

MINUTES OF WINSFORD RECREATION ASSOCIATION.

26TH FEBRUARY 2026

PRESENT;

FRAZER LAWRENCE, IAN CHAMBERLAIN, BRYANY NEALE,
ELLEN CHAMBERLAIN, JANE ORCHISTON, ROS REES,
ANDREW BLACKMORE.

APOLOGIES;

IAN WHYBROW, JO LAWRENCE.

OPENING REMARKS;

FL thanked everyone for attending, noting that we had a packed agenda. Also apologies for the change of date.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST;

None recorded.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES;

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting and they were duly signed.

TREASURER'S REPORT;

As IW was unable to attend, his report was read by FL.

It has been an exceptional year expenses wise. Notable outgoings were, water,(the leak having now been resolved),electricity and the services of the "Moleman".

An additional expense for the coming year will be the dead, dying and fallen ash trees along the riverbank.

Overall the finances are in good shape.

Thanks were given to Steve Pickard, David and Jayne Luscott for all of their work in making Santa's visit a success and also to Roy, Teresa and Bryany in helping set up on the day.

100 Club Subscriptions were much the same as in the previous year. There are no plans to increase the cost based on current situation of WRAC monies. The last increase was around 3 years ago and saw a rise from £12.50 to £15.00

Costs of prizes are currently covered by the funds available. A motion was passed to maintain the current cost of 100 Club Membership.

Renewal letters and information will be delivered by WRAC members towards the end of March. We will encourage those who are members to make on-line payment. This has notably increased in popularity.

TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES;

As Trustees we are all equally responsible for working together to make sure that our events run smoothly and successfully. Please can we share the lead responsibilities and spread the load. Particularly with those tasks that are largely administrative in nature.

FUTURE EVENTS;

We expect to continue with the events that have become regular items. These are;

Santa's Visit

Halloween Pumpkins

Duck Racing and Skittles on the Green

A Musical Event in the autumn

JO pointed out that the New Jersey Boys are playing in Exford just 3 weeks ahead of our usual autumn date.

Other possible events discussed, and investigate by JO, were;

A Casino Night..... 2 games tables would cost £1195.00

A Murder Mystery Night..... Cost £150.00

We also discussed the possibility of holding an additional event in April, pretty much "in house" by WRAC.

CRICKET CLUB; AB

It was reported that the pavilion is in good, sound condition and that there are regular checks on it.

Saturday 1st May will see the start of the new season.

The gap between the cricket field and the Le Bas field has now been widened. This will allow the ang mower to be used there.

It is planned to use the heavy roller on the Le Bas field too in the spring when ground conditions become suitable.

Hopefully the grassed areas close to the tennis courts can also be cut regularly.

As already reported there is an issue with the ash trees along the river. Many are dead, dying and in danger of falling as a result of ash die back. There is a very real risk of them falling into the river, damaging property or injuring someone. We have quote of £1450.00 to fell them and cut them into manageable sections for transport. IW will process these further. WRAC is responsible for the trees both as landowner and holding riparian responsibilities too. WRAC agreed to this work going ahead as soon as conditions will allow.

TENNIS COURTS;

As the Cricket Club mowers can now access the Le Bas field the WRAC will no longer have the expense of cutting the field separately as in previous years.

WRAC agreed to go ahead with the moss and weed treatment of the court surface as in previous years.

AOB;

EC has produced a questionnaire concerning current, and future, leisure /community activities for the village. WRAC agreed that this could be circulated with the 100 Club leaflets in April.

We discussed the possibility of offering a lift service to village residents for such things as appointments etc. Insurance cover may be an issue..... EC will investigate.

We hope to be able to offer “help” but should do so with caution.

WRAC has previously discussed looking the the Ann Le Bas Trust as a potential help with funding. FL has been in contact with the lawyers concerned and reported;

The Trust is not an official charity.

The Will is about the Estate dispersal

There are no means to access any remaining funds

Whatever funds do remain are “ring-fenced”.

FL will investigate companies that assist in finding funding sources to clarify if any operate on a no win – no fee basis.

CLOSING REMARKS;

FL thanked everyone for attending.

IW to please circulate copies of annual accounts to the Trustees for comment/approval/ follow-up if required.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING;

Thursday 30th April 2026. 1800 @ Royal Oak.