Minutes of Meeting

Subject: Ashford Rugby Club Committee

Date (Time): 12 May 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.		
Previous Minutes Matters Arising		**Roger Spicer**

Minutes from the previous meeting held on 1.04.26 were approved.

Matters arising:

The 3-year plan meeting will be held on 20 May.

RS to take over the organisation of the Club lunch, which will be held on Thursday 10 September. **RS**

RS and JN to speak to Dylan and Lloyd regarding VP lunches next season. **RS/JN**

JBW confirmed that the new Toucan Cafe will start operating on 21 May. RS to talk to Dave re monitoring parking in the carpark. **RS**

CD confirmed that Chris Logan has taken on the role of Festival Organiser.

JN to change the club's Xero account from Vicky's name and set up JBW permissions. **JN**

JBW has gone through financial transactions and believes there will be £3,900 of VAT to claim back. **JBW**

MW to signpost new social media policy to committee members for approval before circulating to the members. **MW**

AGM – it was agreed to aim for 30 June for the AGM. CV to arrange notifications. **CV**

CD to get quotes from the North School and Saddlesdane. **CD**

It was agreed to go ahead with the carpark pothole repairs in August. **CV**

Chair's Report		**Roger Spicer**

3g Pitch – BF and RS are meeting with Mark Quinn and will report back. **RS/BF** Still waiting for a meeting with ABC and Football Foundation to confirm current position. **RS/CV** It was agreed to try and get some pre-app planning advice from ABC to clarify if planning is feasible. **CV** RS confirmed that Lara had been appointed as the Commercial Manager. CD is working on developing a club-wide calendar of events, which will be added to the website. **CD**

Director of Rugby Report		**Chris Dengate**

It was agreed to try and hold a Ladies lunch next season to coincide with a ladies match**. CD** CD confirmed that there were 27 teams across the club last season, with 12 players transferring from juniors to adults. The recent awards day was a great success. John Foster has been provided with KPIs for next season, which will be reviewed at Christmas. **CD** The vacancy for Women and Girls DOR to be advertised. **CD** Academy – u16 girls will come into the academy next season. Pitch restoration – CD confirmed that seeding of the pitches will be starting tomorrow.

Treasurer's Report		**Jamie Booth-Wilde**

JBW reported that finances are greatly improved following the festivals in April. Proposed budgets for next year are being prepared and will be shared with Committee. **JBW** The dog shows are coming up. There was a debate regarding travellers. RS to liaise with Simon Hall about locking the gates. **RS** The Unilever sponsorship should be in on 20 April. A discussion was held about subscriptions for next season. The committee agreed to keep subscriptions as they are.

Discipline Report		**Grant Wilson**
GW reported on a complaint from the u18s – GW drafting a club response. **GW**		
Safeguarding Report		**John Heaver**
No report.		
Facilities and Ground Development		**Charlie Vavasour**
It was agreed to go ahead with the repair of the potholes in the carpark. **CV**		
AoB		**All**

CD – Volunteer engagement is an area that needs to be looked at. To be thrown into mix at Committee restructure meeting on 18 May. **CV**

CD is looking at a possible replacement for teamo. Chris Logan will present an alternative at strategy meeting.

CV – apparently we have lost the cleaner for a few months. Simon hall has said he could take on the role. JBW to talk to SH. **JBW**

JN – reported that the showers are still not sorted, but he will continue to search for a solution. **JN**

BF – BF and JBW to arrange a meeting with Lara regarding sponsors. **BF/JBW**

MW – the club needs to make more use of the clubhouse over Xmas period. It will also be good to get trophies or pictures of winners with trophies displayed properly in the clubhouse. **MW**

GW – asked what was happening with iTrust – CD to chase. **CD**

Social media templates need to be sorted. JBW to liaise with his contacts. **JBW**

Next meeting confirmed for 03/06/26 - venue ARFC.

12/05/26	**Meeting complete: 20:45**	**Signed:**