

Horsmonden Social Club Committee Meeting 2nd September 2025

Attendees.

Lindsey Chave (Chair), Tim Coyne, Jo Beach, Anthony Hacker, Neil Hale, Jimmy Webb, Lawrence Arscott, Neil Allen, and Janet Norton.

Apologies.

Paul Lawson, Dan Russell, Richard Edmed, Nick Miller, Ben London and Bridget Walsh

Agenda.

Minutes 5th August approved and copy posted on the HSC noticeboard and also on the website.

Matters arising

None

HoVEC Donation from Summer Festival.

The full breakdown of the figures is still not available, however HoVEC have been informed that they will receive £2000 (£1821.06 made up to £2000 from HSC).

Cricket Match 7th September

HSC has a team and event advertised on the Newsletter and on FaceBook

HSC bar will close at 13.30pm in order that bar staff can go to watch the match.

No BBQ available but the sports bar will be open. HSC to offer a firkin of beer to the Cricket Club and suggest a 50/50 split on sales.

Action. JW and LC to discuss with John Garner re Beer sales.

New Till

The new till has arrived and LC and TC have started to set it up. It will run alongside the old till until bar volunteers have seen how to use it.

As all items and prices have to be entered individually it is an opportune time to evaluate our prices. Cans of Coke Zero have already had to be increased by 10p due to price rises at the wholesalers.

Action. NA will speak with Mason & Morris to see if they can better Bookers price for Coke Zero, Slimline Tonic and Pink tonic.

Entertainment

Upcoming events this month

Welly Wanging on 6th September. We now have a new 30M tape measure. JW has all the pegs to mark out the field of throw. He requires help to steward the event and stewards should wear high viz vests.

Plastic cups for drinks out on the green must be used and NH to man the BBQ

Cricket match September 7th. See note above

Nostalgia Day 20th September and a birthday party booking that same evening. Bar staff are still required to cover these.

Decision taken not to hold Oktober Fest as The Halfway House have one planned.

Refurb - Noise - Kitchen - Lobby

TC met with Dan to look at the work required and get a quote. TC will endeavour to get two other quotes hopefully by next week.

Outside Gates

The gate between the Business Centre and the club is not locking. Ian Glascote cleared all the weeds from the side and back of the club

Action LC will ask Ian if he would be able to fix it.

The other gate is a fire exit and it is broken and will not open one way

Action. JW will ask Ted Winter to repair this asap as it is a fire exit.

Treasurer's Report

Email from NM circulated prior to the meeting with current figures as of 31/08/ 25

Current account balance £55,373.65

Savings account balance - tbc by those with access

VAT return 1/05/25 - 31/07/25 NM will arrange for this to be filed with HMRC this week and will settle sum in VAT owed to HMRC £2,376.49

Payments made outside the monthly norm :

£487.14 replacement cash register

£180.00 licence renewal

£169.99 replacement wet vac

Cost of stock £5561.44

Sales £4030.15 via world pay.

Cash deposited since written report tbc at meeting.

Cash confirmed by LC deposited £2470 to be added to total sales this includes £250 from John Ridley raised to purchase the new TV for the small bar.

NM has indicated that he will be stepping down as Treasurer at the next AGM.

Neil Hale kindly agreed to take over this role and will liaise with NM. Thanks given to Neil from the committee present for taking on this role.

The savings account has yet to be transferred over from DW to NM so it was agreed that NH would complete the documentation to avoid having to repeat the whole process in a few months time.

We also need to change our current account with Santander as they will soon be charging fees.

Bookings

October 11th 45th Birthday Party

18th The Heartbeats

November 8th Party

15th Karaoke Night. Strictly Members only. Not to be advertised on Facebook

Membership

We currently have approximately 500 members.

Discussion regarding renewals in January due to concerns due to safety of members and volunteers.

From January no renewals will be able to be made via PayPal on line.

All renewals to be made in person in the club where cash, cheque or card payment will be accepted. Email addresses must be clearly written on the membership form. If not then weekly newsletters cannot be sent. Existing members may receive their cards on payment and these can be written by any member of the committee or by bar staff.

New members will require sponsorship from an existing member. The names will then be taken before the next committee meeting. If agreed then the name posted on the noticeboard for any comments by existing members for 3 weeks. Only then will a membership card be issued. Non members can accompany a member but will be required to sign the visitors book and place a donation of £1 into the hospice collection box. No more than 2 visits before applying for membership.

Bar staff have the right to request seeing membership cards before serving.

CCTV to be purchased as the old one was removed during the refurbishment. 2 cameras to be placed outside, one in the main area and one in the snooker room.

Action LC to ask electrician to price and fit

TC to add renewal and new membership procedures to newsletter

Bar Staff

September rota still has spaces that need filling

Bar staff training required especially with new till.

Tick sheets to be written to help new staff with duties when opening and closing up the bar.

Action LC and JB to meet and discuss a date for training and to compose tick sheets.

AOB

Volunteers night. 16th October.

Action. LC will send invites

JW. Dragon boat race was a great success. Next year plan 2 boats (men v women)

Suggested £10pp deposit to avoid so many people dropping out. Cost £400 per boat. A bingo fundraising night to be arranged.

TC asked if the women's rugby will shown this weekend in the club. Yes. BL to be contacted re bar shift.

JW. With the evenings drawing in, do we still open at 6pm on a Friday? Agreed it was working well but to help Anne with the bar and volunteer for that shift.

JW. The paving stones around the war memorial require lifting and re-laying properly. JW will ask Rob Blyth for an estimate.

TC. The new kitchen design is almost complete. Discussion observed that it didn't include a mandatory hand wash sink. JN to provide TC with a photo and dimensions of the new one recently installed in the new church kitchen.

Date of next meeting 7th October at 19.45