

Minutes of Meeting

Subject: Ashford Rugby Club Committee

Date (Time): 2nd February 2026

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
Welcome to Nigel Champion and John Heaver who were in attendance.		
Previous Minutes Matters Arising		Roger Spicer

Minutes from the previous meeting held on 02.12.25 were approved.

Matters arising:

It was agreed to order a new stretcher. **RS**

RS to get a quote for moving the gate by the kitchen. **RS**

It was agreed to hold the 3-year plan meeting at the end of March, possibly to coincide with the Coaches lunch. **RS**

BF confirmed that all new electrics have been done apart from the floodlights. All certified and the kitchen meter has been installed.

RS confirmed that the club's insurance has been renewed.

CD stated that ITrust is progressing and CV/GW should be contacted in the next fortnight.

CD and GW are progressing the Veo policy. **CD/GW**

JBW gave an update on the proposed sponsors lunch to be held April/May and negotiations ongoing with the Everest. **JBW**

Nigel Champion gave a detailed overview of the process for getting International Tickets.

Chair's Report		Roger Spicer
3g Pitch – meeting held with Football Foundation in January, looking at prospect of the pitch being constructed on pitch 4. Next step is for the FF to conduct a survey. No update on closer links with Barbarians. CD and RS trying to get a meeting scheduled. CD/RS RS confirmed that Tim Scrivens is stepping down as Youth Chair, so the club will need to find a replacement. RS/CD Unfortunately, the Star Scheme has gone into insolvency, so will not be progressing at the club as envisioned. The club has received a proposal from Lara to do more on social media. A discussion was held and it was decided to not pursue this route immediately but to review current provision.		
Director of Rugby Report		Chris Dengate

Weather continues to create issues.

Certain age groups are struggling with numbers and need attention.

Coaches CPD days are being arranged with George Shepherd.

Boys Academy is doing well, with u18s third in the league and u16s currently second.

A proposal has been received from John Foster to include Tuesday evenings next season. JBW to review finances before a decision is made. **JBW**

Andy Wickens has provided a 12-month pitch maintenance plan. Alternative quotes to be sought.
JBW/RS/CD

Treasurer's Report		Jamie Booth-Wilde
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JBW reported that following strong income in November and December, January was very poor due to lack of activity at the club. As a result, any additional expenditure needs to be carefully assessed.

JBW and RS will liaise with Dave in the kitchen to get the cafe concept up and running. **JBW/RS**

Still awaiting the Unilever sponsorship to come in.

Discipline Report		Grant Wilson
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GW stated that written warnings had been issued to the individuals involved in the kicking tee incident.

There is an issue in the u9s group that GW will investigate and report back.

Safeguarding Report		John Heaver
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John Heaver provided a status update on safeguarding. Lisa is doing a great job supporting him. We need to put up pictures of the safeguarding team in the clubhouse. **JH**

Facilities and Ground Development		Charlie Vavasour
CV reported on the discussions with Smash Padel and the reasons they decided not to pursue the opportunity. CD confirmed that we are expecting a proposal to establish a cross-fit gym at the club.		
AoB		All
BF – the club shutters are not working – it was agreed to get them repaired asap. BF MW reported that a Dutch side would like to visit the club in April. CD to confirm best date/logistics. CD MW confirmed that the website is now up to date, and congratulated Chris Logan on his efforts. It was agreed to embed a social media feed template into the Home Page. MW CV – new sign at the end of Kinneys Lane looks great – thanks to Dylan and Aims Financial. RS sent his apologies for the next meeting. Next meeting confirmed for 04/03/26 - venue TBC.		
02/02/26	Meeting complete: 20:40	Signed: