



Minutes of Meeting of Executive Committee Wednesday 11th March 2026

Members present: Diane, Barry, Andrea, Dennis, Gary, David, Alison, Sandy, Nikki, Alan and Eileen

1. Apologies for Absence: None
2. The minutes of the last meeting 14.01.26 were approved
3. Matters Arising:

Barry is still in the process of marking the training bowls

Action: Barry

Barry brought the SumUp machine to our meeting and showed us how it works. It was very simple and everyone was happy. He will send the App to those who want it on their phones.

Action: Barry

Nikki showed us two versions of a lightweight pin badge. We chose the slightly more expensive one and decided we will provide these to all members free of charge. Nikki will put in a batch order of these.

Action: Nikki

Eileen has no further info re NWS fixtures yet

Buddy system

Ongoing action : All

Membership forms. Discussed later in the meeting.

Lockable cupboards for new rooms

Ongoing Action: Dennis

Welcome Pack , see later discussion.

75 point President's Cup. This has been changed to a standard competition and there is now a spot for a 4th one day competition . Discussed later in meeting

Andrea's name was added as Safeguarding Officer to the Fixture Booklet .

Refurb work discussed later but we are getting a nice large 1.5 bowl black granite sink courtesy of Dennis.

Murder Mystery

This was on the whole very successful. Some of the audience found it hard to hear and see so we will consider microphones for further events and perhaps speakers placed halfway down the hall. Andrea advised she could borrow portable staging from her church.

Apparently Geoff is already writing 'Murder at the Bowls Club' !

We do not have a final figure but we think it raised approx £1000 for the club. We had a vote of thanks for Geoff and the Cast and I will send a card on behalf of the bowls club. Gary also formally thanked Alan, Dennis and Nikki and all who helped to make this a success.

Action: Sandy

List of jobs

Some have been actioned and It will be down in the summerhouse in future

The new hedging has been planted

Pots of flowers around the grounds: We would like members to donate pots and to look after them but need someone to coordinate this so it doesn't end up a bit of a jumble. We will ask Viv as she expressed an interest

Action: Sandy

Data Protection Policy

We need to update our policy on the website to match Bowls England and advise we will keep the data for 6 years before destroying.

Action: Barry and Alan

No further action re Cambridge Park Policy

Green opening and Open Days:

Clean up days are now 28th and 29th March to avoid Easter weekend

Green opens 2pm Sunday 12th April

Open days :

Friday 1st May from 5pm

Saturday 2nd May 11am -3pm

Advertising is in hand and we know some of the Murder Mystery crew are keen to come!

Men v Women 12th Sept

Sign up day 17th March 7:30pm we need Comp forms , membership forms and fixture booklets

We will give a 4 week grace period for members to show us their photo ID. They can bring this on the first club night 14th April

4. Secretary's Report.

The Middlesex Bowls online portal is up and running though still incomplete. I explained a little about it. I was advised not to submit affiliations until after sign up day as some members may not renew.

5. Treasurer's Report.

Barry provided a budget cash flow. To date we have £5864.96 in the bank which is roughly as per last year. We have been advised SSA fees are not going up which is good news.

6. Safeguarding Officer's Report and New Member Application Form.

The new membership form has been approved . Barry and Andrea are printing copies for the sign up day. The welcome pack for new members has also been approved and will be printed ready for the open days

Action: Barry and Andrea

7. Report from Captain and other Officers (Fixtures, Competitions and Communications.

Dennis: Nothing to report

Eileen:

The Ashford fixture has been resolved

There are concerns re the Royal Household fixture possibly requesting 6 mixed rinks that's 24 players playing 21 ends, full names, car reg details, sit down meal etc Eileen is contacting them as we have not heard anything formal yet.

Alan:

We need to consider the format of a 4th all day competition. Eileen suggested 'Australian Pairs' where skips and leads alternate? Gary also had an idea for one which he will discuss with Alan.

There will be a news update on the web very soon and he will include the list of jobs around the green.

Action: Alan

8. Ground and Around including all building updates -green condition, new hedges etc

Dennis advised the new hedges are in, thank you Barry! There have been 3 cuts to date but there is a lot of moss!

The clean up weekend is organised

9. Review of New Club Rooms

Dennis advised that this is now starting in 2 weeks, delayed due to legal agreements with Spelthorne re the money and the England cricket re the size of the rooms.

Our room is remaining the same size.

We will probably just have our new summerhouse for the season so signing in and signing up for matches sheets etc will be down there.

10. Social - Updates

Murder mystery discussed in matters arising

There are no further socials before the start of the season

11. SSAssociation news

No further news

12. AOB

Di has booked our Presentation Evening for Friday 13th November at Fulwell Golf Club. Thank you Di !

Eileen asked if we should stop providing food at our matches in line with most other clubs and just provide perhaps crisps and a choc biscuit? We currently use 'Surplus for Supper' which we pay for but there is always too much food and we end up taking it home. There was much discussion but as we will not have access to tea, coffee etc this season we decided to keep using them while the building work is ongoing but ask to cut down the amount, and therefore cost.

Action: Nikki

David asked about the possibility of having a Gazebo set up for visiting match players for this season as we will have nowhere for them to change etc. Sadly none of us have a Gazebo we could use so we will ask our members at signing up night

Action: All

13. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 15th April 2026 @ 7:15 pm

Meeting closed at 21.10

SMR