

**Minutes of the Ferndown Forest Golf Club Ladies Committee**  
**5<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

		<b>ACTIONS</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Attendees:</b> Carol Guest (CG), Gail Leyland (GL), Caroline Sard (CS), Carol Thornton (CT), Martha Tucker (MT). Janice West (JW), Penny Knight (PK) and Steve Pockneall (SP).	
<b>2</b>	<b>Apologies:</b>	
<b>3</b>	<b>Minutes</b> of the previous meeting on 18 <sup>th</sup> November were approved.	
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Matters arising from minutes:</b></p> <p>Committee members confirmed that they have read and agree their roles on the committee. Details will be posted on to the ladies' section of the Ferndown Forest website.</p> <p>The Christmas lunch went extremely well, the food was excellent and all comments have been complimentary. The event will be repeated next year.</p>	CS to email details to SP.
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Treasurer's Report:</b></p> <p>There is £1008.37 in the bank and £139.71 in cash giving a total of £1148.08.</p> <p>The Christmas lunch cost £20 per head for 40 people and there was no charge for teas or coffees after the meal. The prizes for the turkey trot and Barbara Skingsley's gift came to £35.99 out of £36 entry fees on the day. Welcome drinks came to £65.40 but the £48 remaining in last season's 9 hole twos kitty was put towards that so that the overall cost to the funds was just £17.39.</p>	
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Review of Diary - competition format and prizes, eclectic competition, 9 hole competitions generally and end of year trophy.</b></p> <p>The 9 hole ladies' majors were discussed. SP pointed out that it may well be difficult for ladies to attend all three events in the summer so it was proposed that the best two scores out of the three competitions should count towards the end of season trophy. Prizes will be awarded as usual on the day and £20 and a trophy for first place and £10 for second will be awarded at a later date.</p> <p>It was agreed that there should be an eclectic competition running from April to October and SP offered £30 from the club to put towards a trophy. There will not be a cash prize and it will only be open for 18 holes competitions.</p> <p>9 hole competition in 2026 will mirror the 18 hole competitions although it might be necessary to make some adjustments when fun games are in the diary.</p> <p>It was agreed that the prize structure for competitions will remain the same with the exception of the change to the 9 hole ladies competitions above.</p> <p>SP suggested that the inter club and fixtures diaries should be published separately on the website.</p>	CS will email diaries to SP.

7	<p><b>Ladies' Golf Break</b>  SP has arranged many golf breaks and his advice was to set a date and then get a rough idea of the numbers interested. 12 – 16 people is probably a realistic number and Sunday to Monday is always cheapest. Looking at the diary 5<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> August was considered to be a good time frame. Venues within a 3 hour radius of the club will be considered.</p>	<p>JW to gather further information and assess interest.</p>
8	<p><b>Arrangements and cost of refreshments for friendly and Woods matches</b>  Woods matches are now in line with other clubs offering a tea cake and tea or filter coffee.  Friendlies refreshments are tea and coffee and cake.  SP will agree prices with the Forest Inn.</p>	<p>CG will outline refreshment needs to SP</p>
9	<p><b>Leigh Clark Memorial</b>  This will now be a club event but SP observed that it will become a weekend charity event, possibly a Texas scramble, with a shotgun start. CG commented that a weekend might not suit ladies but she will meet with SP and other interested parties, in due course, to discuss options and dates. The event on the calendar for 27<sup>th</sup> May will no longer take place.</p>	<p>CG to meet with SP, John Mitchell, Ian Newman and Rich Smith</p>
10	<p><b>Andy Beal's Rules Evening 2026</b>  It was agreed that this event, which was so popular last year, should be repeated before the start of the season on a Monday evening in March. SP suggested that in May or June one of the golf pros might be persuaded to offer a 90 minute session on the course rules to take place on the course.</p>	
11	<p><b>2026 Captain's Charity</b>  Two meetings took place. The first was with Doc Bike which was considered a very worthwhile charity but it was felt that it might be difficult for ladies to connect with its aims. The second related to providing assistance to care leavers in the foster system. It was agreed that this was likely to be better received by the ladies but unfortunately a charity has not yet been set up officially. It was agreed that a local charity should be the focus of our fund raising and MS Centre Dorset, a day and therapy centre for people and families in Dorset who are living with multiple sclerosis, was chosen as the charity for 2026.</p>	
12	<p><b>AOB/Items for the next agenda</b>  Summer evening roll ups have been booked between 17.32 and 18.12 on the first Tuesday of each month, 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 7<sup>th</sup> July, 4<sup>th</sup> August and 1<sup>st</sup> September.</p>	
13	<p><b>Date of the next meeting:</b>  8.30am on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026 at the Forest Inn.</p>	