

Ferndown Forest Senior's Section Committee Meeting.

Forest Inn, Garden room on Friday 13th February 2026 at 12:30hrs

Minutes of Meeting

- Apologies – Secretary
 - None Received
- Matters Arising
 - Welcome to our new Committee Members
 - The captain welcomed Steve Charlton and Russell Bartlett to the committee and thanked them for their support.
 - Roles and Responsibilities
 - Following on from the announcements at the AGM, where the Captain and Secretary will step down after the 2026 season, it was appropriate to refine and restate some of the requirements and aid a smooth transition for 2027.
 - Paul Fee will be Vice Captain for 2026 with a view of taking the captains position in 2027.
 - Larry Austin remains on the committee and will lead the 2026 Charity events (see later).
 - Russell Bartlett will shadow Paul Fee in his role as 2026 Treasurer with a view of taking over the role in 2027, when Paul assumes the Captaincy.
 - Steve Charlton will continue his role as the 'lead' Monday competition starter.
 - Graham Chadwick and Steve Kitney will continue to run the Wednesday and Friday roll-up events in addition to being the senior members representatives.
 - Allan Bentley is to resign as the Secretary and from the committee from March 2026. As such, a new secretary is needed urgently. **Action committee to liaise with Steve P for message to senior members**
 - Charity 2026
 - Following the success of the 2025 events for the Prostate Cancer charity. We have decided to go for a local charity for the 2026 Season. It is the Steven Bernard Foundadtion, more details can be found at <https://www.stevebernardfoundation.com/>

- **Report – Treasurer**

- With a slow start to the year owing to the extreme weather we have only been able to hold one competition so far this year.
- This results in our only income so far this year being £20.00.
- Thankfully a successful 2025 means that our finances are still in a good state, hopefully a good attendance over the summer will put us back on track.
- The balance carried over from 2024 was £130.94, whereas the balance carried forward in 2025 at £542.00 providing a healthy uplift.

- **Any Other Business**

- **Monday Competitions during composite course conditions**
 - Please see Appendix A outlining the agreed procedure for competitions where a composite course is necessary.
- **Cross Country Event 2027**
 - This golf event is within the Wednesday BBQ series of events and is an extremely popular event where the course set up is modified to have starting tees going to different holes than normal. We will discuss with Steve P if the seniors can do something similar or change the roll up to the Thursday so we can have a senior event. **(Action IN to liaise with Steve P)**
- **Reserve Fund**
 - We aim to retain circa £500 as a contingency fund in 2026 and ongoing.
- **Monday Competition Tees**
 - We will aim to retain the white tees from the weekend competitions on a Monday.
- **Interclub Matches**
 - Discussions are underway with respect to the fees for food at the away events. Given that it is free once again at FFGC, we want to manage the expectations for the away fixtures. **(Action IN)**
- **Leigh Clarke Memorial**
 - This will be rescheduled as the February event could not take place due to the course condition.
- **AGM**
 - The recent AGM was very poorly attended, we will consult with members and the Forest Inn, with a view of having this after one of the Monday competitions in January 2027.

Appendix A

Monday Competitions during composite course conditions

- If a full course is not open the Monday competition would revert to a **medal** format with nett scores calculated on a % basis.(11/18 if 11 holes open etc).
- Signed cards should be deposited in box outside Pro shop as normal.
- Steve or Chad will collect cards and do the calculations to determine the winners.
- Entry to be paid in shop as usual but **no entries to be made on computer.**
- The 2's competition will remain as normal.

Allan Bentley

Senior Section Secretary