

THE CARAVAN AND MOTORHOME CLUB - SUFFOLK CENTRE
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY 12 MARCH 2025
HINTLESHAM VILLAGE HALL

Meeting opened at 7.35 p.m.

Those taking part in the committee meeting were:

Chairman	Ron King
Vice-Chairman/Webmaster	Julian Fincham-Jacques
Secretary	Janet Dobson
Treasurer	Will James
Rally Secretary	Alan Dobson
Publicity	Dave Sanders
Centre Equipment	Denise King
Media & Communications	Chris Stammers

Item 1. Apologies for Absence – Received from Martin Combes.

Item 2. Corrections to Previous Minutes – None noted.

Item 3. Signing of Previous Minutes – February minutes were agreed and signed by Ron King, Chairman. Copies of minutes from previous Team meetings were passed to Janet for filing having been signed by Ron King previously.

Item 4. Matters Arising on minutes from last Meeting –

Inventory on Equipment held and where – still to be put together. Denise King is going to send out old forms in next few days for everyone to update. *Still waiting on a couple of replies. Some sports items still held by Chris Stammers, will be looking at what can be disposed of.*

QR code – business cards. Quotes received from printers. Information given to committee. No decision made whether to go ahead or not. *Agreed to look into this for next meeting. Janet to approach printers for suggested design incorporating Club logo, Centre logo/information and the QR Code.*

Item 5. Chairmans Report – Since the last committee meeting held by Teams in February, things have been very quiet with no rallies to report on since January. The next rally will be the Easter rally held at Trinity Park, Ipswich.

Denise and I with other members, past and present, attended the funeral of Colin Bergdahl at Seven Hills Crematorium on the 14th of February 2025. Colin was Secretary of Suffolk Centre for a number of years.

March 7th 2025, found me at another funeral at All Saints Church, Kesgrave. This time I attended the funeral of John Bacon, who rallied with the centre many years ago. Away from caravanning, John and Janice were keen ballroom dancers. Also at the funeral were two past chairmen of Suffolk Centre, Dave Rabjohn and Garry Pyett with his wife Connie.

Now we are coming into spring, the rally programme will be getting busier, which myself and Denise hope to attend as many as possible. So, look forward to seeing you on the rally field over the next few months.

Item 6. Vice Chairmans Report – Julian had nothing to report.

Item 7. Other Rally Reports – None.

Item 8. Treasurers Report – Will advised all 2025 paperwork up to date but with some issues raised on rally finance. Will to follow this up for the next meeting to gain better information on finance costings. Accounts have been audited, copy passed to Janet to hold for next AGM meeting.

The Centre holds a Junior Fund and a Special Fund. It was agreed to hold the Junior Fund as is for the time being, the Special Fund to be amalgamated into the main Centre funds.

Item 9. Secretary Report:

9.1. Membership – Janet reported that on Friday 7th March 2025 there were 1,047 members – Nominal report also received and agreed at this number. For January renewals 43 did not renew. For February renewals we have 59 outstanding to date.

9.2. Correspondence received: Picked up from BOX system about branding guidance. Information given to committee.

9.3. Attendance – One default written to. No response as yet.

Item 10. Rally Secretary Report: No dates requested as yet for 2026. Alan has list.

Issues from East Suffolk Council on over 5-day rally requests is still being monitored. Alan in touch with Governance at the Club re being kept updated as Rally Secretary. Two rallies intend to reduce the days to bring them within the “weekend rally” – Club will advise, and they are aware of how this Council is handling requests. Once dates confirmed, Alan to advise members via Facebook and to put up on website. Alan to confirm with other rally re dates. Alan to then confirm with Governance.

Item 11. Publicity – Dave said leaflets were being put out/refilled as and when. He has a possible visit from local radio to the Easter Rally. Confirmed no issue but due to work involved marshals unable to be involved. Ron thanked Dave for what he has done so far in the role.

Item 12. Rally Equipment – Denise confirmed all up to date at present. The main inventory will be checked again later in the year to deal with lost/broken/unwanted items.

Item 13. Webmaster – Julian has been updating the site as and when needed.

Item 14. Newsletter – Agreed we would look at asking Diane to put together a Spring newsletter. Janet to collate all/any items together to pass to her and get out to members/website asap. Requested anything from committee – will put together brief resume on the upcoming rallies to the summer. Julian will put together an article about the EAAA presentation at the Natter & Chatter.

Item 15. Anglia Division Report (Ron King, Representative) – No recent meetings. Nothing else come through to report to committee.

Item 16. Other Committee / Any Other Business –

Due to the recent passing of a Past Chairman Terry Youngs, Alan suggested that a donation be made to his nominated charity. Agreed proposed Julian, seconded Chris, Will to sort out £50 donation.

Metal stakes for the Centre flags. Julian following up as he thinks he has found source to replace a broken one.

Meeting closed at: 9.40 p.m.

Next meetings Wednesday 9th April by Teams and Wednesday 14th May by Teams.

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