

Minutes of Meeting

Subject: Ashford Rugby Club Committee

Date (Time): 5th November 2025

Minutes: Charlie Vavasour

Meeting Attendees		Distribution
John Norman (JN)	Roger Spicer (RS)	Committee
Charlie Vavasour (CV)	Jamie Booth-Wilde (JBW)	Web Copy
Chris Dengate (CD)	Grant Wilson (GW)	
Martin Worthington (MW)		
Ben Fewsdale (BF)		

Committee Minutes

Welcome/Apologies		Roger Spicer
Previous Minutes Matters Arising		Roger Spicer
Minutes from the previous meeting held on 01.10.25 were approved. Matters arising: RS to follow up on Facilities Manager role. RS Tim Scrivens to be chased to circulate the 3 year plan. RS Veo policy to be sent out to all coaches. CD to redraft the policy with support from GW. CD/GW RS to liaise with Keiron Naylor re: Toucan Trust. RS JBW to inform Tim Scrivens re: subs discount for apprentices and member of the Armed Forces. JBW RS to schedule meeting with TSC re: hosting future camps. RS		
Chair's Report		Roger Spicer

The club hosted a very successful minis tournament. Thanks to Tim Scrivens for his hard work organising the event.

A discussion was held regarding pitch access for ambulances, and the club's stretcher provision.

It was agreed to source costs for a new, modern stretcher. **RS**

CD confirmed that he is working with John Heaver on a revised medevac plan. **CD**

It was agreed to source a quote for moving the gate by the kitchen further forward to avoid people parking in front of it, and at the cost of laying car parking mesh down to the containers. **RS**

RS confirmed the appointment of John Foster as coach until the end of the season.

CD to monitor and review Tuesday evening men's training sessions to ensure they remain engaging. **CD**

RS reported on the fireworks event, which brought in takings of £24k, resulting in a profit of circa £15k. The club received three complaints from neighbours, which have been resolved.

RS confirmed that Sophie Ward had applied for a grant of £6k towards the 3g pitch.

A date needs to be booked for the 3-year plan review. **RS**

RS reported that Fidelis has agreed to donate £25k towards the Star Scheme, which is planning to start in January.

**Director of Rugby
Report**

Chris Dengate

CD is planning to bring Ian Lane in to support the u15 group in January.

CD reported that JN has retired from playing. Thanks were expressed for his commitment to the club over many years.

It was agreed to communicate the availability of the club's hardship fund to Head Coaches. **CD**

CD to add the reports on the u14 girls to the google drive. **CD**

Treasurer's Report		Jamie Booth-Wilde
JBW reported that membership cards have been distributed and that feedback has been positive. Following a chase, the club now has a TV licence. During October the bar took £19k and the kitchen £6,600. It was agreed to go ahead with the order of stock for the shop. JBW A debate was held regarding the quality of some of the food from the kitchen. JBW is meeting with the franchisee to discuss quality issues. JBW CD brought up the issue of shirt washing. JBW to talk to Emma. JBW The new coffee machine has shown a profit of £1,100 in its second month.		

Discipline Report		Grant Wilson
ARFC cited a Cranbrook player to Kent following an incident. No news yet on the sanction for the Snowdown player.		
Safeguarding Report		John Heaver
No report.		
Facilities and Ground Development		Charlie Vavasour

CV confirmed that Southern Water have now removed three speed bumps from Kinney's Lane.

CV is chasing up the Climate Emergency officer from ABC. **CV**

Having not had a response to emails from Mrs Toms it was agreed to go ahead and start utilising the land.

AoB

All

Sponsorship – BF reported five new sponsors: KPC Group, Kingsheath Groundworks, Exact Group, Ashford Brickworks and KSG.

JN – 100 club has £14,102 in the bank.

CV – Suggested pushing membership of 100 Club at the next VP lunch. **JN/Mark Bowes**

CD – Volunteered that TSC would sponsor ITrust reporting for the club. **CD**

JBW – enquired about the process for VP subs. JBW to take it up with Dylan Tomkins. **JBW**

BF has been liaising with electricians. It was agreed to instruct a full survey of electrics. **BF**

MW reported that 14 children have so far signed up for SEN sessions.

Next meeting confirmed for 03/12/25 - venue TBC.

02/10/25

Meeting complete: 21:15

Signed: