

**Horsmonden Social Club Committee Meeting**  
**7th October 2025**

**Attendees.**

Lindsey Chave (Chair), Tim Coyne, Jo Beach, Neil Hale, Jimmy Webb, Lawrence Arscott, Ben London, Paul Lawson and Janet Norton.

**Apologies.**

Dan Russell, Richard Edmed, Nick Miller, Anthony Hacker, Neil Allen and Bridget Walsh

**Agenda.**

Minutes 2nd September approved and copy posted on the HSC noticeboard and also on the website.

**Matters arising**

None

**Christmas**

Christmas draw 13th December

Children's party. 20th December. To use last years entertainer as he was very good, Ticket only event. Free but all children's names must be listed and ticket obtained from behind the bar. Members' children only age 10yrs and under.

*Action. LC to contact entertainer*

HSC open to members Christmas Eve 18.00 - 23.00 pm, Christmas Day 11.45 - 14.00pm, Boxing Day 12.00 - 15.00pm.

**Volunteers Evening**

Approx 50 attending. AH to arrange food. Glass of wine, beer or soft drinks plus meal funded by HSC.

New volunteers required. Training session for new bar volunteers to be arranged once the new till is in use

*Action LC Clip board to be available at the bar to encourage people to sign up to volunteer.*

**Entertainment**

The Heartbeats 11th October

Still waiting to hear from Warwick regarding New Year's Eve

Timeless booked 14th February

Reggae band confirmed for March

BW has found a Country band called Southern Country Rocks £400. Waiting to see a video to confirm suitability.

Jess (known to HSC) has a new band called the JL Collective. They have reached out to ask if they could book £400

**Refurbishment**

TC reported that all quotes and estimates were obtained and all forms completed in time to submit for the grant application. Result expected by the end of October. No supplies can be ordered or work commenced until we have been informed of the results of our application.

However, if successful, all works must be completed by the end of December. Estimated costs.

This was taken into account when selecting the preferred quotes as follows. Kitchen: Materials supplied by Howdens Joinery to HSC and labour only Ray Wood Carpentry and Joinery. Lobby: Concept Builders. Installation of sound proofing: Sound proofing panels supplied by Soundproofing Store to HSC and fitted by Ray Wood Carpentry and Joinery.

Kitchen fitting £10,564.54, Kitchen appliances £3,011.33, Sound absorbing panels £5,055.35, Lobby £4,750 Total £23,381.22

As a priority to fit the soundproofing panels first.

Should the grant application not be successful we have sufficient funds to go ahead with all projects but without time constraints.

Vote of thanks to TC for all his hard work, time and effort put into applying for the grant and overseeing the refurbishment.

### **Membership.**

Renewal time is coming up. Membership or renewals paid from mid October will carry over until Dec 2026.

All existing members must now renew membership in person in the club. Payment will be accepted by cash or card (using the square up machine only). Payment online through PayPal will no longer be possible. Renewal membership forms will be behind the bar and bar staff will take the subs and any donations to Kells fund (noted separately). Membership renewal form will be stapled to credit card receipt or cash payment noted. New membership cards will be written at that time and a supply of these kept behind the bar.

New members wishing to join HSC must use a separate application form. They will require an existing member to sponsor them. The name/s will be posted on the notice board for comments or objections for 3 weeks. The name/s will be taken to the following committee meeting for approval before subscription money is taken and membership card issued. The decision of the committee is final.

*Action BL to design and provide new membership cards for 2026.*

Due to recent issues a "Members Only" sign is to be put up by the main door.

*Action TC to obtain and fix it up.*

All members should be prepared to show membership cards.

Reinstatement of visitors book with visitors accompanying a member signing in and paying £1 into the Hospice Charity Box on the bar.

All bar staff on late shifts must close and lock the main door at 10.45pm. Cellar door to be locked during opening hours except for access to restock.

CCTV to put up as a matter of urgency.

*Action. LC to speak with Lewis (Electrician) to purchase wifi CCTV system and get it fitted*

*Action. Renewal and new membership application details to be included in the news letter.*

**Treasurers report** sent by NM with his apologies.

Balance at the end of September £56,164. Sales £7800.87. Stock costs £5036.78

Payments out of normal. £172 cellar door refurb. £2376.49 VAT, £2000 donation to HoVEC.

Savings account £18,961.55.

*Action LA to speak with Dave Watson re changing savings account.*

Re Buckinghamshire Building Society - Company 120 day Notice account - It is agreed that Neil Hale will replace David Watson as the primary account holder, with Lawrence Arscott continuing in same capacity as 2nd signatory

### **Secretary**

JB. Bar staff. Ongoing problems getting staff to cover bar rota particularly on late shifts.

### **AOB**

LC email circulated before the meeting from The Horsmonden Cricket Club requesting donation £1000 towards a bowling machine. All agreed to use Kell's Fund to do this but to request that The HCC come to the club to make an evening of presenting the cheque to them. Also to encourage more interaction with them and suggest they help with BBQ etc at the appropriate HSC events.

*Action LC will write to HCC with the good news.*

JB. HoVEC are very grateful for the donation they received. They are holding a small winter festival Dec 6th at the new Davenport winery and an evening event in the evening in the Village Hall. They have requested HSC provide the bar for this but to keep all profits. Agreed.

Additional bar staff required for this.

JW. Welly wanging a great success again taking approx £1500. . Next year to be bigger and better. To ask Cricket Club to help with an improved BBQ (as suggested above) to include burgers and better rolls.

PL. Nov 8th private party booked for that night. He expressed concerns that there is a firework display at the sports ground and that there may be an influx of people try to come in. Reassured by LC that a notice will be displayed that a private party is being held. Usual Saturday members (but no children) will be able to use the small bar.

TC reported that the new till is almost ready to be used. BL to assist in final screen display adjustment. Using setting up the till as a pricing exercise

*Action. NM to pass list of costs over to NH and together look at profit margins and see where and if prices charged need adjusting.*

**Date of next meeting 4th November 2025. 7.45pm**