

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

1	Attendees: Carol Guest (CG), Caroline Sard (CS), Carol Thornton (CT), Martha Tucker (MT) and Gail Leyland (GL)
2	Apologies: Steve Pockneall
3	Minutes of the previous meeting on 10 th June were approved.
4	<p>Matters arising from minutes: Penny Hamilton was thanked for her contribution to the committee and has been presented with a thank you bouquet of flowers.</p> <p>The PING 4BBB competition went ahead but it was agreed that, owing to a few minor hitches on the day, more information, such as how to log into the computer and complete cards correctly, will be provided to ladies next year.</p> <p>SP has indicated that he is in favour of a ladies' coffee morning taking place at the club in either May or September next year when it is in its best condition and it was agreed that September 2026 might be a good choice. How much to charge, what stalls to have in place, which charity to support and whether to involve Golf Empire are all details which have yet to be decided.</p> <p>John Mitchell has said that setting up an Eclectic for next year is an easy thing for him to do. Once it is up and running the best results for each lady for each hole will be recorded.</p>
5	<p>Treasurer's Report:</p> <p>There is currently £870.87 in the bank and £72.75 in cash giving a total of £943.62 which includes the £20 prize for the summer knockout competition and prizes for the Hilary Clark 3 clubs and a putter competition which have yet to be decided upon.</p> <p>Nat West in Ringwood is closing in October so it was felt that the use of a card reader should be considered to reduce the amount of cash that is collected although there is a charge for the reader and a commission on its use. Logistically its use would be difficult because either one lady would have to be on hand to collect weekly entry fees or the staff in the shop would have to be responsible and with so many different staff being there at different times that would not be practical. When matches are played food money is collected in cash but that cash is then banked and the Forest Inn is paid by bank transfer. While it might be possible to persuade our ladies to pay by card it is likely that other teams will prefer to continue with cash payments. CS has discovered that she can pay cash into the bank via her local post office which is very easy and therefore it was agreed that a card reader is not yet required.</p>
6	<p>Committee Membership – resignation and forward planning.</p> <p>With effect from 3rd July Tina McMillan is no longer a committee member and is thanked for her support of the committee in her position as Vice-captain and Captain of friendly matches, a role which MT will now step into. MT will follow up on some anomalies which seem to have crept into the diary.</p> <p>At the AGM in November at least two new members will need to be appointed. As already discussed, committee members will spread the word and answer any questions raised and SP will be asked to include a request for volunteers in a forthcoming newsletter. The committee will give consideration to the process they wish to follow and any relevant criteria which will need to be put in place.</p>

7	<p>Annual competitions and prizes - the attached table was completed to reflect the decisions made regarding competitions and the award of prizes.</p> <p>The Hilary Clark 3 Clubs and a Putter competition was reviewed because although trophies have been presented no prize money has been paid out. In line with the actions of the previous committee it was agreed that the 18 hole winner will receive £10 and the 9 hole winner £5.</p>
8	<p>Fun games to be included in the 2026 Diary – no decisions were reached. One fun game per month was suggested but the seniors only have 3 a year. Information about competitions and fun games was updated and put on the club's website when this committee was put in place and committee members will read through that and select the ones they would like to see put in the diary for the next meeting.</p>
9	<p>Autumn Fun Day – a bowmaker was suggested. Further discussion is required.</p>
10	<p>Christmas lunch – this will take place on 17th December and the Forest Inn has been booked. CG will ask about a menu and the price.</p>
11	<p>AOB:</p> <p>The food provided for matches will now be sandwiches, sausage rolls and chips at a cost of £7 per head. Drinks are not included.</p> <p>Linda Smith a regular player who, along with Sandie Arnold, takes care of the Leigh Clark Memorial Garden has injured her wrist and is unable to play golf for 3 months. It was agreed that flowers should be given to her to show that we are thinking of her.</p> <p>Following on from this discussion it was suggested that the appointment of a welfare officer should be considered.</p>
15	<p>Next Meeting: 9.00am on Monday 18th August</p>
	<p>Items for the next meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Christmas lunch 2) 'Fun' games 3) Autumn Fun Day 4) Committee membership – recruitment 5) 2026 Coffee Morning