



MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2026 AT 7.00 PM AT THE DUKE OF CUMBERLAND, NORTH FERRIBY

PRESENT: Duncan Ross (Chair), Steve Verity (Treasurer), Mike Clemson (Secretary), Mike Archibald, Colin Brooks, Mike Jones, Chris Bowlas, Simon Tomlinson and Martin Shaw

APOLOGIES: none received

MINUTES of the meeting held on 2 July 2026 were approved

MATTERS ARISING: none

TREASURER'S REPORT

Steve reported that for the year ended 30 September 2026, there was a projected loss of £8k on the Income and Expenditure account, although we had yet to receive £6,800 for sponsorship of the Yorkshire League team. Exceptional items of expenditure included Site repairs £3500, Electrical Box report £1600, Roof, Guttering and Velux repairs £4,400 and legal costs of £1,500. Our reserves in savings accounts totalled £31,163. A payment for gas of £2,000 had been made after protracted negotiations

COURT FEES

The Chair proposed that the fee structure for 2026-27 should be peak £8, off-peak £6 and a new 'super off peak' fee of £4 for weekends after 12 noon. This was agreed, to be implemented from 1 November 2026 to coincide with the changes in subscriptions

PREMISES MATTERS

- (a) The Chair presented an Electrical Safety and Energy Project report, which showed serious issues needing to be addressed. After considerable discussion, it was agreed to seek a third quote, to obtain a detailed budget

of the work required to obtain a Safety Certificate, with the aim of meeting its requirements by 1 January 2027. It was also agreed that the Chair would proceed with obtaining estimates for the Energy project, since progress on this could affect the electrical work required

(b) Mike Archibald reported that the Hive system was now operational.

There was an issue regarding the external lighting causing shorts with the lobby lighting. Water was entering the building through the vents in the men's toilets and lobby. There was damp in the walls of the ladies showers, and the shower head in one of the men's showers needed refixing. Also, the courts needed to be closed for two days for the annual Boiler and Ambi-rad heater service which needed programming shortly.

It was resolved that his report be noted

GDPR ISSUES

Mike Jones reassured the Committee that, despite rumours to the contrary, the club does have a valid GDPR policy actively in place. This will be updated and refreshed shortly to fit our upcoming move shortly to a Company Limited by Guarantee. Mike also gave a brief update on the current disciplinary case involving a club member. Following the Sub-Committee's findings on 10 August, the full Committee voted to end his membership on 17th August. The member subsequently exercised his right to submit a written appeal within the 14 day window.

(Post Meeting Update: In line with Step 5 of our Club Rules, his statement and the paperwork were passed to three independent Appeal Panel members for a private paper review. That review has now concluded, the original decision has been upheld unanimously, the member has been informed, and the matter is permanently closed.)

COMPETITIONS

Colin Brooks reported that the new round of squash mini-leagues was now operational, but that the racketball mini-leagues had foundered because participants had not played their matches. The club Squash Championships had concluded successfully, but the Plate final had yet to be organised. The Racketball championship had attracted a good entry, and was now in progress. Colin would talk to Duncan Berriman, who has offered to take over the Handicap Team Leagues, about matters such as continuity with the current round and whether they should revert to three a side

INTER-CLUB ACTIVITY

There had been no further interest from club members in playing for the club, so it was assumed that the same would apply as last season – Paul Watson running the club's team in the Hull and District League, and Andrew Steeper organising the team in the Grimsby Three Man League. Martin reported on the situation as regards sponsorship for the Club's Yorkshire League team(s). It was confirmed that the club is not in a position to subsidise the teams (other than paying the affiliation fee of £225 to England Squash), but can provide them with match balls free of charge

COACHING AND JUNIORS

Chris reported that he had attracted a further £150 to support the Saturday morning's women's squash sessions, which were going from strength to strength. This would pay for the courts during September, and for alternative coaching when Chris is not available, he had arranged for Finlay Martin to cover two Saturdays in September.

Andy Cockerill had agreed with Chris that he would set up Junior mini-leagues to further encourage juniors. Chris suggested setting up a Squash Academy in the club, whereby the club would organise the coaching and contract with available coaches. This would need to run in parallel with Andy's arrangements whereby players paid him direct

VOTES OF THANKS

Votes of thanks were recorded to Mike Jones for his work in relation to GDPR and related issues, and to the Chair for the work involved in setting up the new Company

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) Ian White had resigned as a Director of the current Company, and been replaced by Duncan Ross
- (b) Mike J would talk to Mike A about the Domain name for the website

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed