



Minutes of Meeting of Executive Committee Wednesday 24rd June 2026

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

1. Apologies for Absence: Alison

2. The Minutes of the last meeting 15.04.26 were approved

3. Matters Arising:

Training Bowls

Barry still has this in progress

Action: Barry

SumUP

Barry has ordered a new bluetooth device which should work with Android phones and he will continue to try and get this sorted.

Action: Barry

Name Badges

These have arrived and been distributed. The cost for extras/ replacements is £2

Lockable filing cupboard

This is buried under cricket club stuff but hopefully we will be able to access it soon.

Action: Dennis

Data Protection Policy

This is ongoing but we have decided to use the Bowls England Data Protection Policy and Alan will provide a link from our website. Also see further discussion re phone numbers item 13.

Action: Alan

Format of 4th one day competition.

We have used this spare day for the postponed mixed pairs 2 wood game so do not now need to invent a new competition.

Gazebo

We have the gazebo but as yet not erected it. We will hopefully use it on the next one day event which is this Sunday, 28th June

Sandy has let Tony Waller know that Karen will be our Middlesex Bowls representative moving forward.

First Aid boxes

Neil has sorted these out however an issue arose in that the box(es) were not put back in their usual spot. Andrea is making 3 signs to say 'First Aid Box Please Do Not Remove' or something similar to remind people where they live and to put them back.

Action: Andrea

Outstanding IDs

Actioned

Welcome Pack distribution

Actioned

DBS Certification

David's is up to date but both he and Dennis will give their details, numbers etc to the club for our records.

Action: David and Dennis

Rink Booking System.

This is now working and we can book rinks up to 1 month ahead.

Keys to the Front and Patio Doors of the Pavilion.

The alarm is not working at the moment but we have a key for the patio doors in the filing cabinet in the summerhouse and Dave will give us a front door key for use by committee only.

Action: Dennis

Friday Morning Triples

Sign up form completed and is now up and running

Dennis has now advised he does not need a Vice Captain, committee members are filling in for him when needed.

List of Jobs

This is up in Summerhouse, Sandy will keep updated

Action: Sandy

Murder Mystery

Geoff requested a date so he can organise rehearsals so we decided to book this for 27.02.27 as this does not appear to clash with any England Rugby Fixtures (as it did last time) Alan booked the hall during the meeting. There will be 2 performances, matinee and evening. Stage, speakers etc will be organised

Action: Gary

Club night rota is complete

Club night start time was also actioned.

4.Secretary's Report.

We received a donation from Terry Kingsley to put towards the flowers around the green. It was used for one of the colourful planters in front of the summerhouse. Thank you Terry and Cassie for organising and Viv for planting.

5.Treasurer's Report.

Barry advised us that we currently have £14,728.80 in the bank. We should end up with £4-£5K after allowing £5K for winter maintenance. Elaine asked about a reduction in our SSA fees due to the ongoing work but apparently that is not happening!

Barry asked what we wanted to spend it on.

We have a quote for a handrail and upgraded steps from the current builders for £3K but Dennis is getting a separate quote for just the rail and different options.

The watering computer is old and not always working.

The water tank has a crack in it which is being repaired every couple of years but not sure how long it will last. £4-£5K was mentioned to fix this or as much as £8K ??

David definitely felt the watering system and tank should be a priority as without them we would not have a green so money needs to be available for those when needed.

Barry asked for some more fake grass, or similar, in the gulleys where there isn't anything as bowls currently roll into concrete. This was agreed and Dennis has a contact

Action: Dennis

Barry asked what Items we will need to buy for new club house such as chairs etc

Dennis will find out exactly what is being provided

Action: Dennis

(Following the meeting Barry sent us a further budget which I've added here as it is particularly relevant)

Hi All,

A note to clarify our financial position.

