

Minutes of Meeting

Subject: Ashford Rugby Club Committee

Date (Time): 11th March 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
No apologies received.		
Previous Minutes Matters Arising		Roger Spicer
Minutes from the previous meeting held on 02.02.26 were approved. Matters arising: RS has received a quote for a new stretcher and will circulate for comment. RS RS to ask BF to get a quote for moving the gate by the kitchen. RS It was agreed to hold the 3-year plan meeting on 11 April to coincide with the Coaches, 100 club and sponsors' lunch. RS to promote via WhatsApp. CD and GW are aiming to complete the Veo policy this month. CD/GW JBW confirmed that the proposed club lunch to be held in September. RS to see if Keiron Naylor would like to help organise. RS The new Toucan Cafe will start operating from 1 April, initially opening from 10am-2.30pm.		
Chair's Report		Roger Spicer

3g Pitch – the Football Foundation surveyor has questioned the possibility of constructing a pitch at ARFC. ABC and FF are also investigating an option for a pitch on the Ridge.

It was agreed that RS would respond to the FF and twin track both options and also talk to the Leader at ABC to try and gain further insight. **RS**

BF said he would follow up with Mark Quinn following an initial discussion. **BF**

Grounds maintenance – three proposals have been received for the grounds. Following a discussion, it was agreed to move forward with Scott's Pitch, as they were more cost effective, included line marking and included a pitch renovation strategy. CD to inform current supplier and successful tenderer. **CD**

Youth Chair – the club still needs to appoint a new Youth Chair. After discussion, it was agreed to form a new role of Junior DOR (voluntary). CD has a potential candidate in mind and will progress. **CD**

CD reported that he had developed a job description for Festival Organiser, which he is sending to Tim Scrivens. **CD**

CD and RS to talk to Lara to ask her to get more involved in comms. **CD/RS**

Director of Rugby Report		Chris Dengate
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Men's second team is still causing concerns, with lots of 'dormant' players. CD to talk to John F to try and communicate better with players. **CD**

A decision needs to be made regarding coaching for next year. CD and RS to sit down with John F to discuss a package with incentive to bolster second team. **CD/RS**

CD reported that the women's section was going well and remained strong.

Treasurer's Report		Jamie Booth-Wilde
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JBW reported that following a quiet January and February, cash availability is very tight.

The Unilever sponsorship should be coming in shortly.

JBW stated that he is now in a position to do forecasts and budgets for next financial year.

CV enquired regarding the submission of accounts info to Kent RFU – JBW is liaising with Tracy at KRFU to access the platform.

JN asked if we are sure we are claiming back all of the VAT that we can – **JBW to double check.**

Discipline Report		Grant Wilson
GW is dealing with the internal disciplinary incident. CD to check RFU guidelines in relation to u16s incident at Sevenoaks. CD There is a potential issue in the u15s group following a report from a referee – GW investigating.		
Safeguarding Report		John Heaver
No report.		
Facilities and Ground Development		Charlie Vavasour
A discussion was held regarding potholes in the carpark. CV to look at options to repair. CV		
AoB		All
CV– updated club Rules need to be sent to Mutuals Society once approved by RS – RS BF confirmed that the electrical upgrade has now been completed. CD confirmed that the Awards Day will be held on 10 May and that walking rugby will re-start in May. Next meeting confirmed for 01/04/26 - venue TBC.		

11/03/26	Meeting complete: 20:40	Signed:
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