

Minutes of the Ferndown Forest Golf Club Ladies Committee
6th July 2026

		ACTIONS
1	Attendees: 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).	
2	Apologies: John Mitchell (JM)	
3	Approval of the minutes from the last meeting: The minutes from the meeting on 9 th June 2026 were approved.	
4	Matters arising from minutes: Nothing to report.	
5	Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report – last month's minutes did not mention £243.80 which had been paid out for charity prizes, now reclaimed, which is why there appears to be a larger than expected increase in funds. There is £329.30 in cash and £1034.57 in the bank giving a total of £1363.87. The Lady Captain's Charity Day was very successful and raised £3765.44. Earlier donations plus an anonymous donation take the total to £4000.50. Preliminary investigations into card machines, comparing SumUp with Zettle, show the following: Sum Up – Free App. Connects to phone via Bluetooth or can use a dock. 1.69% transaction fee. In account by 4pm the next day. £30 or £42 with dock. Zettle – operated through Pay Pal. 1.75% transaction fee. In account within 1-2 days. Cost £29. It was agreed that further information should be sought about Sum Up and if that confirms the above then that system should be adopted. If not, the matter will be considered further at a future committee meeting.	
6	Captain's Charity Day – feedback The day was amazing and thanks were offered to everyone involved in the background. The Florida scramble worked well and saved some time. There was very good feedback from men who took part. Arrangements will be made to deliver a cheque to the MS centre.	CG to contact charity to arrange a date.
7	Ladies Championship – 22nd and 29th July. This will be strokeplay and anyone signing up for day 1 will automatically be entered for day 2. 9 hole competitors will be reminded that their cards need to be competed properly, including handicaps, because they will count towards their end of season trophy.	PK to collect cards from shop.

8	2027 Diary Dates for the Lady Captain's charity day and Leigh Clark Memorial day were discussed. Further discussion will take place at future meetings but, if necessary, a group will be set up separate from the committee.	CS to liaise with JM about LC day.
9	Wednesday competitions: Last minute changes should only be necessary in exceptional circumstances – matches should go ahead unless the course is closed. There has been some recent confusion about the distinction between qualifiers and fun games. Fun games should be non-qualifiers and JM must be notified when this is the case so that scores are not automatically entered into MyEG. After a discussion it was agreed that, now the funds are in a healthy position, future payments into and out of the twos kitties will be made every Wednesday. There should be no distinction between a 'two' scored in a qualifier or a fun game.	CG to notify ladies about the change
10	Communication between ladies and committee members other than via WhatsApp Bee Quierolo and Irene Stephens are no longer involved with the committee and will therefore be removed as admin from the WhatsApps groups. They are thanked for their help in the past. It was agreed that a formal approach to receiving comments, concerns or complaints from lady members is required and a separate email address for that purpose will be set up. It will be golf@ferndownforestgolfcourse.co.uk with the subject of Ladies Committee. Jon Shimmons will receive the emails and redirect them to the committee. Some ladies fail to complete their cards correctly and need reminding that full details must be included. Also, that under the rules of golf they must sign in before they play their round. The sign in facility is turned off once everyone has gone out. Players also to be reminded that they must be present when their scores are being entered onto the computer. The nighttime curfew on both WhatsApps groups will be changed to 9pm	CG will send out a newsletter (via SP) itemising these concerns.
11	AOB/Items for the next agenda Irene Stephens has recently had an operation and it was agreed that it would be a thoughtful gesture to send her flowers. Penny Hamilton will be asked if she would be willing to buy some and take them to Irene when she next visits. Thanks to SP all archived minutes from the ladies' section have now been placed on line. Paper copies of those, as well as old county minutes can now be destroyed. MT will organise a meeting to plan for the Sandford Springs golf trip. 6 new ladies are expected to attend the next evening coffee morning. CG and CT will be there.	CS to contact PH. MT to arrange.
12	Date of the next meeting: 17th August 2026, 8.30am at the Forest Inn.	