

THE CARAVAN AND MOTORHOME CLUB - SUFFOLK CENTRE
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY 14TH APRIL 2025
BY TEAMS

Date changed from that in March minutes

Meeting opened at 19.35.

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

Item 1. Apologies for Absence – Chris Stammers was unable to make the meeting. Martin Combes was unable to join meeting as internet was down where he was.

Item 2. Corrections to Previous Minutes – None noted.

Item 3. Signing of Previous Minutes – March minutes were agreed and signed by Ron King, Chairman. Copy to be passed to Janet for filing.

Item 4. Matters Arising on minutes from last Meeting –

Cliff Top Rally at Thorpeness has had problems with the East Suffolk District Council re permission. Advised by Club 11 April that this has now been resolved, and the Council has accepted the evidence provided by the Centre. The rally can continue. Governance has been thanked by Suffolk Centre for their help and intervention.

QR Code business cards. Janet to follow up with printers on a design. Email committee with result.

Finance. Will is still following up some issues re VAT and accounts. Hopes to get further information next few days, to advise committee of outcome.

Item 5. Chairmans Report – Myself and Denise, along with other members of Suffolk Centre, past and present attended the funeral of the Past Chairman Terry Youngs. The funeral took place on Tuesday 25th March 2025 at two different venues. The first took place at Elmstead Market Church, followed by another service at Weeley Crematorium.

Terry was Chairman from 1996 – 1999 and served on the committee in different roles before becoming Chairman and played an active role within the centre after he retired from the role of Chairman.

Tangham Forest Camping closed down about four years ago, which was one of the rally venues much loved by our members for many years.

In recent weeks, a new consortium has signed a contract with Forest England to refurbish the site and open it up again for camping. Quite a lot of work is going on at present to get the place ready for the end of April, where it will reopen to the public. The electric hookup points are new and have been upgraded from 10 amp to 16 amp.

Myself, Denise and Julian Fincham-Jacques, Vice Chairman paid a visit on Saturday 12th April 2025 to meet the new owners. They indicated that it would be good if we ran rallies there again in the future. One of the owners, who we had the conversation with stated she would be contacting our secretary, who was also the last rally marshal to run a rally there, about logistics and costings in the near future. *Ron added that area on offer would probably be to left and right of track on lefthand side. They felt mid-week would be better option. Still working on the site. No idea of price or t&cs given.*

Starting with the Easter rally, which is being well supported from people outside of Suffolk Centre, the rally programme gets underway in earnest. A host of good venues to go to for those people looking for something to do over the summer months.

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

Item 7. Other Rally Reports – None.

Item 8. Treasurers Report – Will advised one advertiser still to pay invoice – The Caravan Cleaner. Q1 VAT has been done, accounts up to date other than one query. 2 x Thorpeness refunds to do.

Ron said the box he had been passed from Will with equipment had been gone through. Quite a bit of stock in there – aims to try to sell at Easter rally for a start at minimal price.

Item 9. Secretary Report:

9.1. Membership – Janet reported that on Friday 11th April 2025 there were members. For February renewals, 54 did not renew and for March we have around 75 outstanding to date.

9.2. Correspondence received:

Club correspondence: Reminder re any rallies in the National Park areas have to be sent to the Club no later than 13th June for the 2026 programme.

Club correspondence: Centre Administration Grant Process. Work underway to replace the current structure of Centre Grants. Meetings and discussions planned on Club proposals.

Club correspondence: Club advice that the new waste regulations will be updated for England on the 31 March. If providing waste collection on rallies the Centre will need to email waste

transfer notes to the Club and items need to be Dry recyclables (inc paper, plastic, card, glass and metals). Food waste must be collected separately from general waste to ensure recycling and composting. Applies to campsite and rallies. *Janet noted be interesting to see how sites we deal with such as Peewit and Leiston for example, where we use their facilities, may now change their approach.*

9.3. Attendance – Needs to be brought up to date. Janet to do this after the Easter/Peewit rallies.

Item 10. Rally Secretary Report: Peewit Rally at Felixstowe has been booked for 2026 for the programme. Proposed booking in April 2026 for a Centre rally to be run alongside QT by Division – possibly venue Suffolk Punch at Hollesley. Still to be confirmed.

Email received from John Meyrick on the Alton Water Rally. Issues with site. Only been notified of a large increase in prices, several ralliers have dropped out. Request from marshals in circumstances to cancel, site very inflexible. Committee happy to support marshals in their request, with disappointment, Janet to email John with answer, Alan to advise Club.

Item 11. Publicity – Most leaflets out around Suffolk area, a lot in local libraries. Ron passed on thanks to Dave and Ange for doing this. Dave advised he had not heard anything further about the Suffolk South radio presenter visiting the Easter rally at Trinity Park, not going ahead with pursuing this.

Item 12. Rally Equipment – Denise advised that the urns and teapots had received a very thorough cleaning, and gas piping replaced. Gas urn to be followed up to see if a repair had been possible.

Item 13. Webmaster – Julian had some updates to put onto the website.

Item 14. Newsletter – Diane Fitch is no longer able to assist committee in putting together a newsletter. Janet to put on agenda for next meeting.

Item 15. Anglia Division Report (Ron King, Representative) – Nothing much at present. Ron had been approached about the QT event next year to be run by Anglia Division and the possibility of being run alongside a Suffolk Centre rally. Ron had no objection on behalf of the Centre.

Item 16. Other Committee / Any Other Business – No other business was raised. Ron wished everyone a Happy Easter and hoped they enjoyed their time wherever they were going.

Meeting closed at: 20.44

Next meeting Wednesday 14th May by Teams, to start at 7.30 p.m.

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