Horsmonden Social Club Committee Meeting
September 1st 2026

Attendees
Lindsey Chave, Jimmy Webb, Jo Beech, Bridget Walsh, Tim Coyne, Neil Allen, Neil Hayle, Harry Ackers, Lawrence Arscott and Janet Norton

Apologies
Richard Edmed, Ben London, Rupert Lovell and Marie Rogan.

Minutes
The minutes from the previous meeting were approved without amendment and a copy posted on the notice board and to be added to the club website.

Membership NA
We now have 585 paid up members (118 new members)
4 new membership applications approved today.
Membership renewals usually start early in November and membership cards are now to be a different colour each year.

Refurbishment TC
TC to meet up with Dan and will discuss the options and cost implication suggested by LA of having a separate door entry to the disabled toilet.

Events
Nostalgia Day September 19th
Volunteers Night. October 29th. LC is drawing up a list for invitations.
Reggae Night December 12th
Children's Christmas party December19th at 3pm. Last years entertainer was really good and it is hoped he can be booked for this year.
Action. BW to contact the entertainer regarding his availability and to determine his fee.
Christmas Trees. It was decided to have a similar size real trees to last year (12ft approx) one outside and another inside the club.
Action. NA to organise ordering of the Christmas trees.

Bookings JB
Two wakes have been booked. September 7th and September 25th. Bar staff are required to cover both of these events.
Fine wine tasting event. October 1st. LC has met with the person wanting to book the club for this event. It is not to be a commercial event and would be by invitation only. The lady is a wine educator and is looking for a more local venue to extend her clientele.
Action. JB to email and confirm the booking.

Bar Prices. LC and NH
Due to holidays and time pressures the review of prices is still on hold. The price of chocolate bars will have to be increased due to raised costs. Other items were discussed but no will be decisions made until LC and NH can meet.

Bar Purchasing NA
Working with Maison Maurice is going well and the variety of stock available is appreciated by members. HSC do not want to be tied to a brewery and will continue to look at having a good choice of ales and lagers that the members prefer. The drinks fridges are getting old and the sliding doors need to be closed with the correct door to the front otherwise they move open. The door runners are getting clogged.
Action. JW offered to clean the door runners.

Treasurers Report NH
31/8/26 Bank Balance £54,215.33
Savings account £19,773.51
No exceptional payments this month
Bar sales £3,400 yet to be banked
VAT return completed and filed
Discussion took place whether to move some funds into the savings account now or to wait until the quotes for the toilet refurbishment are available. In the meantime LA to investigate different savings accounts and interest rates.

The bar staff are now using the two Square Up machines and these are working well. TC has yet to have a reply from World Pay .

Secretary Report. LA

No comments or replies received to his circulated list of Roles and Responsibilities so to revisit this item in 3 months time.

Bar Rota. JB

There has been a good response to the appeal for more volunteers but there are a few shifts to fill for the coming month. Bar training for 2 more volunteers is planned

AOB

JN has had 4 complaints regarding the level of noise and particularly the use of bad language outside the club on Friday evenings and one Sunday lunchtime. An email has been sent to all members reminding them of Social Club Etiquette. It is hoped that with the cooler months coming this should help to resolve the outside noise issue.

LC. There have also been occasions recently where children are causing nuisance and noise in the main bar and on the stage on a Friday evening. A decision was taken to remind members via the news letter that Saturday evenings are family evenings (unless there is an event) with children permitted to remain with parents. However, on Friday evenings children below the age of 13 years must leave the premises by 8.30pm.

There are a number of members bring their dogs into the club but these must remain on a lead at all times.

LC. It has become apparent that someone has been smoking “weed” in the alley outside the snooker room and the smell could be detected in the main club room as the fire exit door was open. TC has spoken to the snooker group and stressed that drug use on the premises will not be tolerated and if it continues it would result in an immediate ban from the club and closure of the snooker room. It was agreed that the fire door in the snooker room should remain unlocked when the club is open but the door must remain closed with no smoking sign placed outside. Snooker players wishing to smoke cigarettes or use vapes must use the designated smoking area to front of the club and not leave via the fire exit.

Action LC will purchase a smoke alarm to be placed in the snooker room and a no smoking sign.

JW has searched on line for 3-4 pint beer jugs as mentioned last month but has not been able to find them.

Action NA will ask his contacts for details.

JW. Following the collapse of the wooden bench by the bus stop JW asked if HSC would consider using Kells Fund monies to replace the bench but to replace it with with a composite bench and not wood which would rot again in time. JN understood that a member had already thought about starting a Crowdfund account for this so she would contact them and find out if this was moving forward.

BW reported that the band booked for new year’s eve no longer have a keyboard player so may not be able to play.

JN .St Margarets Harvest Festival to be held on Sunday 27th September and to be added to the news letter.

TC. UEFA Nations League Football. Agreed all England matches to be shown providing bar staff are available. First match 26th September

Date of next meeting <u>Thursday 1st October 7.45pm</u>