

Horsmonden Social Club Committee Meeting
4th November 2025

Attendees.

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

Apologies.

Jimmy Webb, and Anthony Hacker,

Agenda.

Minutes 7th October approved and copy posted on the HSC noticeboard and also to be posted on the website.

Matters arising

None

Christmas Events.

Raffle to go ahead on 13th December but will be smaller this year. Donations required for prizes. Children's party. 10yrs and under, for members only children. Names of children to be added on a list behind the bar.

No entertainer booked yet.

Mel to do face painting and polaroid photos taken if wanted.

JW to arrange a sketch as last year.

Action. BW to contact last year's entertainer to book.

NM to arrange Polaroid camera.

New Year's Eve.

No entertainment booked as quotes obtained were too high. To use karaoke machine as alternative.

Hovec Winter Disco

To be held in the Village Hall 6th December. 100 tickets available. HSC to provide the bar. To use bar stock and replace afterwards. To order cans of beer, lager and cider.

Action. RE to confirm at Hovec meeting the details of the licence and book in JB name.

NA to liaise with AH re orders of beers etc

Entertainment

Reggae night booked

Timeless booked

ABBA night. All agreed this would be a good act to book for early May Bank Holiday weekend if possible to avoid clash with Halfway House Beer festival the following Bank Holiday.

HSC Beer Festival date confirmed July 11th 2026. To book the Heartbeats.

Action. BW to contact The Heartbeats to book 7-9pm

Other Events. 29th November The Cricket Club will be holding an evening at HSC where they will be presented with a cheque for £1000 from Kell's fund (as agreed at last month's meeting) to assist them in buying a bowling machine. This will be a photo event for publicity for the Cricket Club.

Refurbishment

Unfortunately we were unsuccessful this time as TWBC had several other applications and as we had a grant last year we have been put as first reserve in case other projects do not go ahead in time. This gives us a more flexible time schedule for the work to be done.

The soundproofing panels have been ordered and will be fitted first. Estimated time for delivery is 2 weeks. TC will confirm with Ray Wood for fitting dates.

Kitchen. TC has a meeting with Howdens on 5th November to set up an account and NA will join him as they require 2 committee members to be present. To start clearing the kitchen over the next couple of weeks. The WI have been asked to clear their cupboards. Mugs for Tea and coffee etc will be left available for now. As and when dates for the kitchen refit are known the various groups affected will be informed of its closure time.

Volunteers will be required to clean out the kitchen and LC will arrange a date for this when the schedule of works is clearer.

Lobby. Concept Builders anticipate it will take 2days.

Action. LC to contact Lewis, electrician, re booking him to do the work required before the new kitchen can be fitted.

Membership

New card design and colours approved. Thanks to BL.

1000 to be printed. All membership renewals will be done at the bar. A new membership card will be issued on payment by bar staff or committee members if present. Payments can be made by cash or credit card but not on line. All card payments to be taken on the square machine and receipt pinned to the application form. Once payment has been taken and a new membership card issued the name should be crossed off of the current members list.

Action. LC to print new renewal forms and provide a list of current members.

NA and BL to ensure "member mojo" has been cancelled and removed for the website.

New Till.

Almost ready for use. Most items and prices have now been entered onto the system. To be used this coming Saturday at the booked private party.

Treasurer Report

Current account balance at 31st October £52,898.53

Sales £7616.86 by Worldpay £2485 cash. Total £10,101.86

Stock costs. £6235.90

Payments out of usual. £4266.42 Sound Proofing.

Kells fund £2621.82. Still to pay £1000 to the Cricket Club at the end of this month.

Savings account. All paper work completed to move Neil Hale to primary account holder from Dave Watson with Lawrence Arscott continuing as second signatory.

Santander Current Account. It was agreed unanimously to add Neil Hale onto this account in preparation for taking over from Nick Miller as Treasurer next April.

Overall increase in takings since the refurbishment compared to last year is approximately 20%.

Bookings.

No new and just one cancellation.

Bar Staff.

Still slots to fill. Remembrance Sunday is well staffed.

AOB

JW asked that we request muddy boots be left at the door please. Door mat to be included in lobby refurbishment.

Broken door handle. LC has ordered a new one which will be fitted asap.

NA. A beer choice list to be at the bar for members to tick their preferred beers and lagers. To possibly have a small Beer Wolfe or Perfect Draft machine to provide additional choice of chilled beers.

Action. NA to research

JN. The old defibrillator has eventually been relocated with Kent Ambulance Service who will either send it to the Ukraine or one of their training centres.

RE. Christmas Tree to be ordered by NA from Pimm's, Matfield. 12' tree. RE will organise putting it up, probably 22nd November. LC to get some replacement baubles as some were damaged last year.

LC. Blocked drains in the kitchen and men's toilets have been cleared.

Date of next meeting **Thursday 4th December 7.45pm**