

Minutes of the Ferndown Forest Golf Club Ladies Committee
16th September 2025

1	Attendees: Carol Guest (CG), Caroline Sard (CS), Carol Thornton (CT), Martha Tucker (MT), Gail Leyland (GL) and Steve Pockneall (SP)
2	Apologies:
3	Minutes of the previous meeting on 18 th August were approved.
4	Matters arising from minutes: SP says there should never be any charges levied for matches. MT will contact Sturminster Marshall and explain that if a charge is going to be levied FF will no longer play matches there. They will, however, be welcome to play at FF free of charge. Subsequent to the last meeting the committee has agreed that a £10 contribution towards the cost of any buggies required for use in matches will be made where it is known that the lady requesting the use of a buggy would be unable to play without it. Lin Wilkins has agreed to continue as welfare representative but will not be on the committee. Clarity around the role will be needed. CT will put up information in the changing room explaining how OOM points arise.
5	Treasurer's Report and any plans for the use of funds accruing in the Ladies' Section: There is currently £921.87 in the bank and £190.50 in cash giving a total of £1112.37. The summer knockout competition should be completed by the end of September. The match against Sturminster Marshall which should have taken place last week did not so there will be a refund of £28. SP recommended that a set sum of money should be retained in the account to cover contingencies. He suggested £500 but the committee decided on £750. The committee agreed to put some of the funds towards the Christmas lunch (see below).
6	Christmas Lunch: This will be two courses and, after a discussion, it was agreed that a welcome drink, prosecco or something non-alcoholic such as elderflower spritz, will be provided and paid for out of the ladies' section funds. SP confirmed that the drinks can be bought by the committee and need not be purchased from the Forest Inn. The Turkey Trot is taking place that morning and it was agreed that prizes, for the winner(s) and possibly also for nearest the pin and the longest drive, will be awarded although the final format has yet to be decided. Prizes being considered are chocolates and wine. Every effort will be made to ensure that ladies who are unable to attend regularly on Wednesdays are aware of the lunch and invited to attend.
7	2026 Diary – date for Ferndown Forest Trophy It was agreed that this will take place on 6th May 2026. MT will check all the dates for friendly matches on the diary. All the catering which the Forest Inn will be asked to provide has already been booked with Vasek Gryga.
8	Committee Membership – roles and recruitment CG will ensure that SP is provided with a message to circulate to all members in good time before the AGM inviting ladies to put themselves forward to join the committee. A role

	which has been identified as lacking is someone to help with organising social activities. SP is very keen that some activities should take place away from Ferndown Forest. In relation to the need to fill the vacancy of Vice Captain SP was clear that this should be done by invitation from CG and the approval of SP. There was a discussion about the post of President and whether renaming it Chairperson would be more meaningful but no change will be made at this time. GL will continue in post for a 3 year term and will have a casting vote. She indicated her willingness to take on a responsibility and has agreed to be the record keeper, maintaining records of trophies awarded etc. SP explained that the ladies' section is the only one which has full autonomy and he was very complimentary about the positive progress which is being made.
9	2026 Coffee Morning - Golf Empire The discussion was around the reason for setting up a coffee morning – is it to put the club on the map, to raise money for the Lady Captain's charity or something else and would the benefit obtained from such an occasion outweigh the work involved in setting it up. It was agreed that it would not. In any event, the club has a vast database and SP felt sure it could encourage ladies to attend without the need to go through Golf Empire if it is decided at some future date that a charity coffee morning would be a good idea.
10	Ladies' Roll Up – these have been very successful with as many as 20 ladies attending on one occasion. SP has offered some tee times from 2.30pm on Saturdays starting on 11th October. Information about the roll up will be included in a newsletter before the end of September. SP queried whether Wednesday remains the best day for the ladies' competitions and suggested conducting a survey, via a WhatsApp poll to find out.
11	Use of the FFGC Ladies' Chat WhatsApp It is recognised that this is valuable for enabling social contact. However, in relation to the Monday and Friday roll ups and the numerous messages from ladies trying to find out who will be playing a WhatsApp poll inviting ladies to indicate if they intend to play will be trialled.
12	AOB/Items for the next agenda: Crane Valley only has 5 ladies available to play in the forthcoming home match, a problem which also arose last year. MT will contact the club and see whether rescheduling for October would improve the situation. Sign up sheets will be placed in the ladies' changing room asking for volunteers for matches. The sheets will include cut off dates. Consideration was given to whether to increase the fees next year. When the committee first started it was felt that might be necessary but funds have increased by more than expected so it was agreed that no change is needed. It was agreed that the refreshments to be offered after Legg Bowl matches will be tea, coffee and cake and that a drink and biscuits will be provided at the AGM. Items for the next agenda: 1) Christmas lunch 2) AGM
13	Next Meeting: 9.00am on Tuesday 14th October at Ferndown Forest Golf Club

