,766.42
Entrance lobby	5,225.00	95.00	5,320.00
Kitchen	21,799.81	3,014.34	24,814.15
<b>Totals</b>	<b>32,080.16</b>	<b>3,820.41</b>	<b>35,900.57</b>

This project is now closed. A vote of thanks was given to TC for his hard work and negotiating to get the best prices and value for HSC.

TC noted that the trades working on the Kitchen, particularly Ray Woods, were really good and left the club tidy at all times.

TC reported that he had been contacted by TWBC asking for copies of invoices and photos of the completed sound proofing panels, lobby and kitchen. Waiting for their reply.

The next project is the refurbishment of the toilets.

TC will go ahead and start getting quotes but with a view to companies contacted understanding that the work might not go ahead for some months.

LC. The club carpets will be cleaned (and any upholstery requiring cleaning) later this month £60.

**Events/TV Coverage**

Six Nations Rugby.

Friday 6th Ireland v Wales to be shown in the small bar.

Saturday 7th England v Italy bar will open at 3.15pm.

Saturday 14th Final day. All 3 matches to be shown.

*Action JB to put out a request for bar staff to cover.*

Events.

ABBA evening 2nd May. Deposit has been paid.

Beer Festival 18th July. Sub committee to be RE, NH, TC and JW.

No flavoured ciders required.

BBQ. NH agreed to manage this again. Better quality burgers and rolls to be sourced this year. Smaller child size burgers will be available too. To request Hammonds butchers in Matfield to quote for supplying the burgers.

Dragon Boat Race. 29th August. Cost £400 to enter a boat. To ask participants (16 rowers and one drummer) to pay £20 on registering which will cover almost all of this fee.

HoVEC Dog show. April 25th. HSC bar will be open 12.00 - 3.30pm. volunteers required. Plastic cups required for out of club drinking.

*Action JB to circulate bar rota request.*

Welly Wanging. May 30th This was a great success last year and the trophies were excellent. To do these again.

Bar open at 3.00pm. Staff required. Welly Wanging at 4pm. An earlier start this year to allow for 2 goes each. BBQ as before.

*Action. JB to request use of The Green from the Parish Council.*

Reggae Night confirmed date change to 12th December

### **HSC AGM**

20th March 8.00pm

4 Committee members were stepping down. AH, NM, PL and DR.

Two people have stepped up offering to join the Committee at the coming AGM.

The Club accounts will be provided before the AGM.

### **Bar Prices**

NH had provided a detailed list of most of the prices and the profit margins on bar sales prior to the meeting. A few prices will need to be increased due to an rise in alcohol tax plus sugar tax on some soft drinks and snacks.

Coca Cola £1.30

Coke Zero and Diet Coke £1.20

Guinness zero is now pint cans £3.20

Proper Job £3.50

Bottled lager £4.00

Chocolates will also need to be increased in price.

Samples of alcohol free beers and lagers to be on display on the shelf behind the bar and advertised on the notice board on the bar.

*Action To include price increases on the news letter*

*LC to amend the till with updated prices*

*LC to provide NH within login details for Bookers.*

### **Treasurers report**

Santander account balance as at end of Feb'26 £40,904.10

Kells fund as at end of Feb'26 £2308.82

Sales £9801.94

Costs of goods sold £6125.83

Payments outside the norm  
£358.82 VAT  
£1440.00 HPA for accounts prep  
£2784.94 – Electrician  
£175.00 Membermojo  
£420.00 – Hot cupboard  
£3304.14 – Ray Wood  
£1218.00 DWS  
£570.00 Metric Flooring

*Action NM and NH to meet to finalise the handover of Treasurer role from NM to NH.*

### **Bookings**

Snooker group meeting on occasional Wednesdays to complete a booking form to cover the agreement re Use of room conditions.

TC. New booking today request for use of the club for a wake. 10th March 4.00 - 7.00pm. BW offered to cover the bar for this event. Booking confirmed.

### **Secretarial Report.**

Club Secretary. BW reported that she had not been acting as Club Sec for a while. LA advised that a change of Secretary involved informing the Land Registry. The Club Secretary is responsible for confirming that all licences are up to date etc.

*Action As this role was unclear LC and LA to compile a list of the roles and responsibilities of the Club Secretary before any change in personnel was made.*

### **Bar Rota.**

Still lots of shifts not covered.

*Action JB to circulate the rota again.*

New times of shifts Fridays 6.00 - 8.30 pm and 8.30 - 11.00pm. LC offered cover, where she can, if volunteers can't get there by 6pm.

New till up and working quite well but still a little configuration required. Old till to be removed but kept in storage as useful at events.

Note: Avoid wet hands when using new till to avoid over charging.

### **HoVEC update.**

LC met with Lisa Gartshore.

The Halfway House are providing the bar at the HoVEC summer festival this year. HSC will be open Friday 5th June and Sunday 7th June at lunchtime as usual. Saturday night it will be strictly members only, entry with proof of membership card. This will be advertised on the Newsletter and Facebook.

Plastic cups. HOVEC paid 50% of the cost of the new ones.

LC suggested that a note made of the number of plastic cups sold at the festival be our contribution to HoVEC.

DR asked whether the cups should be split 50:50 as we paid £600 towards them and there was a partnership agreement last year when they were purchased and we would need them for our own beer festival and the dog show in April.

It was agreed that we ask for half of the plastic cups back.

HoVEC asked if they could buy our tent. This cost HSC £2000 and it's unlikely this will be the amount offered so to keep the tent as it can be stored at RE's farm.

HOVEC Christmas quiz will now be held on 28th November in the Village Hall and their Christmas Market on 5th December at the winery.

**AOB**

RE. The school fete at the HoVEC summer festival. Agreed to hold an HSC table with a game. TC asked if the website has been updated to include recent minutes of the committee meetings and new Friday opening times.

*Action. BL to check.*

JW. The volunteers WhatsApp group needs updating and could be useful in requesting help when required. New members might want to be included on this group.

Agreed to bring this idea to the new committee after the AGM.

JB. Has obtained a new flag.

BW. The band booked for the beer festival require timings. The beer festival will start at 3.00pm and to ask the band to play sets from 5.00 - 9.00 pm

BW. Jess has been in touch asking if she would be booked with her band. We have several things already booked so not at this time.

BL is finding the first Tuesday in the month a difficult time to attend committee regularly.

Apologies to BL but alternative dates were not available due to regular club bookings by other organisations.

JN. The new Vicar, Jacqueline Dove, moves into the Rectory this week. Her licensing service as Rector to st Margaret's is on 11th March. TC and AH will attend. JN to forward details to them.

AH asked that the new committee names be circulated on the news letter after the AGM

TC has renewed the World Pay licence.

LC. The Parish Council plan to hold a litter picking event and have asked permission to use the club to provide refreshments 10.00am - midday. All agreed.

LC. With Anne Coyne LC would like to trial a Social Cafe in the club on alternate Saturdays starting 21st March. 12.30-3.30pm providing toasted sandwiches etc tea and coffee (no bar).

Open to all. Agreed.

AGM 20th March 8.00 pm

Date of next committee meeting 7th April 7.45 pm.