

**Minutes of the Meeting of Bridport Rugby Football  
Club. Held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at the Rugby Pavilion**

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**Present:** Peter Brook, Simon Bareham, Allan Staerck, Louis Browne, Guy Livingston, Niamh Vercoe, Lloyd Vercoe, Jim Jones, Chris Wood.

**1. Apologies:** Julian Hussey, Wayne Munro, Ayo Fraser, Charlie Samways, George Hussey, Kathy Briggs, Pete Dacey

**2. Minutes of the Last Meeting:**

The minutes were approved, proposed by Allan and seconded by Chris All in favour.

**3. Matters Arising (not covered elsewhere):**

- Spreadsheet of revenue and costs relating to the fireworks has been produced. Still to be discussed.
- Costings still to be produced regarding Bingo evenings.
- Lloyd confirms the LC are happy to go 50/50 on the boiler and will be refunded by means of a rebate.
- The shower in the referee changing room is not hot. Issue for the LC, no update yet.
- The two gas cylinders in the corridor to be moved to the container.
- Process to inform VPs of how to download membership cards had been easy. Jim has sent out 91 cards
- Posters to be put up in toilets advising membership cards required for discounted drinks.
- Price lists needed behind bar.
- Lloyd confirms CCTV now up in the bar with another camera to be fitted. Lloyd to price 2 x external cameras. CCTV policy to be written. Discussion around CCTV capabilities and recording times.
- 100 Club members are dropping. Need another push, maybe with Juniors?
- PB stated the sub-lease has not yet been located. Nigel Jones is soon to be back from holiday and will try to locate though we should have one, AS will ask John Patton. Once located Kinson & Trotman will review
- Post Protectors are in progress but won't be available for Sponsors lunch
- VX3 Match Shirt on club shop will be reviewed next season, too late for this year.

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**4. Chairman's Report:**

No Report due to last minute apology

**5. Treasurer's Report:**

Balance end of January - £80,494.49

Current balance - £78,255.45

Bar takings on old till - £38,243.35

Bar at end of January £37,158.04 on new tills, total £75,401.39

Bar YTD £39,729.29, total £77,972.64

Total takings last year were £73,264 so nearly at that target already with the hope of reaching £90-100k this year.

Final installment paid on the LC invoice of £6225.60. Now fully settled

## **6. Secretary's Report:**

RFU Club Helath Check scheme registered for CW will email leads in the coming weeks to help complete the modules to understand where the club is on RFU compliance.

Chris, Julian and Pete still to meet Abbi Watkin, the new Development Officer.

National Engagement events emailed to committee to see if they can attend as CW cannot GMS shows 14 coaches with no DBS, one WS is in process, TE to be chased. CW will provide LV With list of others, if no longer at the club they can be removed from GMS.

Email from user of LC praising the club read out to committee.

## **7. VP's Report:**

Currently donations stand at £6,270.

Past Captains lunch was a success though there were a few captains missing. Event not helped by the cancellation of the 1<sup>st</sup> XV match

## **8. Fixtures:**

No games played since last committee meeting due to weather and pitch flooding issues

## **9. Coaching / Team Management / Captain's reports:**

Sadly, not a great deal to report due to the weather over the last month. It seems quite incredible that we haven't been able to play a senior game since our last meeting. Thankfully, we have been able to train at the Colfox Astro & Sports Hall, which at least allows us to maintain some continuity. Numbers for these sessions across the Colts and Seniors have been good (approx. 20-22 people per session), although not at their highest levels, which I would simply put down to the weather and lack of games. The seniors travel to Wheatsheaf on Saturday, and it appears that Wheatsheaf have been able to play a couple of home games over the last month, so hopefully their pitch will hold up okay for the fixture to go ahead.

Our game against Puddletown (home) has now been rearranged for Saturday, 21st February. A 12:30KO is being proposed to allow players to watch the England vs Ireland game.

Social Media: Lou Edwards now has access to the main club social media accounts, which means that Lou can go on and promote the bar and kitchen. This seems to be working really well since we have started working in this way.

## **10. Junior's report:**

U15's have won their league and are now in the playoffs, Semi final to be played on 22<sup>nd</sup> March and final (both at Bridport) on 8<sup>th</sup> April

U14's through to the plate semi final. To be played at Sherborne RFC; date TBC

French Tour cancelled to due lack of accommodation options for the travelling team. Regret shown by committee but understand the issues .

**11. Social report:**

No update

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**12. Grounds Maintenance:**

Blockage in the middle drain issue identified to be roots growing in pipe, discussion around whether to line the pipe to prevent issues again however advise from LB was to not do this as the clay pipes also allow water to penetrate. Valley drainage to cut roots

Water pouring through the ceiling in the changing rooms seems to have been resolved following Pete investigation. However drainage pipe from roof seems to be blocked, Valley drainage to explore.

**13. Business Development Plan**

Final quote from Mac Builders now in, PB to review soon. Building Regs are proving tricky so we are having to spend more time providing more information in order to get sign off. This will involve more Architect fees.

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Hope to have a meeting with Julian and Ayo after final costs received

**14. Club Development:**

- a. Safeguarding – nothing to report
- b. School liaison – AS has provided scout details to LV who will follow up
- c. Publicity – As per social update from CS above

**15. AOB:**

- Lou as suggested some new round tables are needed for the bar for events. LV to look into options and order 10 new chairs at the same time.
- Undercroft portacabin was being looking into by JH to store bar furniture. JH to update costs
- WM/ CS to update who is driving the minibus to Wheatsheaf game
- Discussion about Lou being 'employed' by club, all in favour but Job Description and further detail to be brought to committee meeting.
- First Aid course cancelled for a second time due to lack of engagement. CW to identify full list of qualified first aiders across Age Grade and review course moving forward.
- Signed photos donated by VPs to be put up by LV
- Quiz for Andy Cuthbert advertised on Social Media, poster emailed to committee to share wider and get better attendance
- PB won £50 in 100 club, JJ to provide 2 x £25 vouchers for raffle on VP lunch
- Can we get a page on the website for 'letters of thanks'?

LV

JH

CW

Meeting closed at 7.15 pm, next meeting Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 6.00 pm