14728.80 Funds at 24 June 2026

2220.65 Anticipated income to 30 September 2026

5102.75 Anticipated expenditure to 30 September 2026

11846.70 Surplus at 30 September 2026

LESS

5000.00 Anticipated winter costs

3000.00 Autumn Green renovation ???

3846.70 Surplus at 1 April 2027

There is little cash available for any expensive projects.

Barry

6.Safeguarding Officer's Report

Following the issue of children found playing on the green Andrea has made contact with Charlotte Gillespie one of the Sunbury Cricket Club safeguarding officers. Contact numbers have been exchanged.

7.Captain's Report

Dennis is happy, everyone is signing up for matches so he is able to pick teams and all is going well.

8.Fixture Secretary's report

Eileen advised we need more fixtures. Clubs are closing and there will be a problem next season. Also members seem keen to sign up for home games but not so much for away fixtures.

Dennis mentioned that the Royal Household mostly play at home as everyone wants to go there but they are keen to come to other clubs so that might be a possibility for next season. Eileen will contact them .

Action : Eileen

9.Competitions and Communications Secretary's report

Alan reported that the internal competitions are in full flow . Deadlines can be slightly extended due to the heat. We have a record 30 players entered for this Sunday's mixed 2 wood singles game.

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

Dennis thanked everyone who now gets involved with the cutting , this is making his life much easier!

Nikki asked if Sandy could update the jobs list to ask everyone to empty bins and replace bin liners please when needed.

Action: Sandy

Dennis advised that a new till system will be coming in the bar which will include a membership list. Members will have a membership card in their phone. There will be a backup system for those who do not use phones. To add this to our phones they will require names, membership status, contact details etc. Visiting clubs are considered as day members. We should let members know nearer the time

Action: Alan

David thanked Simon for his speedy action sorting out the chalet lock. It needed to be replaced and Sandy has given Dennis the spare keys

11. Early Discussion on Green Maintenance

Alan advised some members are playing at other clubs and finding their greens are much better. Our edges especially need sorting out. It is being regularly cut now which is great but further maintenance is required. Eileen is especially unhappy with the ridges which appear to be where the moss is dying back.

There was much discussion about what we could do:

Increasing subs to pay for someone professional?

Ask for a one off payment of £100 from each member to pay for the edges?

Now we have more greens helpers, maybe getting them to help out?

Golf club or other apprentices?

Moving forward we need a plan of work for the winter , Dennis will look at this with his Green Team and Sandy will add Winter Green Maintenance to our Agenda

Action: Dennis and Sandy

12. WI Visit on 20th July

Alan would like someone to lead the event

Eileen said we need to decide the format first, what we should charge and that we will need lots of small bowls . There was much discussion ! There are approx 35 women coming so we will use 6 rinks with 2 club players on each rink.

We decided on a one off charge of £200 to the WI.

Nikki volunteered to be the contact so Alan will put her in touch with Debbie Levy who originally contacted us.

It would be useful to have a full list of names to give to the bar and reiterate flat shoes are required. We would also need to close the green/ book all rinks out for that evening.

We should let our members know we will need helpers and the loan of small bowls for the evening please. Alan will put this on the website.

Action: Nikki and Alan

13. Policy on Distribution of Member's Phone Numbers

Barry would like a formal policy on this . There was much discussion but it was agreed the membership forms do give permission for use for club purposes. Barry is looking at the Bowls England policy but we decided that if Barry is asked for info he should just put a disclaimer on it to say something along the lines of 'Info in this document is only to be shared with club members for bowls purposes only'

Action: Barry

14. SS Association News

Dennis advised there is a conflict between a cricket social event and our men v women bowling and barbeque day. We have rearranged it to Sept 20th.

15.AOB

Di noted from the fixture book that she is the South Middlesex rep again this year, last year it was Dennis, and she hadn't realised it had changed.

Andrea thought we ought to plan ahead for an auditor this year , our previous one did not rejoin.

Alan will put a request for any members with this experience on the website.

Action: Alan

12. Date of next meeting

Thursday 13th August @ 7:15 pm. Dennis will confirm the venue

Meeting closed at 21.30

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